

NAU Graduate Spotlight

NATIONAL AMERICAN UNIVERSITY

Candi Borreco, Division Manager at Sabio Systems '15, Bachelors of Science in Management Information Systems



Candi Borreco, a 2012 graduate of National American University in Albuquerque, sort of stumbled into her successful Information Technology (IT) career.

"I graduated from high school in just 3 years," said Candi. "I was young and not ready for a big college, so I settled on community college in California. After taking some classes, but not yet achieving her degree, she met her future husband and life happened.

"I suppose this is a lot of people's story," said Candi. "I got married and had children. College, at that time, became less of a priority."

Her jobs at the time, however, steered into what would later define her college and career track. While working for Sew Soft, a California company that sold software for sewing designs, she was tapped to help package new software developments and provide basic IT support.

About that time, in 2002 - nearly 10 years after graduating from high school - she completed an Associates of Art and Sciences (A.A.S) in Computer and Information Sciences from a community college in California.

In 2006, now back in Albuquerque, she began working for WEEST as a DBA/Government Reporting Analyst, and in 2008 she was hired as an IT Systems Administrator/Software Support Technician for PMC Solutions. It was at PMC Solutions that a mentor saw her potential and encouraged Candi to go back to school for a Bachelor's degree. Taking his advice, she enrolled at NAU in Albuquerque.

"I choose NAU because it offered the degree I needed - a Bachelor's of Science in Management Information Systems - and the flexibility I needed. My kids were still young," explained Candi.

While working on her degree, she continued to advance her career. She served as IT Service Desk Supervisor for TriCore Reference Laboratory from 2010-2012. Candi earned her NAU degree in 2012, and began working for The Kentah Group as its IT Service Desk Manager.

"My NAU degree and all this experience - working with great IT teams, setting up Help Desk's, recruiting and sales - helped prepare me for my current position," explained Candi.

Candi is now the Technology Division Manager for Sabio Systems, LLC, a placement agency helping match IT professionals with satisfying careers. She is also a Board Member for the New Mexico Tech Council, a member-driven association of IT executives working together to promote the growth and success of New Mexico's technology sector.

"I love what I do. As a business executive that is involved in both the growth of this sector in Albuquerque and in a position to place qualified IT professionals in satisfying careers, I'm really playing match-maker. And it is a win-win for both employee and employer," said Candi.

Candi sees herself in a unique position to help NAU graduates from both Albuquerque campuses, while also serving as a resource to NAU's online expansion initiative in Albuquerque.

"I'd love to be a part of NAU's growth in New Mexico," said Candi. "Those of us in the tech sector are excited to see this initiative unfold."