



BIO INFO AND OTHER COOL STUFF ABOUT THE AMIGOMAN™ CREATOR AND STRONG AVE. STUDIOS

The Basics

Name: Anthony "AO" Oropeza

Titles: Creator of AMIGOMAN™ Comic Book Characters, Writer, Lead Creative, Web & Graphic Designer, Painter, Author, Story Boarder, Video Guy, Head Of Social Media, Head Of Marketing & Classroom Speaker.

Owner of AOART5 (Sports Art/Web & Graphics) and Strong Ave. Studios (AMIGOMAN™ & more).



Giving back, helping others, promoting art and promoting education are just a few things AO is about. Growing up loving all the DC and Marvel comic books, (most without the covers because they were second-hand/already used comic books). Either way, he always loved the art work and the bravery of the super heroes. He never thought that one day he would create his own.

Born/Raised

Born/Youth: Born in Kansas City, MO. Raised in Kansas City, Kansas (KCK) (There is a difference.) Grew-up in the KCK district/neighborhood of Argentine, home of Strong Ave. (It is an actual street.) Oldest of four, raised by a single parent (Mom) (With the help of friends and family.)

Education

High School: Grad of St. Joseph/St. Thomas Aquinas High School (Not the best of students.)

Junior College: Grad of Kansas City, Kansas Community College, Two (2) Associate Degrees

College: Rockhurst College - Bachelor in Communication

Junior College: Johnson County Community College, Desktop Publishing Specialist Certification

Attended The University of Kansas (Enough credits to be considered a Junior)

Current Jobs:

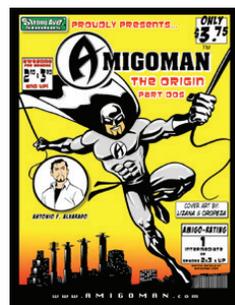
9am-5pm/M-F: The Web Development Coordinator of a local park and recreation organization

6pm-1am/M-F: Comic Book Creator/Artist, Painter, Writer, Web Designer, Storyboard Artist, Marketer, Promoter, Social Media Specialist, Tutor, Coach, Foodie, Dishwasher, Laundry Guy, Cook, Want-to-be-athlete, TV Junkie (That's enough for now.)

24/7: Parent & Coffee drinker

The Purpose of the Amigoman Comic Books:

The purpose of the AMIGOMAN™ comic books is to give kids a new super-cool comic book super hero to read about. We also want to encourage reading and showcase a character that kids can relate to in some way. Knowing there are different reading levels out there, our books have different designs based on the reading and grade level. So I created the Amigo-Reading Rating system. For the beginner readers, there is the learning of easy words and fun AMIGOMAN™ coloring pages. For the intermediate readers, more advanced words but still color our pages. For our advanced readers, there is an advanced story and artwork design. And for our Independent and traditional readers, we provide them more a more detailed story line and more traditional comic book art design. The Studio is still in its infancy stage, but our goal is to keep everybody reading!





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About Our Books

Message to the Kids through the AMIGOMAN Comic Books:

One of our biggest messages that I speak to students about is that school is very important, that college is very important and working hard for your goals is worth the time and effort, if they want a chance at a better life. The AMIGOMAN™ comic books and character (Antonio) show that sometimes getting where you want to go is not always easy, but with hard work you can achieve things you never thought possible. It also points out that sometimes you can learn from older people like parents, grandparents and yes, even teachers. :)

Your Message to the Parents through the AMIGOMAN Comic Books:

First, I know raising kids is a very difficult job, especially for the single parents. Our story attempts to suggest to parents that adults have an effect of the little ones – good and bad. Our stories also hint that our young ones will likely succeed when they know someone is there who cares for them, but also pushes, supports, challenges and most importantly - loves them. We also wish to point out that school homework has its benefits and should be a priority - we know the kids may not agree but they will when they grow up).

Also, I know money is tight and we'll do our best to keep costs down, but creating a books in two languages is gonna cost a bit more especially for a small group like us. So if can't buy our books - please continue to buy other books for your kids - either way, they keep reading. Buy ours later when you have extra change.

We know kids like cool art, cool stories and comic books in general, and we also know that if kids find someone (like AMIGOMAN™) or something to inspires them – it could motivate them to do great things – because I truly believe that every kid has something cool and something awesome to give to the world – sometimes they just don't know – I know I didn't.

About the Strong Ave. Studios

Strong Ave Studios Purpose

My idea and hope for Strong Ave. Studios is that we not only entertain in the best possible way but we also assist in promoting things like reading and learning via our books, and that we also inspire - teachers, parents and students alike.

I also want our Studio to be able to provide a wide diversified selection of top-quality books and products for parents and schools. I also want to provide our products at reasonable prices. I also see the studio creating not just comic books, but other cool stuff like chapter books, videos, animation shorts, plays, and other creatively cool projects that will inspire others to the same.





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Strong Ave Studios Purpose (continued)

I also want our studio to collaborate with established and young talent here in KC and across the country, and the word for that matter. I truly believe there are different creatives (authors/creators, animators, filmmakers, playwrights and others) across the land and globe that have the same sense of purpose and dedicated commitment to students, teachers and parents as I do and that the purpose and quality of the of the project is more than the fame.

Fun facts / Favorite Things about "AO"

Hobbies / Likes:

Shaing Amigoman™ stories, art and process with schools and students. Teaching comic book art. Shooting hoops, playing & watching sports, sit-coms, reading comics, watching (action, animation and inspirational) movies, researching, music lover, checking out other artist's work and learning about successful entrepreneurs and their stories. Parent time.

Top 3's:

Fav Healthy Food: Protein Shake (Banana, Blue berries, oatmeal and strawberries - delish!)
Big Grilled Chicken Salad extra avocado, 4 Egg whites and oatmeal with brown sugar

Fav Junk Foods: Pizza, Cheeseburgers/Fries and Burritos (mom's especially)

Fav Comic Book Characters: Batman, Spidey & Amigoman (of course!)

TV Shows: Good Times, Psyche, Castle

Fav Cartoons: Super Friends / Looney Tunes / American Dragon

Fav Thing About Being an Artist:

Being able to create, working out the process, tackling the challenges and learning new techniques to then reaching the finish line. And then seeing better results after each project.

Fav Thing About Being A Comic Book Creator:

As the creator and author of AMIGOMAN™, one of my favorite things is visiting schools, meeting cool kids and teachers everywhere. I also like showing-off my all the awesome work my buddy, Lorenzo Lizana, and I worked on - our teamwork! I also love talking about what the story and character are all about and how and why I came up with the AMIGOMAN™ idea. I also like that I get to create everything about it, the story, the characters, the costumes - everything! Last but not least, one of my favorite things is knowing that something I have created and others have worked on with me, can used to inspire or assist in the learning process in many classrooms!

We know when a child learns - they better their chance to be successful. I just want to help.

Anything you want to know? Send us your question - contactus@strongavestudio.com

