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THE 2019 COLLECTION

Excerpts from What is Life? | Abigail McMahon '21

Life is like the ocean. On the shore of the beach there is crisp blue water that just barely touches my toes. The ocean is happy today. Calm and gentle, inviting people to take a swim. I am at peace today. My life is calm and I just go with the tide. I have a relaxing day planned, and everything is going accordingly. I'm at peace and have my family surrounding and supporting me. I have no problems to worry about, and I am stress free. I laugh, bask in the sun, and splash in the waves and my day is good.

Sometimes people ride by on boats, leaving some waves in their wake. These small waves disrupt the flat mirrored ocean, but provide some fun. I can now feel the waves as they crash gently onto my ankles, and I take out my surf board to ride. These waves are like the bumps of unpredictability we find in our lives sometimes. Maybe they're a little unsettling at first, but then we learn to accept the changes and go on adventures. My family still stands beside me to help if I need it, and my friends also join to journey with me. I have learned to steel myself against the small waves pushing me back, and move forward through them. My sister holds one of my hands and tells me not to worry, because she is with me. I bring her and my surf board back to shore, and decide to brave the waves by myself this time. I tentatively reach out and I walk forward. I'm a little nervous, but life is okay, and I will be too.

The ocean itself is unpredictable and unstable. It is never the same and always changing. I could visit the ocean every day for a week and on no two days would it be exactly the same. The days of our lives are never the exact same either. It's important that we live for each day and accept the changes that are thrown our way. Life is an ocean, fun, unpredictable, messy, beautiful, and always changing.



Mommy and Me | Meisi Gaudreau '21



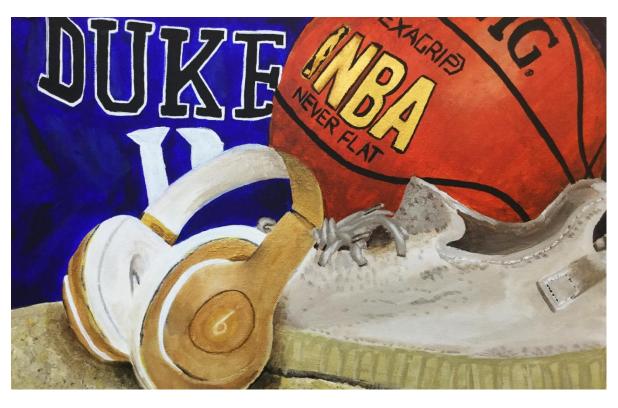
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Untitled | Hannah Patterson '22



ABOVE: *Untitled* | Jason Trinh '19 | BELOW: *FUTURE* | Manuel Martis '20



The Blind Ushers | Elvino da Silveira '19

Why do you walk away?

No!

The Elephant is the enemy, they want to see innocent people burned on his beloved idol! He cares for the shackles of men to be bound to work and the rope of women tied around her waist!

He loves more than you know.

Why do you walk away?

No!

The Donkey is the enemy, they want to tear apart what built this blessed nation! He wants to shackle men in to "love" and have women cut the life of man for her pleasure!

He loves more than you know.

Can't you see that you both are looking for gold in the midnight?

That you are screaming from the cuts of the whizzing bullets, that you trap yourself in the home of barbed wire.

Can't you see you are a perfect match?

That you are surrounded by the love of hatred, that the coin you hold is the coin you say is maliciously leaving them.

Can't you see the sizzling tears of pride that run down each other's face – the tears that run down my face? Can't you see you are lost, and thought greed's green cloak was that of mine? Can't you see my blazing torch, is that not why I have it? Can't you see?

Or has the devil blinded the ushers to look like lady justice?







Untitled | Juliana Morley '19



Top of the World | Amelia Lyons '19

the stars | juju jaworski '20

how tragic it must be to see the sun in someone's eyes. to see the galaxy emerge and sparkle. to see your heart in their hands.

it's taken me awhile to realize it. to put it into words. to make sense of it all. but now i'm sure.

maybe half the battle was being strong enough to think it. to let this thought formulate into a jumble in my head and make me feel whole again. maybe half the battle was stopping myself every time i turned back. every time i fell into the pit of you. every time i mended your actions with a needle and sew. trying to make my heart whole again: it's beating it's pulsing it's pounding.

how long do you go on? how many chances do you give? how many aches do you endure? how many sorrows do you discount?

how long does it take you to finally look in the mirror and begin to see the light in your own eyes. the galaxy within your mind. the beating of your own heart.

i hope you see that one day. i hope you see that in yourself rather than in another. i hope the person in the mirror realizes that they deserve the stars.

Collector | John Omosefe '19

I am the collector
I am no ordinary collector
I don't collect rare buttons pins or other trinkets
what I collect is specific and special to me
I collect first times

the first time you meet your best friend

that feeling of not knowing where this person will lead you but being open to them That's what I collect the first time you finish a project that you are passionate about

that feeling of joy pride and satisfaction

That's what I collect

I collected stories, stories from my life, my friends lives, and even the lives of the fictional characters I collect inspiration and motivation from the stories of my parents coming to this country to build better lives

I collect hope from the stories of kindness and compassion my community lives out

I collect the love ever present in the lives and stories of those I meet

I collect the smiles of those I love and I cherish them

for they are beautiful and radiant with the brilliance unparalleled

For, like the crows, I collect things that gleam bright and shine light out into the world

Cause it is these things, these memories, stories, and smiles that catch my eye as I fly through the skies of life these 'shiny' moments,

I want to have forever so,

like a crow I am a collector







Total Eclipse of the Heart | Dianna Del Cid '19

B&W Room | John Omosefe '19

Within this room lay clutter, chaos, creation...

Long roads, winding paths & ships for voyages along the raging tides of adversity and change

The ever present truth that nothing is eternal

That life is one immense mosaic of people's thoughts and recollections

Eyes forever on you

Watching

Waiting

Yearning to see who you become

Waiting for you to rise up through the chaos changed and emboldened by your experiences with the world around you





ABOVE LEFT: *Maverick* | Meisi Gaudreau '21 | ABOVE RIGHT: *Bella* | Samantha Cocchiaro '20 BELOW: *Snowy Mountains* | Jason Trinh '19



A Brief Summary of Martial Philosophy | Gabriel Bas '19

The basic philosophy of martial arts is often boiled down to five key principles: effort, etiquette, character, sincerity, and self-control. While these are important aspects of martial philosophy, there are other key principles that are just as central: balance, wholeness, humility, diplomacy, mentality, and development.

Effort is undoubtedly a crucial part of martial development. According to Shihan Jesse Dwire IV (seventh-degree black belt in Karazempo Go Shinjutsu): "Effort is the exertion of physical or mental strength. The results gained from effort are directly related to the amount of effort exerted. We make it a point to require slightly more effort from our students than they think they can give. This teaches them to expect the very best from themselves and slowly increase [sic] their ability to sustain maximum levels of effort" (Dwire). While Dwire understands the basic idea of effort, he does not comprehend what it should encompass or why effort should be exerted in the first place. Effort is a cultivation of oneself. By exerting oneself while also focusing on philosophy and an empty mind, one develops the body simultaneously and in direct proportion to the mind. Understand each move performed. Execute it carefully, perfectly. Practice every day until flawless execution becomes the norm rather than an effort. Effort is needed in the beginning, in training, so that a real combat situation becomes instinctual, rather than an effort itself. A true practitioner of martial arts understands that martial arts are moving meditation. As we move physically, so too must we move mentally. Every thought becomes a punch. Every punch becomes a thought. Every movement is executed exactly, without room for error. And every thought is actualized, until no thought remains, and the mind is empty, ready to react to whatever comes next.

Etiquette is also critical to true martial artists. Proper respect must be shown to all people, regardless of comparative status in life. A true martial artist stands for no injustice, but does not force his or her ways on any other. Power is never to be used for one's own gain. It is only to be used for the defense of the innocent. Our responsibility is for ensuring the good of the community - but not by threats or bribes, and only by combat if absolutely necessary. But that is not to say that we cannot speak out against those perceived to be our superiors. We must do this. If a self-proclaimed master of martial arts trumpets his or her own glory and his or her own experience in combat, yet disobeys the fundamental values of martial arts, we cannot allow him or her to persist in teaching. Allowing our physical movements to be taught without philosophy, or allowing the philosophy to be utterly bastardized, mars martial arts. It is like a beautiful painting torn to shreds and covered in graffiti. Destroy the beauty, and what is the purpose of displaying it? Etiquette requires as much mental development as it does physical development, until respect becomes so ingrained it is impossible to halt unless injustice arises.

Character is perhaps the most crucial of all these five principles, as it is the foundation of who we are. Most understand character generally to be "who you are when no one is watching." Martial arts should help you to cultivate good character. If the practice of martial arts leads to either a corruption of character or the development of bad character, it is not truly a practice of martial arts, and you need to leave the dojo as soon as possible. Remember to observe yourself objectively from time to time, and ask yourself whether your behavior is acceptable, appropriate, and good. If it is not, consider what about your behavior is wrong, and change it. There is value in recognizing what needs to be changed about yourself, but that value is negated if no change is actually made. Character is who we are in how we live. Live well, live truly, live healthily, live peacefully, live helpfully, and always reach out to all. This is how a martial artist lives.

Sincerity, though important, seems to be the most constantly broken element of martial arts. Instructors make promises to other instructors, but do not keep them. Instructors make promises to their students, but do not keep them. Students make promises to themselves, but do not keep them. When you make a promise, keep it. Do not break your promises, or you will have no reason to expect the same from others. But do not break your promises just because someone breaks his or hers to you. A martial artist is as sincere as he or she expects others to be.

Self-control is the key to the other principles. Control yourself, and you can control any situation that arises. Without control of self, you have no place teaching others. Self-control requires control over one's body, mind, and emotions. Cultivate your body as best you can. Train constantly and regularly, until you become fit, strong, and ready. Develop every part of it until it becomes your own. Do not strike full force unless absolutely required. Make contact when sparring and training, but do not seek to destroy your opponent. Remember, you are not the only one training. Seek not battle victory, but mental victory. Was your mind empty during the fight? Did you intercept the strikes coming your way? Did you react, rather than plan every move? Did you end the fight as quickly as possible? Master your mind and victory will happen naturally. To do both these things, you must master your emotions. Do not become a slave to your emotions; allow each to rise in its proper time and place - and when appropriate, allow those emotions to show. To be devoid of emotion is to be devoid of humanity. But to be overly emotional is to be overbearing, and soon, you will find yourself alone with your emotions with no way to allow them to materialize, no way to allow them to rise or quell, no way to do anything but become so numb to them over time it is as if you no longer feel anything. Extremes are never good. Do not allow yourself to be consumed by or starved of your emotions.

As important as these five principles are, they do not adequately capture the whole of martial arts. There are other key principles necessary to cultivating the complete martial artist. In the interest of space, I will elaborate only on a few of these.

Balance is critical to all of life. Extremes destroy lives. Balance is about wholeness and harmony. One extreme is fighting all the time. Another is never fighting at all. Balance requires fighting only when necessary. The martial artist must seek balance within him or herself and in the surrounding world. Bruce Lee taught balance through wholeness, seeing everything as a whole, rather than breaking it down into components. For instance, a fight is a fight. Break it down into the two people involved, and you have separated the whole. Now, it is broken and you will lose, because you are too focused on that distinction. Take a rose, as another example. A whole rose is beautiful. But are its thorns? Its stem? Or is it only when it is whole that we can truly appreciate its beauty? Wholeness requires us to understand everything not just as a part of something larger, but to recognize that larger thing. Bruce Lee described combating extremes in the example of the yinyang. Without the dot of one color in the larger shape of the other color, you have an extreme. Break those halves apart, and you are left with

even greater extremes. It is only in the union of these things that we find a way of life, balancing and rebalancing all that life throws our way. Negativity is counterbalanced by positivity, darkness by light, firmness by softness. Balance and wholeness go hand-in-hand. A martial artist needs both.

Finally, there is development. Martial artists are responsible not only for self-development, but the development of broader society. The respect shown historically to martial artists, whether monks or warriors, has carried over to the United States today through karate, tae kwon do, and kung fu brought by American veterans, Japanese and Korean masters, and Bruce Lee. The introduction of Asian martial arts significantly helped to diminish anti-Asian sentiment in the United States, encouraging development of both society and the individual. Speaking of the essence of development, Kyoshi Eric Menard, seventh degree black belt in Shaolin Kempo Karate, says: "The 3 pieces of the fitness puzzle are strength, flexibility, and endurance. Martial Arts training demands a balance between the three" (Menard). Strength is central because we need mental strength to endure the struggles of life and physical strength to end combat scenarios as quickly as possible. Flexibility requires both the mental flexibility to change our mindsets in light of new evidence or dilemmas and the physical flexibility to target any part of the body in combat in order to end it as soon as possible. Lastly, endurance is necessary not only for martial arts, but for life itself. We must have the physical endurance to overcome physical challenges placed before us and the mental endurance to overcome mental barriers or setbacks we may face.

With only the first five principles, without balance and development, one is left with an undeveloped martial philosophy and one cannot truly understand or practice martial arts. Developing physicality and proceeding through life based solely upon the initial five principles is like having only a muscular layer, without bones or skin. You would have a partially formed foundation for the skin (the full realization of martial arts), but no bones for the muscles to move (no solid foundation for application or realization). You would be no better than a simple street brawler, who has no understanding of what he or she does apart from causing pain. The physicality of martial arts is no more than the realization and actualization of martial philosophy.

Would you trust a preacher who has never read the sacred texts? Or a teacher who never studied the subject he or she teaches? Or an author who does not read? A cook who cannot taste or smell? A blind optometrist to perform an eye exam, a deaf audiologist to test your hearing? Why, then, would you trust a martial artist who has never studied the foundation of the arts?

Be wary of all who claim to be martial artists. Whenever possible, investigate so-called masters' backgrounds and certifications. Observe how they move, how they speak, how they live. These will reveal to you whether they are indeed martial artists. A martial artist must be light on his or her feet, not clomp around loudly with less elegance than an elephant. A martial artist must speak thoughtfully and honestly, never saying too much or too little. More often than not, a martial artist will allow his or her actions to speak more than words, for he or she knows that actions are martial arts in practice, whilst words are no more than a means of communication. But most importantly, observe these masters' lives. Do they seek out fights just to test out the techniques they learned? If so, do not learn from them. They do not understand martial arts. Are they quick to anger, with little to no control over their emotions? If so, do not learn from them. They cannot control themselves; they do not understand themselves. How, then, can they hope to teach you how to do these things? The more experience a master claims to have in all these realms, the more wary must you be. Observe these things, for they give insight into the truth for which these masters claim to stand.

Without this philosophy, martial arts are impossible to practice, let alone achieve. The unison of all these principles, and the subsequent development of self based upon them, form a whole martial artist.



Untitled (detail) | Peyton Cavanaugh '21

Excerpt from Yellow and Pink | Caroline Sullivan '21

I am the yellow rose of the garden filled with pink ones I am the yellow rose, with the extra thorn

The Labeled | Faith Omosefe '22

This world is split up
Tiny transparent boxes separate us
Traps
So what happens when you belong to two rival boxes
The Marvel and DC of the world
You don't know what to think, how to act
How to be
B-E the oppression of me from both boxes
I'm black
But what does that mean
What can you infer, detect determine from that statement
That I like rap hate country judge people,
have been through tough times.

I don't know who I am
What I am supposed to be
Being raised in a suburban community
Being teased by cousins for acting like me
Wrong W-R-O-N-G wrong was I always this way
How is a child
A young girl born with brown skin but acting white
Supposed to live

Being pulled to either side being ridiculed for my attachment to the other box
Puts me in a box all by myself
A clear box filling with the water from my fears and insecurities
Suffocating asphyxiating smothering
So I learned to be who I have to be
One person here another there not me anywhere
I don't know when this ends all I think of is
who am I and when



Wildflowers | Caroline Clark '22



Untitled | Arianna Varney '21





LEFT: Untitled | Courtney Collibee '19 | RIGHT: Untitled | Julia Balboni '19

Child of Fire | John Omosefe '19

It's will of fire rages within

So that it maybe remade, Refreshed and renewed

Entreating that it beset upon our world

Gesticulating that it be free to enact its purpose

So that the scars left upon our experience may finally fade

To carbonize this plane to a primordial ash

It was as quiet as a Phoenix's last dying ember The cave, once lit by it's raging hot beauty Now grows dark and cold It's life force, once radiating a wide variety of colors ranging from a bright, blinding yellow, to a deep entrancing vermilion has now dwindled to a point of no return It's time Time for a new generation As the flicker of light expires the Phoenix is no more Nothing Nothing but ash But from this ash rises a child One with a will of fire And beautiful spirit Loneliness Loss Suffering Darkness All things this child has known and accepted

Excerpt from *The Moving Touch* | Duncan Brenner '22

Pilate said it, with an ache in his heart.
Pilate did it, though he know it'd be wrong.
The man, he knew, had just done his part.
But the crowd, they screamed and eclipsed the sad song
Of a man Pilate knew to have done nothing wrong.
Under fear of a riot, he fell to his feet,
He turned a blind eye, and washed his hands of their deeds.
Yet he knew in his heart he was guilty as any
For surrendering his will to the will of the many,
The damage, which he knew would cause such despair,
Oh how oh how would he ever repair?

Judas, he followed Him for time as he had,
For he knew not where he was, but he knew he was lost.
He fought off temptation, he fought against greed,
But his story showed him no lessons to heed.
He lost sight of Christ, and once again he went wrong,
And succumbed to the deepest depths one can go.
He turned his back on the one person he knew he would need.
For simple coin, he turned over his friend,
Though he knew it would come to treacherous ends.
He saw what he'd done, and vowed to do no more,
So both good things and bad – he did them no more.

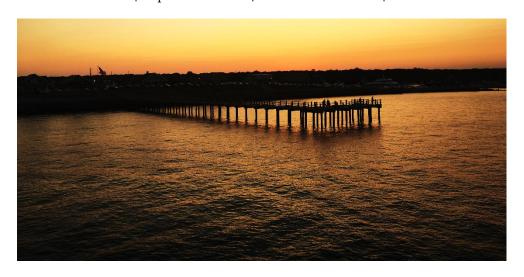


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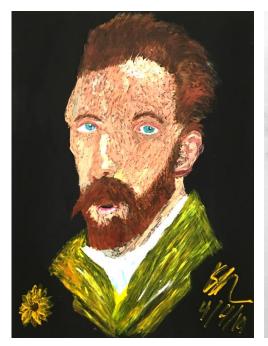
Dewdrops on Clematis | Caroline Clark '22

As I adjust my headpiece and tighten my sandals, I look up and see hundreds of gleaming faces smiling down upon me. Suddenly, like a raging sea filled with red apparel, every person begins swaying back and forth, gaining speed as they go; that is my cue. I raise up my scepter, smashing it upon the ground, the sea splits, and I charge up the bleachers only to stop once I have reached the top. How did I get in such a position to be Moses, leader of the almighty "Red Sea;" the living, breathing, life of my high school fan section? Well, that requires some context.

Growing up in a midsize Massachusetts town, I believe I was expected to go out in the summers with friends, swing on swings, play in parks, and, once winter rolled around, build snowmen, even have snowball fights with all my neighbors; that was never the case. From my earliest memories, I was glued to my mother's side, not even my father or sister could pull me away. I never wanted her to leave for work, and I saw going to early schooling as a heinous form of torture. The other kids looked at me as the "shy kid," the one that never showed up to birthday parties or sleepovers. As the years went on, I began opening up only to certain friends, but the connections were never truly authentic; my mother was still the sole person who truly understood me. If all of the movie stereotypes were true, I was on my way to having a very rough four years of high school.

Some would say that three upper grade levels, all chanting, "Freshmen... Freshmen... Freshmen," at your first school pep rally would be daunting, intimidating, maybe even frightening, but I saw it as initiation. Initiation into a domain of endless opportunity. I was in a new environment, with hundreds of new faces, all on a four-year long journey together. "This was going to be different," I repeated to myself over and over again. I was going to be who I have always wanted to be. I was going to go and support my high school at sporting events, theatrical plays, and even attend a choir performance. As the years passed, I began fulfilling all of my aspirations; yet something was missing. I joined the track team, the basketball team, became a Student Ambassador, and even attended some of those theater productions, but I knew my journey was not complete. Senior year, "the golden year of high school," is where I have fulfilled that promise I made to myself three whole years ago.

The centerpiece to every picture displaying school spirit? The leader of chants and roars from the fan section? The one approached by students, parents, and small children alike, all asking for a signature? Yes, that is who I have become at every single sporting event. Many people believe wearing an itchy costume, a fuzzy beard, and sandals is a burden, but for me, it encompasses the person who I have always wanted to be. I might not remember my GPA, or my AP Test scores in the years to come, but I will never forget having to correct person after person saying, "no, I am not Jesus, he came 2,000 years later," or "I am not a shepard or a farmer, I am actually Moses, I parted the Reed Sea (usually referred to as the Red Sea) a long time ago," Of course my mother has not become lost in this picture; the woman who has given so much to help me improve and become a person who continually grows. Although she does not exactly understand why I go out and support my high school in the manner which I do, she at least hopes I now have a one-way ticket to Heaven.







Vincent Van Gogh | Karynna Munoz '19 | John Lennon | Samantha Cocchiaro '20 | Untitled (detail) | Courtney Collibee '19

a night full of stars | juju jaworski '20

i lay on my back as i look up at the night sky engulfing myself in the darkness how can the world feel so quiet and lonely yet so bright and full at the same time?

i've always been fascinated with the night the stars illuminating the darkness just dim enough to see just dark enough to drift away

the dark wraps me up, feeling like a soft blanket as i feel no fear, looking up at the night sky full of stars the world feels so big but i don't feel lost, i feel at ease and at home the sky encompasses me like a dome as i turn my head it feels like an airtight bubble, not suffocating me, but providing me comfort and safety

thoughts flood my mind as i look into the night sky full of stars among all the galaxies, all the planets, all the worlds, all the continents, all the countries, all the states, all the cities, all the countries, all the towns, i am here. i am me. i am living, i am breathing. i am learning, i am growing, i am changing. i am crying, i am weeping, i am laughing, i am loving, i am smiling, i am alive.

suddenly, the depth of the night sky doesn't seem so grand anymore but it feels as if it could fit right into my pocket. my problems fall away. i realize how big and grand the night sky full of stars is and i realize how my mundane problems and worries aren't so big and daunting anymore.

i take a breath. i look at the night sky full of stars. and i feel home.



Untitled | Jason Trinh '19



ABOVE: Orange | BELOW LEFT: Strawberry Girl | BELOW RIGHT: Blueberry Jelly | Anqi (Evonne) Ren '20





THE MEMORY PROJECT

About the Memory Project | Adapted from memoryproject.org

The Memory Project is a charitable nonprofit organization that invites art teachers, art students, and solo artists to help cultivate global kindness by creating portraits for children around the world who have faced substantial challenges, such as violence, war, extreme poverty, neglect, and loss of parents. Participants create these portraits to help children feel valued and important, to know that many people care about their well-being, and to provide a special childhood memory in the future. Since 2004 the Memory Project has created more than 130,000 portraits for children in 47 countries. Some live in refugee camps, others have lost their families, and others live in severe poverty. The one thing all children in our program have in common is that they are either facing or overcoming very difficult challenges, and they inspire us with their courage and resilience.

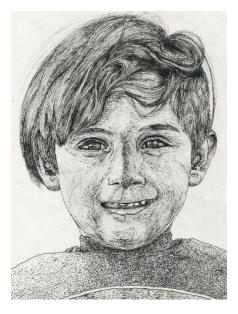
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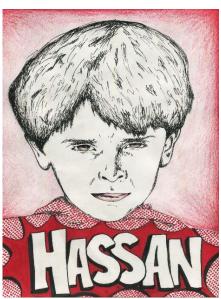




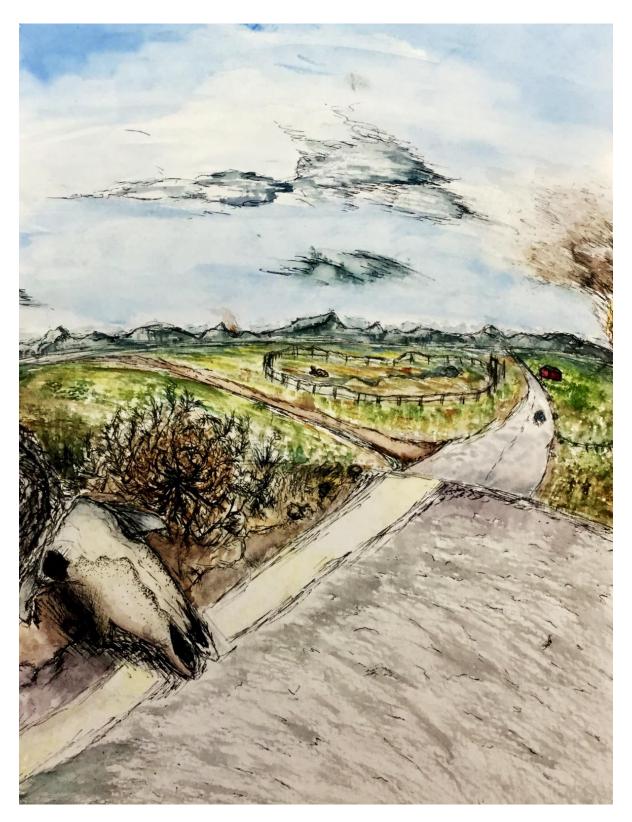








SENIOR SPOTLIGHT: EMILY GAUDETTE



You'll See a Red Barn | Emily Gaudette '19

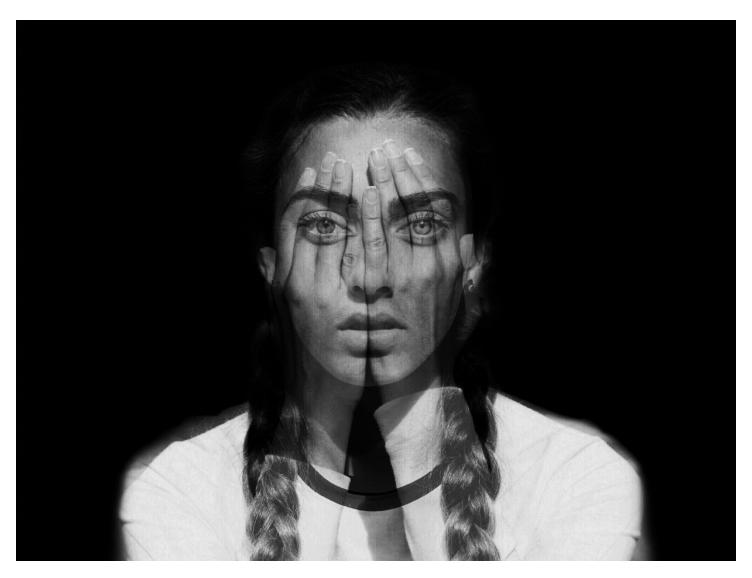


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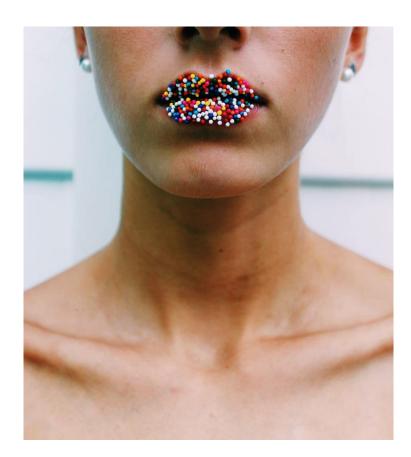




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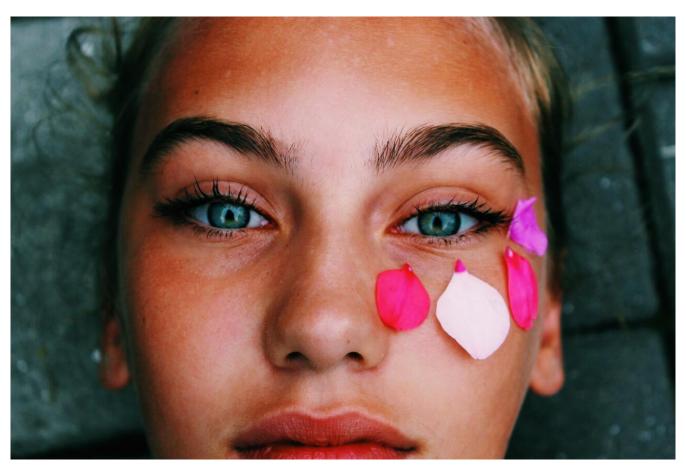


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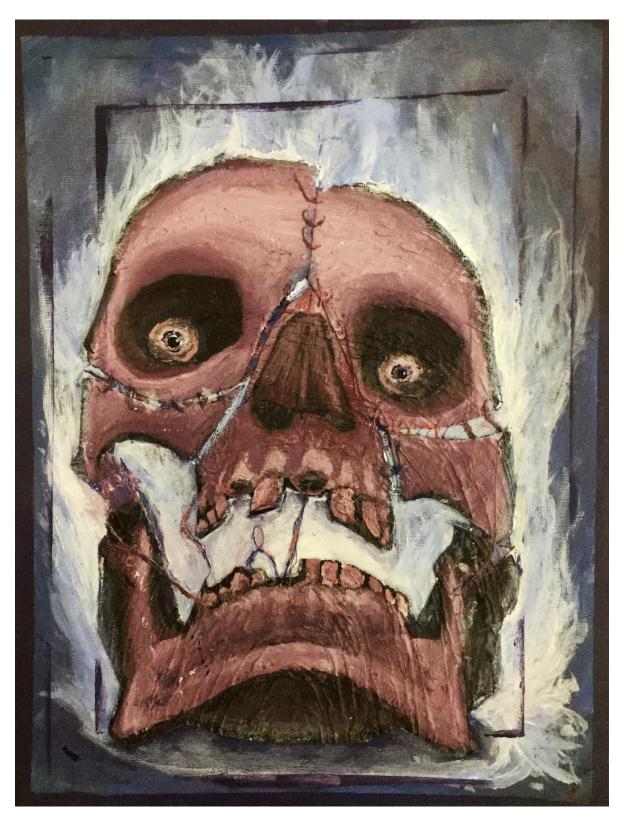




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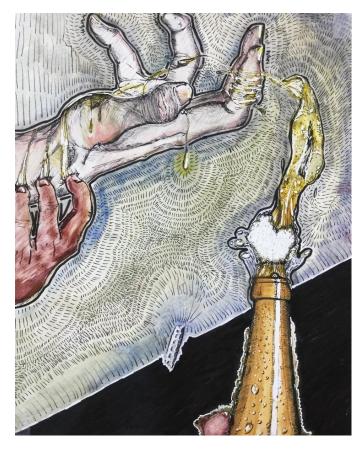
The First Cycle | Ryan Coughlin '19





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SENIOR SPOTLIGHT: COURTNEY COLLIBEE



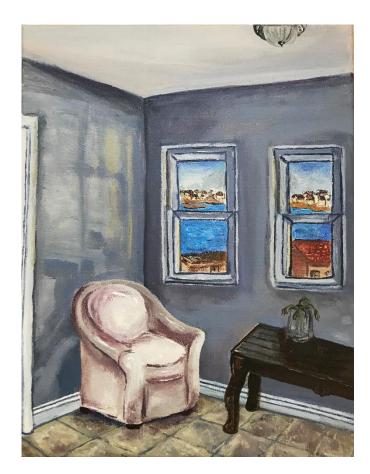
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SENIOR SPOTLIGHT: JILL AMARI

New Beginnings (as told by Melody) | Jill Amari '19

Post #1 (April 7, 2019 8:48 pm): hey guys and girls. melody here. just wanted to say thanks for these past four years, theyve been some of the best of my life and i hope you all know how much you mean to me. here are a few treasures from over the years. hope you enjoy these posts xoxo

Post #2 (September 26, 2015): thanks for coming to homecoming with me! had a great night with all my friends, new and old xx #hoco2k15

Post #3 (January 21, 2016): #tbt to last summer because its midterms week and everyone just wants it to be vacation

Post #4 (March 22, 2016): lets hope for an end to violence in our world. keep all who have been affected by these violent events in your thoughts. lets make the world a better place for everyone <3

Post #5 (April 10, 2016): happy #nationalsiblingday to all those with siblings!

Post #6 (June 11, 2016): its been 1 year since we graduated 8th grade. 1 year since we wore those caps and gowns. happy 1-year of us being graduates. love you and miss you!

Post #7 (July 13, 2016): if i had to choose between harry potter and you, id choose you. happy 15th birthday from your friend whos obsessed with books and owls. lots of love

Post #8 (October 22, 2016): had a fun time with all my crazy awesome friends tonight!! #hoco2k16

Post #9 (December 25, 2016): merry Christmas from the fam!

Post #10 (January 1, 2017): heres to a new year, new memories, and new harry potter jokes. hello 2017!

Post #11 (April 9, 2017): its been fun, my theatre fam #youreagoodmancharliebrown

Post #12 (April 22, 2017): earth is a pretty cool planet <3 happy earth day!

Post #13 (June 8, 2017): is it a coincidence that national best friend day is the same day that classes end? im definitely smiling today:)

Post #14 (July 14, 2017): i love all of these amazingly talented people!!

Post #15 (October 8, 2017): hoco was loco but i had some amazing friends with me #hoco2k17

Post #16 (October 28, 2017): the moon is more amazing than id imagined

Post #17 (December 3,2017): the show may be over but the memories will stay with us forever <3 #superstar

Post #18 (April 8, 2018): much love <3 #sisteract

Post #19 (October 8, 2018): last hoco was saturday... what im a senior? #hoco2k18

Post #20 (March 9, 2019): happy last spirit day! #seniorsendoff #classof2019

Post #21 (April 7, 2019 1am): this is it. my last show. thank you to everyone who has made this one of the best experiences of my life. i love you all!!! adios, au revoir, auf wiedersehen, good night <3 #youcanttakeitwithyou

Post #22 (April 7, 2019 11:11 pm): hi. me again. i know i promised myself i wouldnt post any more sad stuff, but i keep being drawn to social media and texting because there are just too many people i miss. ive heard that everyone has different ways of grieving a loss, and being a senior in high school is a loss in and of itself. i think this is my way of grieving, but hey, im going to be hopeful. because with each new loss comes many new beginnings.

An Evening with Melody | Jill Amari '19

One week ago, Melody scrolled through the notes on her phone, scrutinizing each one carefully to try to find the one she was looking for. She flicked past ideas for her future books, and song lyrics she had started but could never finish. As she clicked on the correct note, one that was for a fantasy novel of hers, she froze. In that sudden moment, she realized how she could combine all of her fears and hopes and dreams and feelings into one: she had to start writing something new straight away.

With her parents' relationship ruined and her own relationships fraying, Melody believed the only way she could really express herself was to write. So, with thumbs ready to rapidly type all her thoughts and feelings into a tiny piece of technology, Melody plugged her earbuds in and started writing.

That day one week ago, she finished the prologue to her story.

On Monday, Melody went to school, dreading the long day without a study after having a terrible weekend. She made it through, and wrote a little more of her new story.

On Tuesday, Melody got sick from stress and stayed home from school. She couldn't even get out of bed to eat, and she was sad to miss one of her favorite clubs after school. She was worried what her friends would say when she came back, because these days it seemed they were always suspicious instead of concerned whenever she was absent. She did not touch any of her stories that day.

On Wednesday, Melody lamented about missing dance the night before. Her family yelled at her in the morning for trying to fix something. Her friends were—as she had guessed—suspicious of her absence the day before, though one friend was thankfully sympathetic. She had a lot of makeup work to do that night, so she didn't bother with her story.

On Thursday, Melody's week still wasn't getting much better. She was pretty sure she'd failed a couple of quizzes, and her makeup work still wasn't done. And with Christmas coming up and an unexpected presentation to give, she wasn't sure how she would get everything done and maintain her sanity. But, she had a burst of inspiration for one of her fantasy novels that day, so she was happy to write that down.

On Friday, Melody decided it was time to finish her new story. It slowly became her release, her version of a stress ball. She made it through the day, writing every spare moment she got—in between classes, after quizzes, during her study. And despite all the drawbacks and hard times of the week, she got it done.

Now, Melody prepares to read her new story out loud. She doesn't care if people like it or not, because it's her way of letting herself—and others—know that everything will be okay in the end.

Melody holds up the paper and squints into the bright lights. She takes a deep breath, looking nervously at the eyes of the watchful crowd in front of her. Then she smiles. And she begins to share her story.

The End

Alex and Logan: Continued | Jill Amari '19

The first thought that came to my mind was, Is he crazy?

Had Logan Gardner, my best friend, really just asked me to marry him?

Gardner's Guarantee #1: Love is one of the most confusing, complicated inner conflicts ever.

Gardner's Guarantee #2: So is being human.

These are two guarantees Logan had told me, back when his parents fought all the time yet refused to get a divorce because it was "socially unacceptable." Their own words, not mine. We all knew it would've been better if they'd just ignored society for once and ended their tumultuous marriage. Logan, however, saw his parents' failures as inspiration for his "Gardner's Guarantees," a line of his own original beliefs about life.

Unfortunately, I had to deal with both of these guarantees at the same time, thanks to my bestie.

I managed to stutter a reply to his question. "Could I give you a call back?"

"Yes, of course," he answered quickly, almost masking his disappointment and fear. The phone clicked, and I dropped it on my bed as though it were on fire.

I stared out my window as I mulled over the past few minutes. I was a very impulsive person. Maybe Logan thought I would've said yes right away, because I'd never failed to help him out before. But this was different. This was marriage we were talking about. If I had time to think about this, he knew I would probably refuse him and tell him he's crazy. That this is crazy—the whole idea of him even asking me in the first place, and the fact that his parents won't relinquish their absolute rule over their precious only son. I mean, who just up and asks their best friend to marry them, even when the situation is as bad as Logan's?

And yet...

I knew why he was doing this: if he didn't marry someone, anyone, soon (as in within the next year), his parents had promised to arrange a marriage for him so as to "avoid any embarrassment it might cause him to be thirty and unmarried." Again, their words. But who honestly got so awfully embarrassed about being thirty and single anymore? Logan didn't mind being single one bit. But his parents kept their promises, no matter how misguided or unfair they were.

But still. Couldn't he have found some girl on, I don't know, match.com or something? Or maybe even farmersonly.com. That would've been funny.

Because we didn't love each other, not like that. And we would never work. I wasn't sure if Logan had thought this through, but so far, it didn't seem like the best plan to me.

Then again, we knew we got along fine. We were practically family already, and it'd been like that since we were kids. So maybe Logan figured I was better than some stranger he met and then instantly proposed to.

In all of ten minutes, I'd made my decision. I wasn't a very religious person, but I prayed I wouldn't regret it.

I picked up my phone and dialed Logan's number shakily. He answered on the first ring.

I took a deep breath.

"Yes."

Ι

La fée Dans la rue Elle est belle Mais aussi surtout

Triste

Parce que son amour

L'a trompée Et maintenant

Elle voyage avec sa valise

Elle est orpheline Depuis née

Elle cherche un amour

Chaque année

Mais

Elle a cru qu'il était pour lui

Mais non, mais non

Le vent crie

Et elle sait maintenant

Pendant qu'elle vole parmi

Les arbres de fruits Que sa vie est finie

Mais l'amour encore vit.

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Les larmes tombent en cascade Comme la fée (moi) voit un mariage. Je suis muette, Pas un bruit Mais mon cœur sent Qu'il manque de tourniquet.

Si doucement, doucement Je diminuerai Si sans bruit, sans bruit Je m'effacerai.

Partant du monde Pas plus de dire Partant du monde Un jour, je vais encore sourire. Ш

De quelle langue est-ce que tu aimes?

l'ange me demande.

Il me regarde avec les yeux bleus.

Et moi? Je pense, je pense...

Je ne sais pas, je réponds.

Tu ne sais pas? Je ne sais pas.

Tu es sûre?

Je suis sûre, mais je le doute maintenant.

Il sourit. Il sait.

Je sais qu'il sait.

D'accord, il dit.

Il est gentil.

Puis, je pense,

Une autre chance?

Mais non, je sais.

Mais oui, il dit.

Je souris.

Merci.

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT: JULIA BALBONI



Untitled | Julia Balboni '19



ABOVE: Untitled | BELOW: Three Collages | Julia Balboni '19



SENIOR SPOTLIGHT: NATALIA CLARK

Alternate Universe | Natalia Clark '19

I have this feeling Somewhere deep inside That our society is perfect in Some other universe

My thought is that the birth of these two universes Follow something along the lines of parallelism Both planets started from nothing And became something But our train fell off the track somewhere Long ago

I look into myself, and I feel like I can see This other planet In it I see equality I am green with jealousy

In this other planet, I don't cry myself to sleep over The 50 year old man that catcalls me Because the 50 year old man never catcalls me

In this other planet, I don't even see

Condescending attitudes when white people approach my friend Janessa Because the concept of racism doesn't even exist

I don't fear a future Where I will still make 80 cents to a man's dollar Because all my time spent here focusing on the glass ceiling Is time spent there, ignorant to any sort of glass ceiling

In this other planet, I don't weep in sorrow Thinking about all of the young boys and girls whose families won't allow them to identify as who they are

In this other planet,

In that world, equality is my daily breakfast My teeth enjoy the texture of fairness In this world, my teeth ache from grinding them against All of this oppression

I have this feeling, Something like deja vu That this planet, this country, exists in an alternate universe Of tolerance and justice If our sister planet is burning red, we are a weak pink at best Our strength is dwindling in a time we need it to be red hot We are losing a fight that never should have existed in the first place

We fell from the intended perfection We have failed the laws of the parallel universes We are falling and hurting and drowning and dying

I can feel in my bones that this other planet knows nothing of pain There, any kind of love is normal love Any kind of person is simply a person

I hope I hope

I mean

I wish I wish

I wish

I was the version of myself on the other planet

I don't understand how so few others Feel this overwhelming sense That we are doing it all wrong That our blueprint was a perfect house And the one we live in now has slanted floors Faulty pipes A leak in every bathroom Crumbling walls

We need to get back on track
But I don't know how to change a society
That has rooted stereotypes as deep as the distance
from the surface of the earth
To the inner core

We are hurting
The alternate me in the other planet whispers
That the time is now
That if we dare to step one more foot out of bounds,
We will lose the tracks forever.

I have nimble feet but my feet Can't support the weight of this world on my shoulders

I suggest we all strap on ice skates And don't dare let that blade touch the black line Because this is it.

This is all we got.

Today | Natalia Clark '19

As I dance down the boardwalk with my best friend Hand in hand I realize that I will never be this young again.

A strong sense of invincibility swaddles my every fear to a calm rest Like a bubble of happiness and acceptance cloaking my tendencies to be sad sometimes

Enveloping our youthful optimism in carelessness as we skip Laughing

The kinda feeling where you remember for a little while that this world isn't capable of hurting you It cannot even touch you If you master the art of warmth on a sunny day

The kind of nights you take mental pictures of and tuck them Away into that place that reminds you of Hope For this world and maybe for yourself, too

Those spring nights that feel like the first summer nights we've been waiting for Since the second flake of snow floated to the tip of our boots Because the first flake was a wonder, but the second had us wishing for warm again

I live for the times Where God caresses my face From temple to chin Tells me that THIS is the meaning THIS is what I hoped you'd become He calls it my purpose I call it pure happiness

I would give away all of my yesterdays and three quarters of my tomorrows

For the promise of one today filled with

boardwalk dancing

For sunrises with fuzzy blankets and warm coffee

For driving that windy road with the top down and my feet dangling out the window, listening to Bob Dylan

For the feeling of salt water dancing across my sunglazed skin

For the promise of one today filled with the little things

Yes, the little things

I want to be present. I want to be here.

I want to be alive, at least for today.

These are the moments I dream of on the lonely nights On the cold nights On the nights where my hummingbird heart refuses to let me breathe

These are the moments I clench onto when time slips like hourglass sand Through my white, clenched knuckles These are the moments I bother being alive for

Late | Natalia Clark '19

I look back at my old poetry About the boy who did not love me back

And I look back at my reflection in the mirror Of the girl on a hunt to shatter glass ceilings

Some call it growth Yeah, yeah I call it late

My mother reminds me of the talk in the car The one about self-love And I replay her reminding me of my value Like a broken cassette that only repeats the words "You are extraordinary"

And I'm embarrassed once again that she needed to Even tell me that in the first place

In a world that seeks to tear the seams of my skin apart And display the wreckage as media Sure, I am proud that I found myself

The convenient part for the media is that I found myself At an aging 16 years old After its claws preyed on my most fragile insecurities

But I know that there are still girls like me Who think their body is the enemy Who think the boy holds the power Who think they are worthless

I regret that I ever needed to be saved When I could have spent this time saving All of the other girls like me

Society has us, hook and anchor, and we are sinking I hope my years of learning how to swim have prepared me To carry the weight of the future by my ankles

My mother reminds me that if anybody can, it's me.

I Was Raised By... | Natalia Clark '19

I Was Raised By...

Those who taught me the value of love. A love so formidable that it has survived

Twenty two years of commitment.

Passion. Anger. Intimacy. Children. Fear for the future. But also hope.

I was shown how a house becomes a home With bedtime kisses and pancakes on Sundays. Weekly movie nights and Easter egg hunts.

I painted my father's nails and he wore them with pride,

I crafted with my mother until my fingers turned pale with exhaustion.

I never wanted to stop striving to become them.

I still haven't stopped.

That sense of belonging, the power of benevolence, a drive to be better. The instilled idea of aspiration and perspiration being the keys to success. A love unbreakable, even by despair- when we feel it, we feel it together. My extraordinary parents.

I Was Raised By...

A little Michael Jackson, some Foo Fighters, and a lot of U2. Daddy-daughter dances to "My Little Girl" by Tim McGraw

And the boys taking turns spinning my mom across the scratched wooden floors.

The nights where I discovered that I was

Invincible.

Nobody could touch me.

Belting out the lyrics to "My Way"

Like a wolf howling its lifeline.

We could have had nothing,

And yet we had everything.

A simple melody and

Six souls blended into one,

Moving in crazy ways – without any rhythm – to demonstrate

the power of our blood.

Our version of love.

Dancing around the kitchen with my family.

I Was Raised By...

The ocean caressing the golden sand with its gentle touches. Not only sand castles, but sand castles where I was the queen.

Nightly walks to play arcade games, those that consume your mind like the future consumes mine.

Watermelon juice running down my chin onto my Tinker Bell bathing suit.

Long walks to the Black Rocks,

my legs were noodles by the time we got there.

I didn't really care.

headinginlowerrightcorneronfrontorback

murmur

Toes in the sand, staring into endless water

that managed to build my hope into the

Fortress it is today.

Summers at Salisbury Beach.

I try to hide nostalgia

Because it's going to hurt

So badly

When I have to leave my home.

But I am thankful for the Sunday pancakes

And long nights full of dancing

And my old Tinker Bell bathing suit.

I am thankful that the pain of growing up exists

My mom always says that if you miss something, You have something worth missing.

For the Girls | Natalia Clark '19

My momma, she raised me well. She raised me to believe that I should

Never

Diminish myself

to be less myself

So I can be more convenient

For people to tuck into their pockets.

She made me swear on a stack of

Warm hearts

And expectations that I'd never love someone

Before I loved myself.

For so long, I lived in a constant state of

"When will he give me 2 seconds of his time so I can

Prove myself worthy to be with him"

And

"Who let you become so dependent on his broken promises?"

For, I did not love myself enough to want to Escape.

I lived like that for months, which felt like decades Of rolling dough without flour,

Sticky,

Messy,

A waste of time.

I waited for the universe to write his love for me in the sky With cotton candy clouds and hearts dripping from the sun's rays.

Silly girl caught up in the idea that some boy

Would ever change for her.

Silly girl, I say now, the minute you ask someone to

Change for you, you should know it's too late.

Love needs no change.

Silly girl, I say now, keep those expectations high.

The minute you lowered them was the exact moment

You could have looked down at your watch and tattooed yourself Vulnerable.

I fooled myself thinking that a boy would ever want more than my body.

These boys only treat me as a prize.

Instead of expecting decency,

Girls accept complacency

Because "boys will be boys."

But my momma didn't raise her boys to be anything

But respectful

And momma didn't raise her girl to settle.

So I don't understand where the disconnect begins

And where the madness will end.

Broken calls for reform on the actions of boys.

A cycle that may never come full circle.

A broken chain.

I live in fear that love is watered down by lust Like red water without the fruit punch flavor That we will never return to a place where respect is

Not only appreciated, but demanded.

Girls, you cannot grow flowers from sand Like you cannot grow love from lust.

Girls, it is okay to want more.

Girls, you are allowed to think he's not enough.

Girls, we need to find a way to make this end.

But it all starts with us.

Bull Moose | Natalia Clark '19

I adored my older brother for many things, But probably least of all when He dragged me to his favorite record store.

He is the perfect mix of edgy and genius Combined with rebel and lover. He gave me a lot throughout my childhood Like the words "I hate school" on my first Dora backpack And a souvenir when his class went to NYC in 7th grade And piggy back rides around the first floor And foot fights on the living room couch

But the single greatest things My brother has ever given me Was a summer ride to Bull Moose On a casual Tuesday afternoon.

Usually, I'd pout and complain. My brother could spend the remainder of his life In the A-J record section... So you could say I had time to kill.

I asked the cashier where to find the poetry. Andrew reminded me not to use gender pronouns Because the cashier was in transition, And if Andrew has ever been at his kindest, It was in that moment.

I strolled to the poetry to find *Milk and Honey* Because every teenage girl 'just had to read it.' Andrew told me to find Bukowski instead *Pleasures of the Damned* And he said this poetry helped him Through high school and I 'just had to read it,' So I did. All 548 pages of it.

My reading never stopped. I said I want to write like him I want to make my mark I want to have words worth remembering.

So I wrote.

And I still write today.

As I cry in my room I open my journal and allow Ink to mix with salt water to produce Magic.

As I ponder my future
I open my journal and allow
Dreams to flirt with the 26 letters of the alphabet
In anticipation that a plan may drift off the tip of my pen.

I go to my journal.

Andrew: thanks for introducing me to a mix of Untapped potential And Charles Bukowski.

I owe you big time.

Sad | Natalia Clark '19

How do you know, like really know, When it's time to say goodbye?

I ask myself this question as a montage of goodbyes flash through my head

Like dropping my oldest brother at college for the first time and promising my mother That I wouldn't turn back for one last hug
Like squeezing my dog's paw for the last time and kissing him goodnight forever
Like playing for the last time on the Field of Dreams,
A field that withstood every practice and game

I've always been pretty good at the hello I even learned to master the see-ya-later But I never quite perfected the goodbye I don't think I ever will

So this is my goodbye Messy, incomplete But the best you're gonna get

Soon,

My feet will grace a stage that holds the footprints of every alum

The last four years have been nothing short of Late nights

Early mornings Homework Anxiety Stress

Love Acceptance Growth Community Family Home

How do I say

I love you
And I miss you
And I'm not ready to leave you
All at the same time?

How do I say

In you, I am loved In you, I am home In you, I am my greatest me

But in you I must say goodbye One last time

The pain of happiness Might be the worst kind

I don't know how to do this So hail to thee, my Alma Mater, Dear CCHS

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT: JASON TRINH

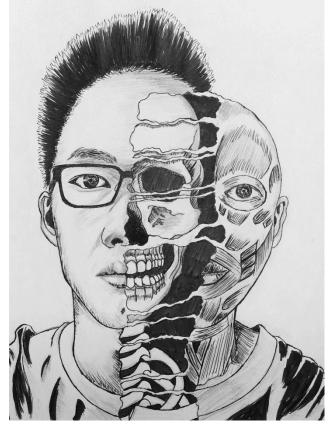


Untitled | Jason Trinh '19

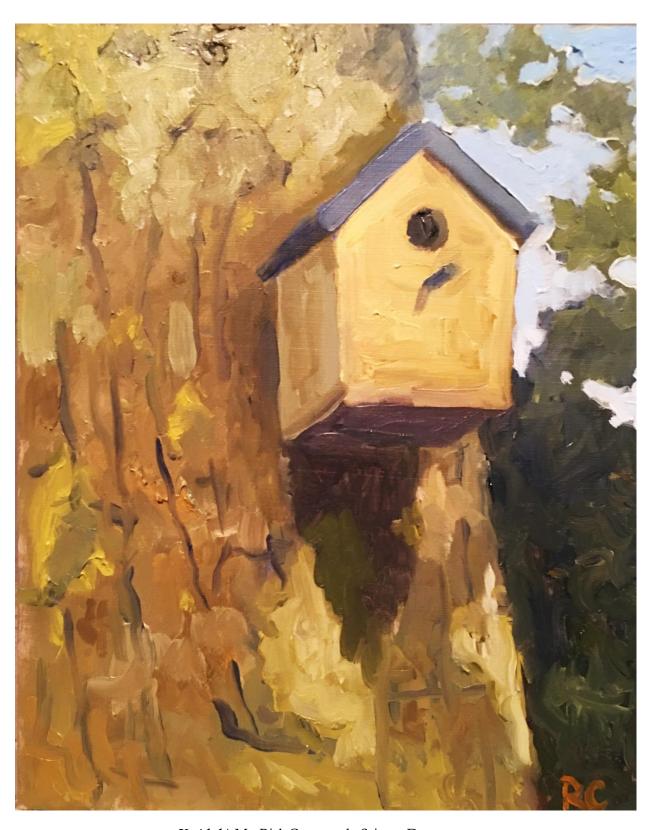


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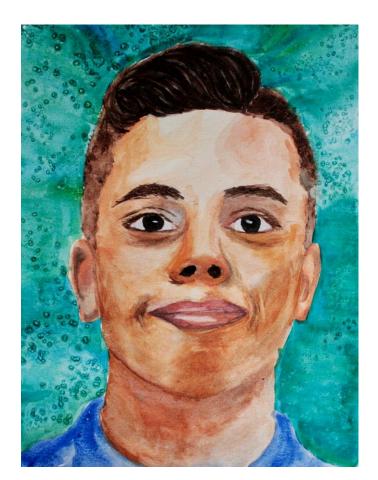




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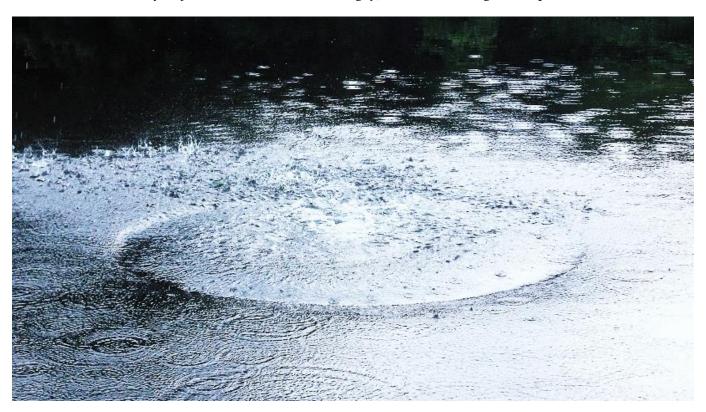


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Memory Project Portraits | Mrs. Jenn Chatigny, Fine & Performing Arts Department



Splash | Ms. Bridgette Bolduc, Science Department



ABOVE: *Felipe, 11.16.18* | Mr. Chris Merrill '89, Director of Admissions
BELOW LEFT: *Patriots Playoff Mural* | Mrs. Lauren Roeser, Fine & Performing Arts Department
BELOW RIGHT: *Veronica* | Mr. Matt Joyal '08, Social Studies Department







ABOVE: *R and R* | Mr. Rick Cavanaugh, Science Department BELOW: *Residential Portrait of Sherlock* | Mr. Matt Joyal '08, Social Studies Department



