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*Flowing Through Senior Year*



Due to the coronavirus, all seniors lost the opportunity to finish off their senior year in school. Personally, I was upset about the idea of not being able to play softball, see my friends, and do all the senior festivities but I made the most of the situation. I was less focused on the fact that my senior year was ruined and was more focused on how detrimental the coronavirus was to others who are dying because of this terrible virus. Because I never really expressed how I felt

about not being able to finish my senior year in school, I decided to put it in a painting. I included images of what festivities I am missing and other important aspects of senior year. My vision for this painting was to have all the memories of senior year flowing throughout the silhouette of a girl's hair. I chose to do a silhouette of a girl to represent the darkness of a horrible time. Since the idea of memories flowing through hair is already not realistic, I decided to take advantage of the unrealisticness and make each picture unique and colorful. Although I am not the best artist, I thought painting would be the best way to reflect what I am feeling at this time since I have not verbally expressed it to anyone.

I included various elements that flowed throughout the hair to represent the memories of senior year. I chose to do a mixture of green paint to represent graduation because the splashing of colors reminds me of the celebration and the green can also represent grass. I chose to write graduation in gold because it is such a high achievement and I believe gold represents that. After many attempts of drawing roses to represent the tradition, I just decided to go with green design so it can capture both the grass under the graduation tent and celebration. Even though the class of 2020 is connected to graduation, I decided to give the class its own separate section just to emphasize that each member of the class meant something to me. Even if I wasn't close with everyone, these are people that I wish nothing but the best for and am grateful for the memories we made as a class. I chose to do a pink gradient to represent our class color and the warmth I felt when I was with my class. Another element I included was our skirt signing. For the skirt signing, I did a pink skirt because that is the color skirt I chose to paint. I wanted to include skirt signing in my picture because I was looking forward to our class's skirt signing and it is a signature tradition at Holy Child. While we did a tik-tok to replace it this year, gear up and get

ready is included in my painting as I was looking forward to it and is a day where everyone can show their college pride. Therefore, I decided to paint my own T-shirt with “Iona” written across the front. From my four years at Holy Child, I have made a lot of good friendships I hope will last a lifetime. To honor those friendships, I decided to paint a picture of two girls wrapping their arms around each other. I value the relationships I have with my best friends and I know for a fact that those memories will carry on with me forever. In addition, I also added the friendship part because I miss seeing my friends every day.

Softball is something that I looked forward to every spring. I made unforgettable memories with my incredible varsity softball team and there was never a dull moment with my team. There was no doubt in my mind about including softball because I have had the best times with my team and am happy I go to experience what I did with them last year. Softball will be something that I remember and will cherish forever. I chose to include a brown to represent the clay where the batter’s box is, green to represent that grass on the field and/or the outfield, and blue to represent the sky. In addition, I also drew a girl to represent myself who is wearing number 21. I decided to add in Peppa Pig because she was one of our class mascots.

Ring Day had to be one of my favorite traditions at Holy Child. I loved celebrating as a class and I felt that our class became closer while celebrating this tradition. I wanted to include a ring day section because of how memorable it was for the class of 2020 and how sad I am that the class of 2021 will not be able to experience this fun event yet. In addition, I wanted to experience ring day as a senior because I have been told it is just as memorable as celebrating in your junior year. I painted the ring in gold and I put a purple background to represent the junior’s class color. The gryphon represents a part of myself. Instead of including every memory I made

at Holy Child, I just decided to put the gryphon. To me, the gryphon represents the place where I developed as a person and learned more about myself through different experiences. Senior prom was something else that I was looking forward to because of how much fun I had last year at the junior prom. In addition, everyone who has graduated high school always says how fun senior prom was and I was honestly so excited to have a prom. Therefore, I decided to include it in my painting. I represented prom with stars because every time I picture prom, I just think of all the lights and to me, stars represent happiness. Powderpuff was another time in which I felt our class got closer. I loved seeing everyone cheering for each other and how close I felt to everyone. I wanted to include powder puff because it is one of my favorite memories. The coronavirus has changed everything about our way of life. However, this allows for the opportunity for people to adapt and understand themselves in the way they are able to adapt to change.