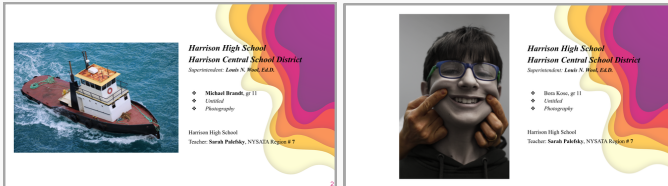




# FROM THE LAB

Digital Art & Design Students Explore, Experiment & Share

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## NYSATA STUDENT EXHIBITION

Eight of our HHS Art Students have their work featured in this years NYSSBA Art Exhibit, sponsored by NYSATA. The Virtual show can be viewed [HERE](#) (Harrison students start on slide 182.) The featured students are, Michael Brandt, Alexander Zihenni, Bora Kose, Matt Carrea, Olivia Leonard, Sophia Alfano, Isabella Brandano, and Rosella Paniccia.

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## SING YOUR NOTES

[Alexia Gibson](#)

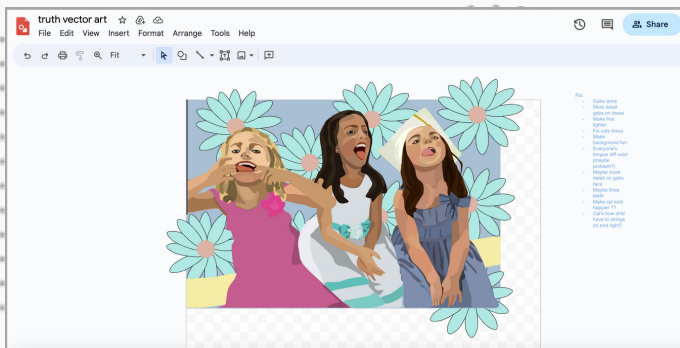
I have always been a scholar student. My sister on the other hand, has had a harder time studying and paying attention. One night she had one of the biggest math tests of the year and she was having trouble studying. See, for most kids and teens, it's difficult to study. What I found easiest, is to find something I like and incorporate it into my studying. I asked my frustrated sister what she likes to do. She said she likes singing. So I suggested she should sing her notes. Ever since that day my sister now sings to study and is now an A student. [FULL VIEW](#)

## STILL MAKING VECTOR ART

[Calissa Mullin](#)

Last year in my Digital Art & Design class, I was introduced to vector art. I decided to revisit this skill for an ELA project, using an old photo from my childhood and Google Drawings. I enjoy creating vector portraits and discovered a way to improve my work by adding side notes for myself. I plan to find more opportunities to make vector art and **Turning Knowledge Into Action:** taking what you have learned in your classes, through readings and experiences and applying it to a situation, problem, experience, or event.

[VIEW SOME FAVORITES >>](#)





## DESIGNING A BOOKMARK.

[Francesca Monti Mihanovich](#)

I was just beginning my new school, getting accustomed to my schedule, and trying to weave around the building to get to my classes. Ms Palefsky introduced me to the idea of ARFI. "Always Room for Improvement." The assignment was simple; all we had to do was improve a poster or an old slide into something better and more visually-pleasing. I decided I would help the library by recreating a set of slides they had made to teach students about the library catalogue where you can rate books. I wanted to remake the set of slides into a bookmark or a poster, and this was perfect for the assignment that I had to do for class.

Firstly, I read the slides over and went onto Canva to try and find inspiration and a template that I could use. When picking a template, I made sure that it aligned with the number of steps there were on the slides given to me. In the beginning, I made the slides in a way that was cute and aesthetic, and more inviting to read. After showing Ms. Palefsky and the class the work I did, she recommended I talk with Mrs. Johnson about how it can be used in the High School Library. I met with Mrs. Johnson for a bit and she asked if I could make it more personalised for the school -- for example, incorporating our school colours, including "Harrison High School" on the bookmark, adding a little husky as well as a QR code to make it easier for the student to access the Library catalogue. When adding in these changes, I had to make sure that the colours still flowed together, and hence used more beige to act as a buffer between the maroon and green.

This was a very interesting and enriching experience for me, as I had never done something like this before and I also learned how to design something based on what is its intended purpose. [VIEW HERE](#)

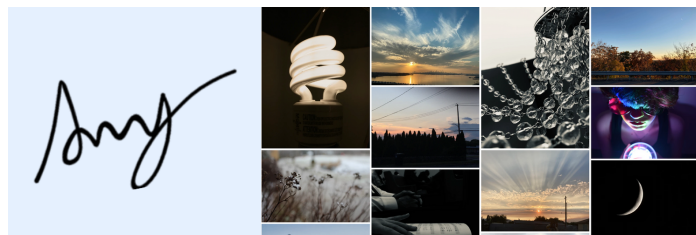
## WE THE PRESENT.

[Kasey Metzger](#)



The School of Visual Arts announced a call for entries for an upcoming exhibition responding to the prompt: **We The Present: Today Begins the Future.** Students were asked to explore what it means to exist in the current moment as we look ahead. *How do technology, media, and current events shape our present, and how might they inform our collective future?*

Technology, media, and current events shape our future by forcing us to stay in the present and remain mindful despite how distracting and powerful these factors are in our lives. Since technology and media pose significant concerns for our future, more people are interested in how to curb this distraction and remain in the present with mindfulness strategies like breathing and exploring nature. Children in public schools are being taught strategies to practice mindfulness daily. [VIEW ARTWORK](#)



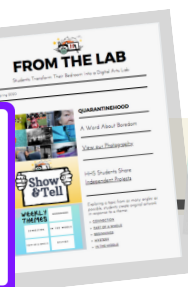
## PERSONAL WEBSITE

[Anna Youngstrom](#)

Creating a personal website is an excellent way to stand out as an individual & make a mark for yourself as a student. It's a sophisticated way to:

- share your school projects, unique passions, and portfolio of finished and unfinished work.
- demonstrate your technical skills, visual communication skills and understanding of how dynamic content rules the digital age.

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