PIE Week 2023-2024

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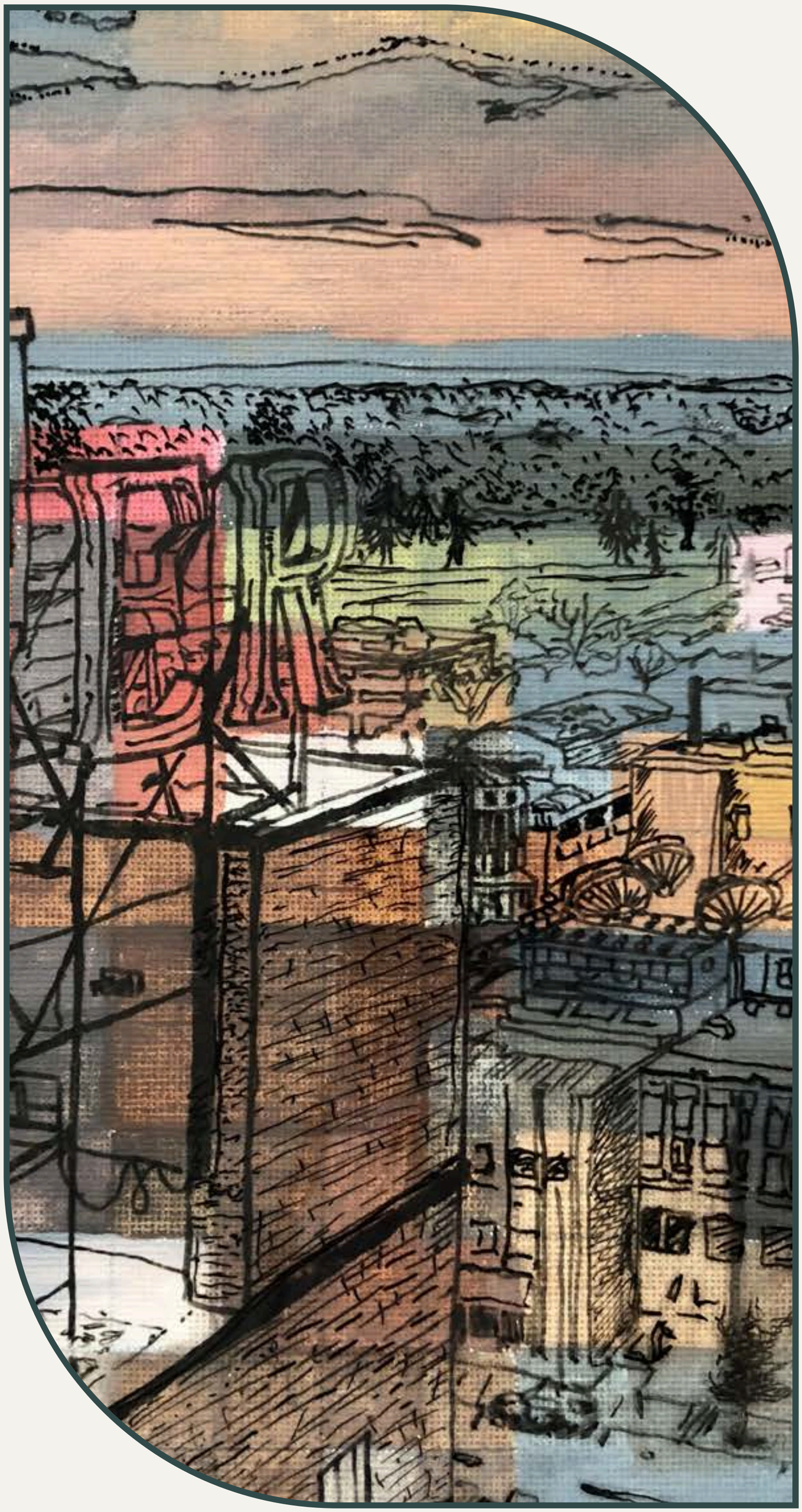

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CITY OF COLUMBIA OFFICE OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS

PARTNERS IN EDUCATION

Columbia PUBLIC SCHOOLS FINE ARTS

The Office of Cultural Affairs (OCA) is a department of the City of Columbia whose mission is to create an environment where artists and cultural organizations thrive by advancing and supporting the arts for the benefit of the citizens of Columbia. In addition to initiating or supporting a variety of arts and culture programs, the OCA administers the city's Percent for Art program, which allows for 1% of the cost of new city construction or renovation over $1 million to be used for site-specific public art, as well as overseeing funding programs for local arts and cultural organizations.

OCA is proud to serve as Partners In Education to the Columbia Public Schools Fine Arts Department and to present the annual PIE Virtual Gallery experience on a virtual platform for the 2023-2024 school year.

The arts have always served as the distinctive vehicle for discovering who we are. Providing ways of thinking as disciplined as science or math and as disparate as philosophy or literature, the arts are used by and have shaped every culture and individual on earth. They continue to infuse our lives on nearly all levels—generating a significant part of the creative and intellectual capital that drives our economy. The arts inform our lives with meaning every time we experience the joy of a well-remembered song, experience the flash of inspiration that comes with immersing ourselves in an artist's sculpture, enjoying a sublime dance, learning from an exciting animation, or being moved by a captivating play.

WHAT IS PARTNERS IN EDUCATION?

Partners In Education connects a local business with an individual school, curriculum department, or grade level. Each partnership establishes a mission statement, objectives, and activities specific to the business and school's needs and abilities.

The overall goal of Columbia's Partners In Education (PIE) program is to build bridges between the world of business and the world of education. It seeks to create a better understanding of the public school system within the community, strengthen and enhance the district's programs, create a climate of involvement and interaction between organizations, businesses, and schools, and provide students with opportunities to develop attitudes and skills that enhance their success in the world of work.

For more information or to become involved in the Partners In Education program, contact the school district's Community Relations office at (573) 214-3960 or visit www.cpsk12.org/pie.

The History of Partners In Education

Columbia Public Schools' Partners In Education program celebrates 40 years of businesses bringing achievement, enrichment, innovation, and opportunities to schools and students.

Partners In Education began as a simple vision of Former Superintendent Russell Thompson, Former Superintendent Jim Ritter, and School-Community Program Director Jolene Schulz.

Together, they studied an "adopt-a-school" program but wanted the CPS program to be based on a handshake, not a handout. They molded this idea into a program that would benefit Columbia Public Schools, a true "partnership" between local businesses and schools. Partners In Education became the national moniker when President Reagan accepted the idea and gave it national status.

Over more than three decades, Columbia Public Schools has seen tremendous achievements by Columbia's youth due to the involvement and dedication of partnering businesses. The original eleven charter partnerships that kicked off back in 1984, at the start of Partners In Education program has grown to an unbelievable 150 Partners In Education and more than 100 Partnership Friends. These partners include banks, hospitals, architects, veterinarians, grocery stores, media outlets, non-profits, churches, insurance companies, and more.

Over the years, partnership activities have expanded, including opportunities such as a satellite school located within a business, job shadowing and business tours, classroom presentations, banks within schools, and mentoring. Hundreds of students and community members have participated in the program, and throughout the years, strong friendships have been built that have endured even as students and employees grow and change.

Battle High School

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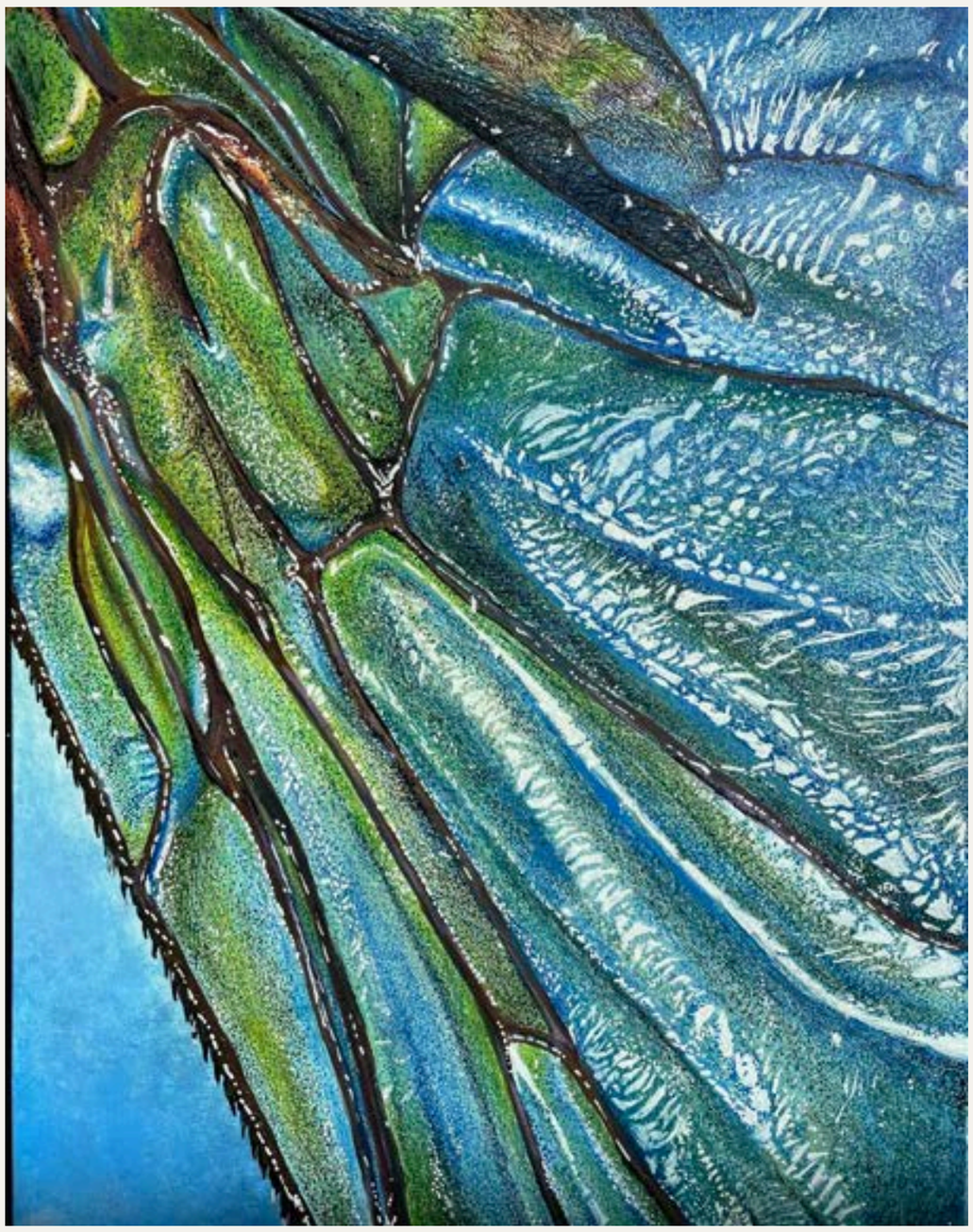

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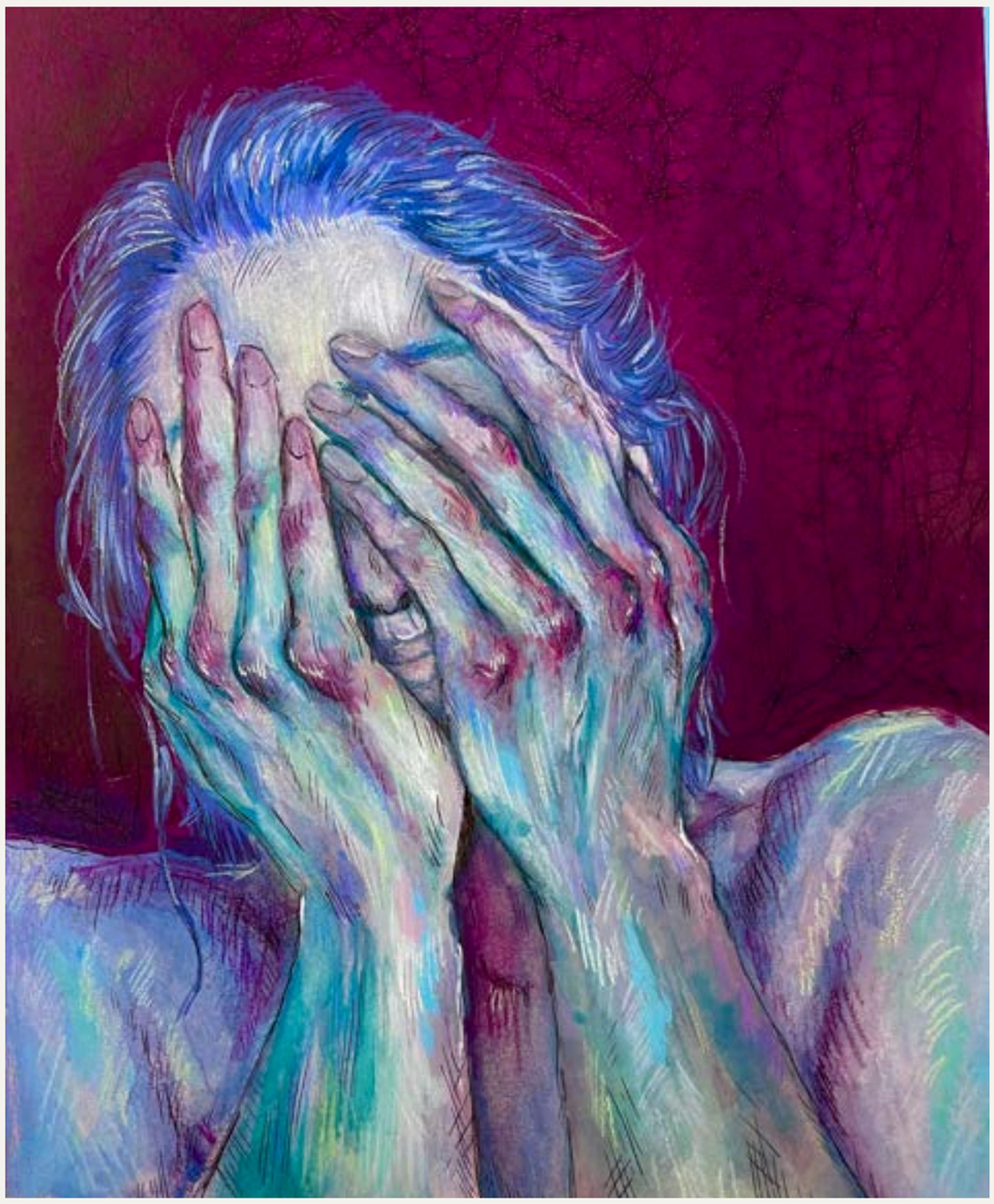

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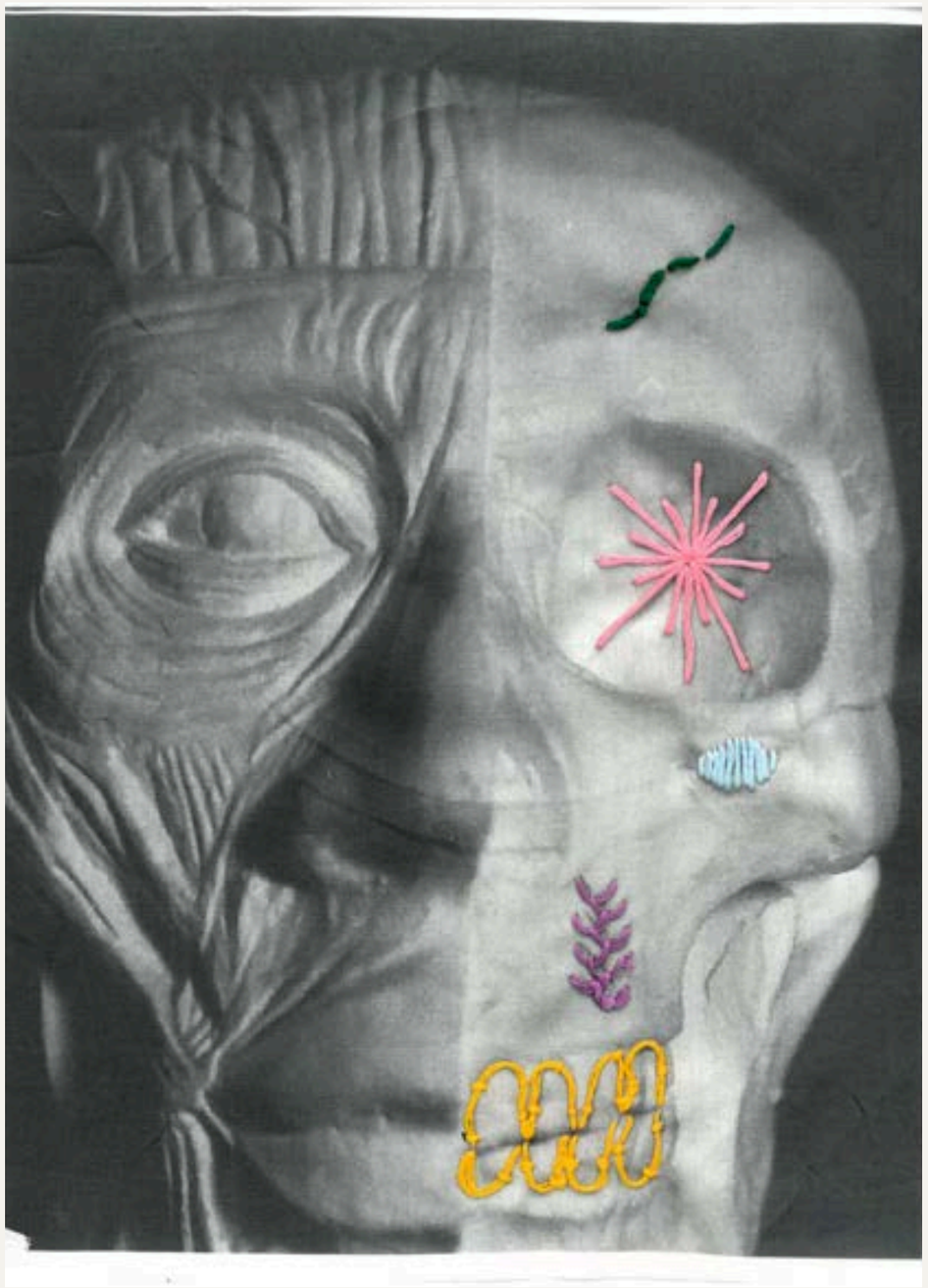

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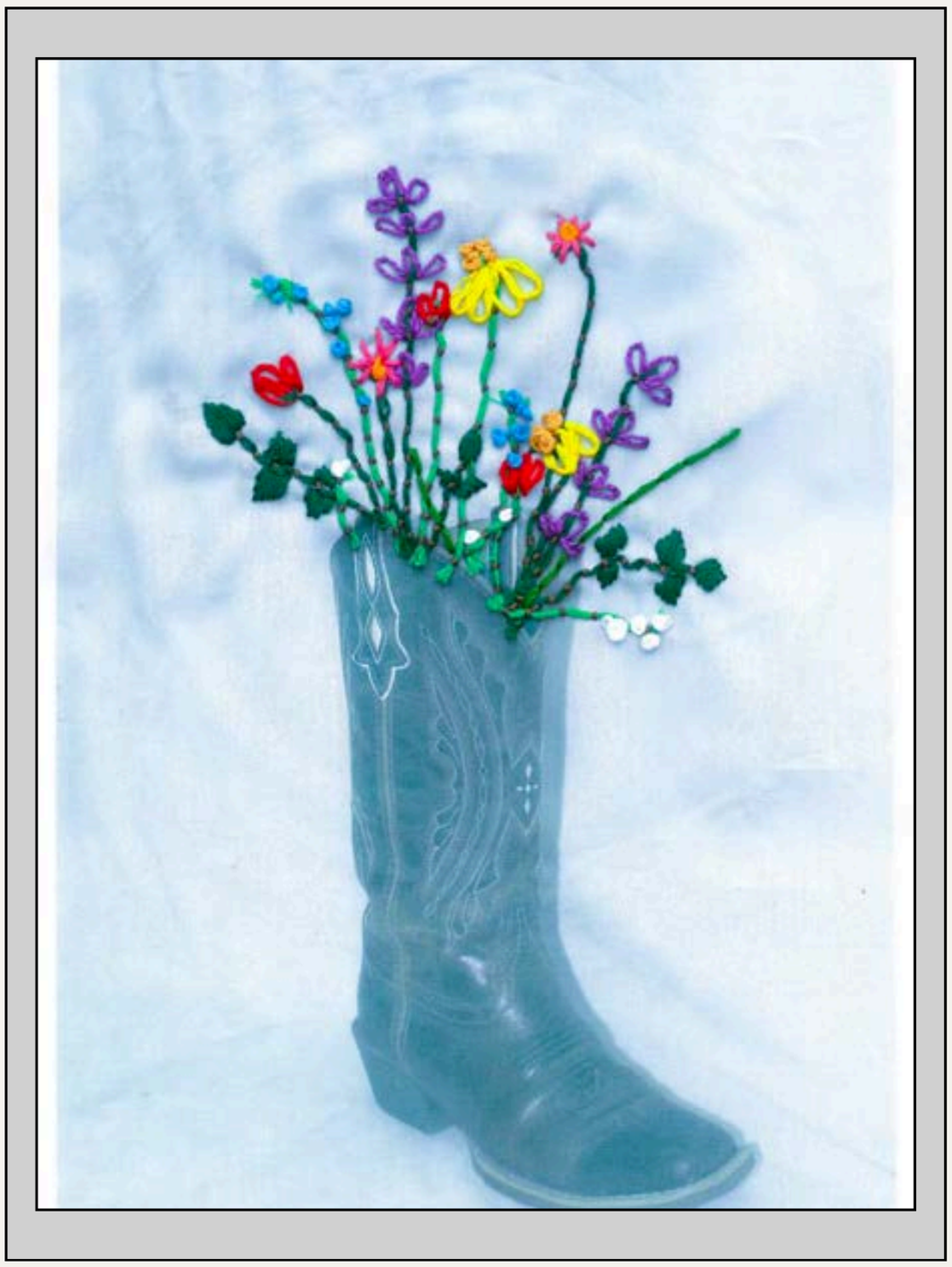

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TODAY'S LEARNERS TOMORROW'S CAREERS

Columbia Area Career Center

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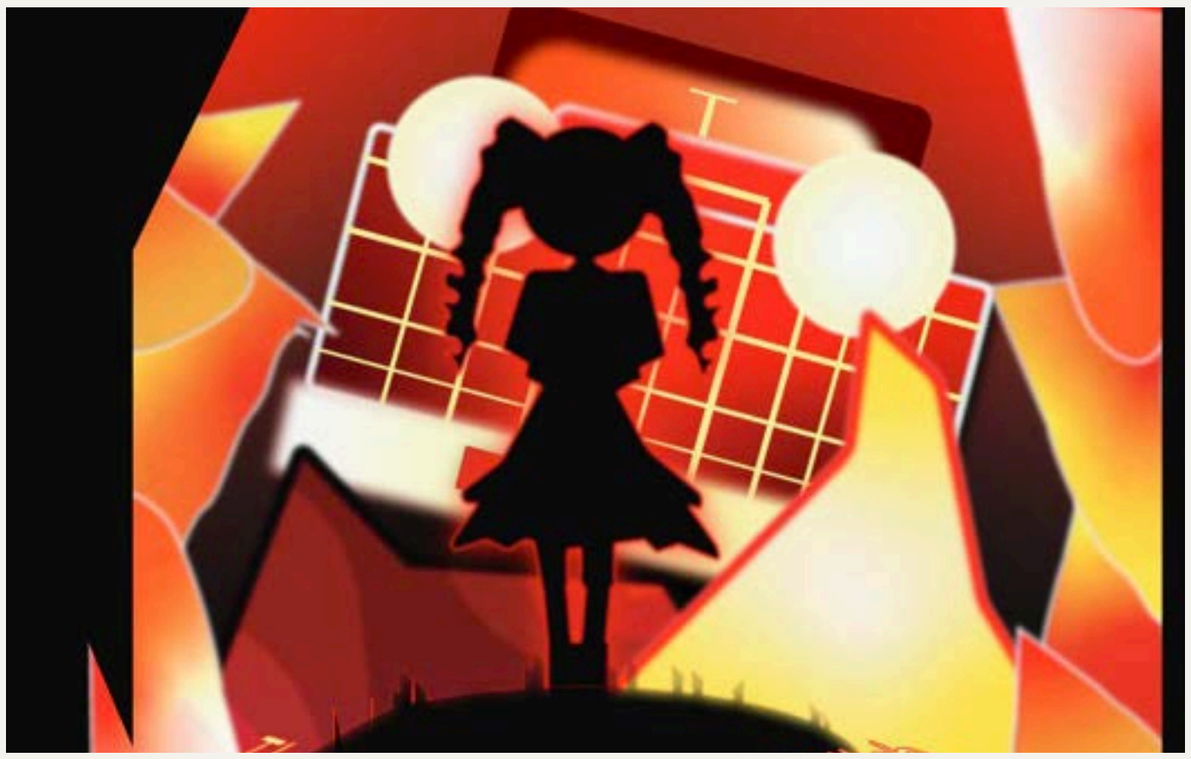

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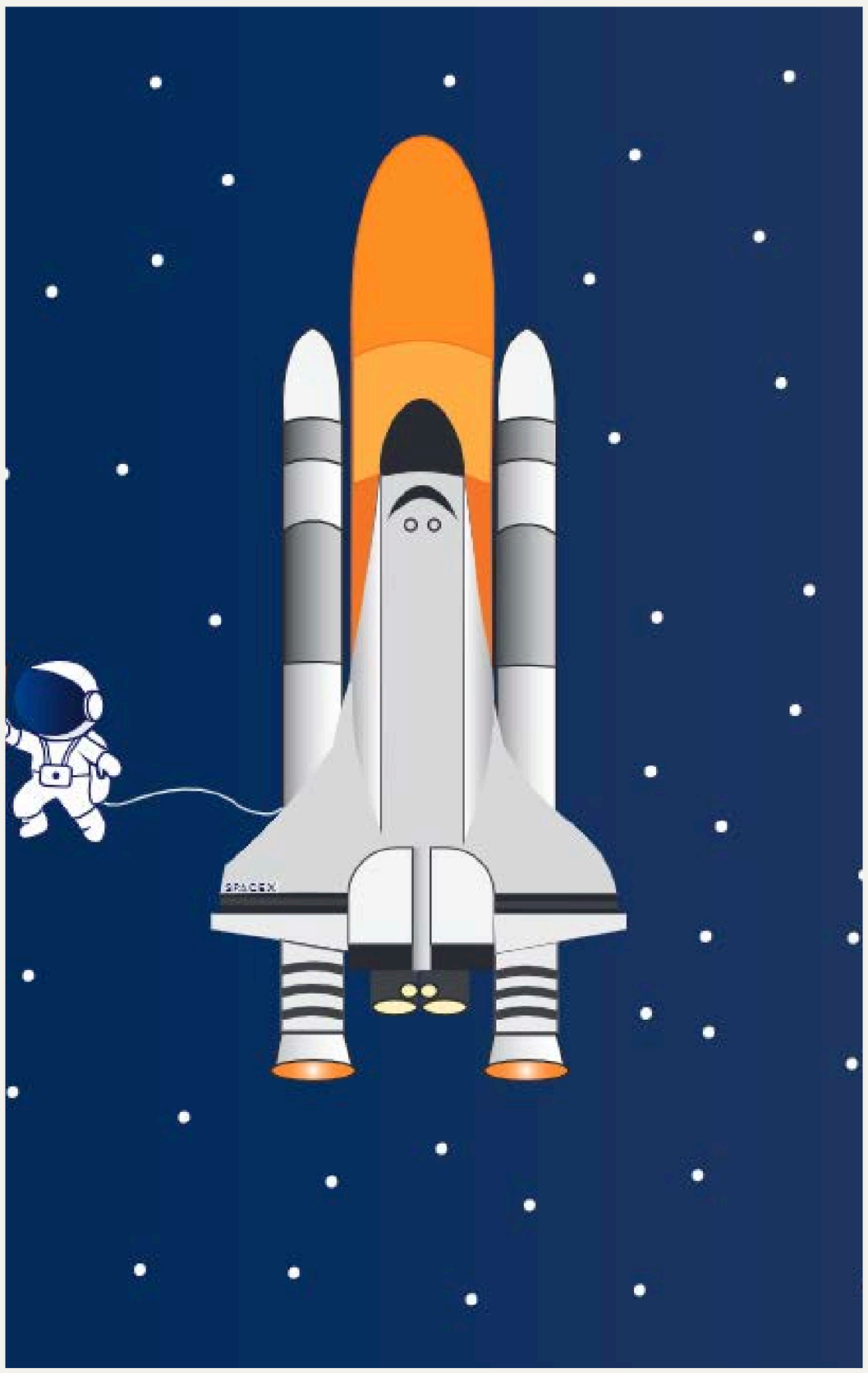

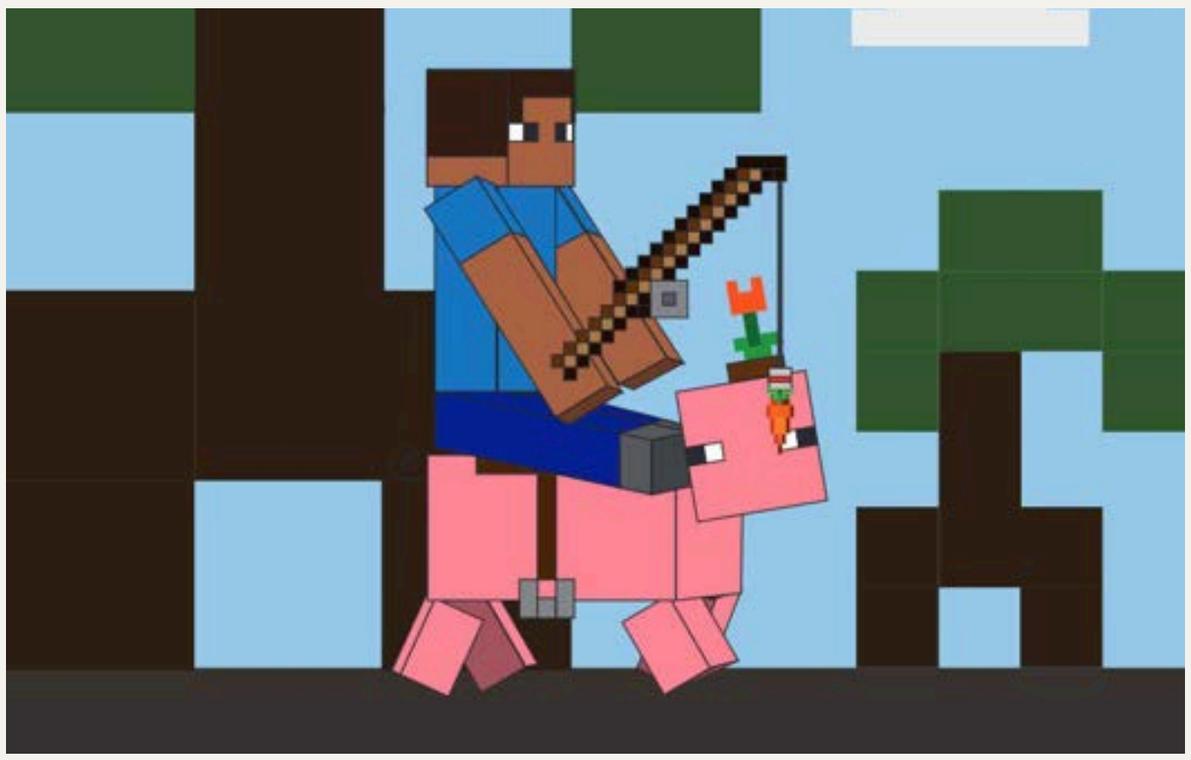

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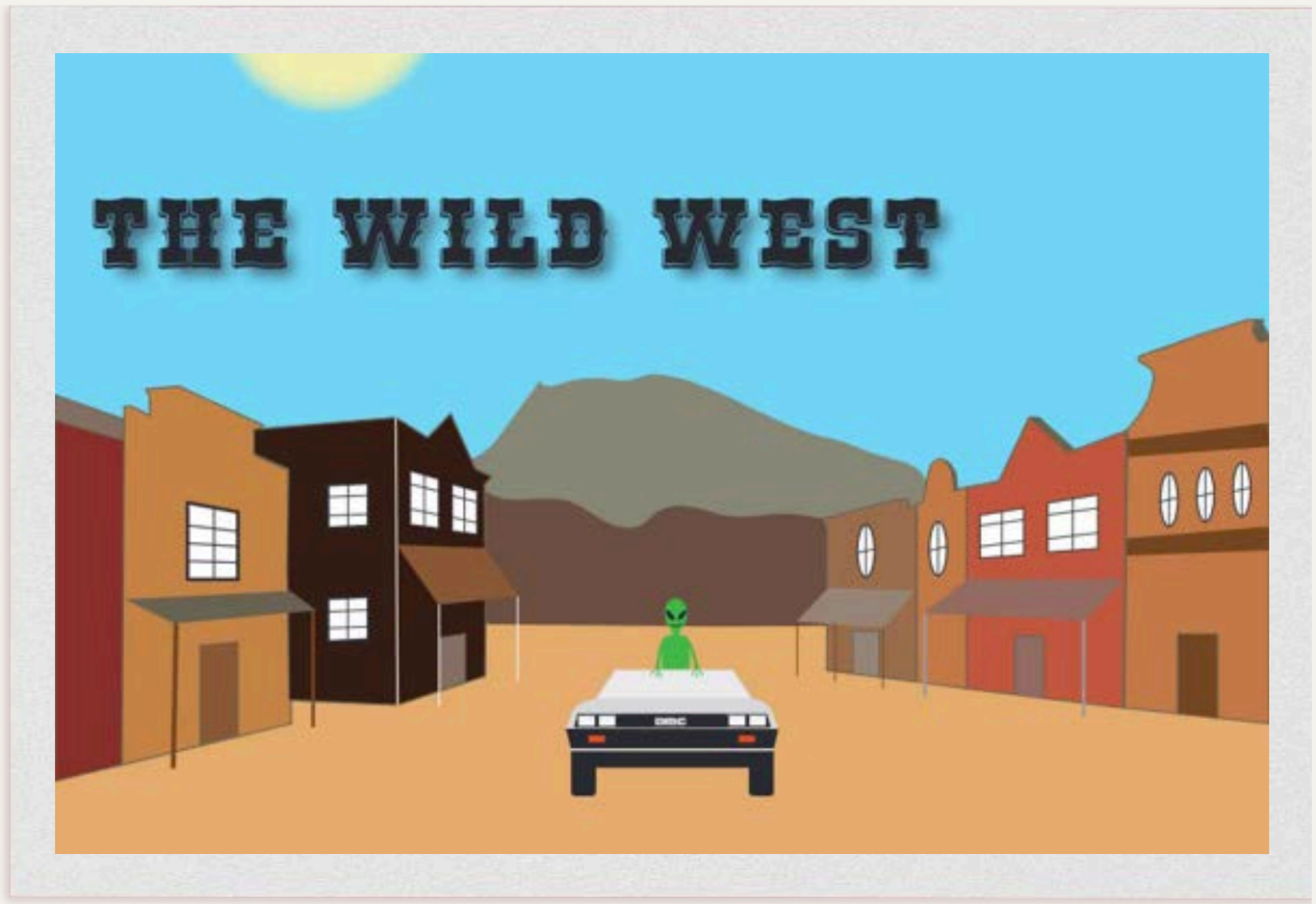

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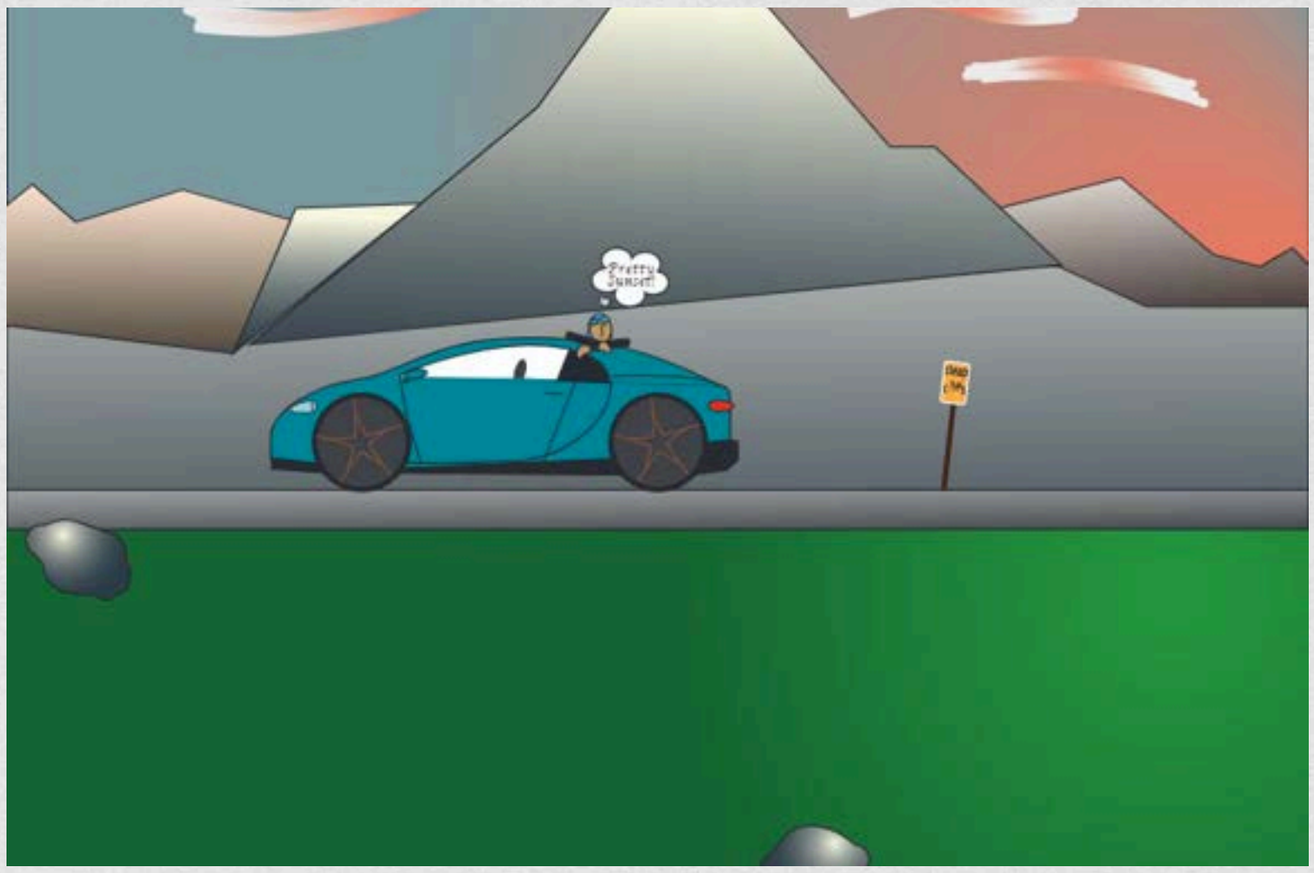

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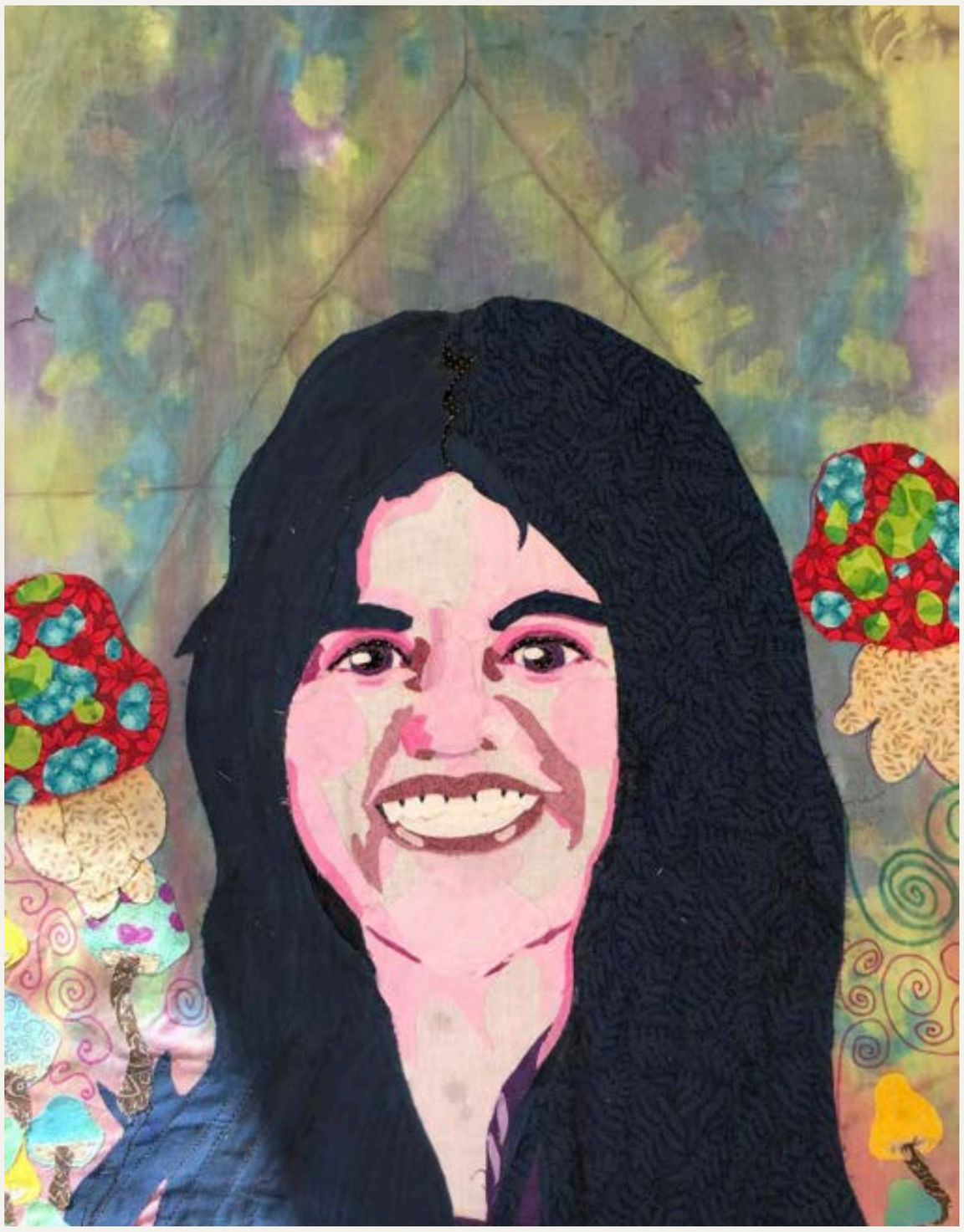

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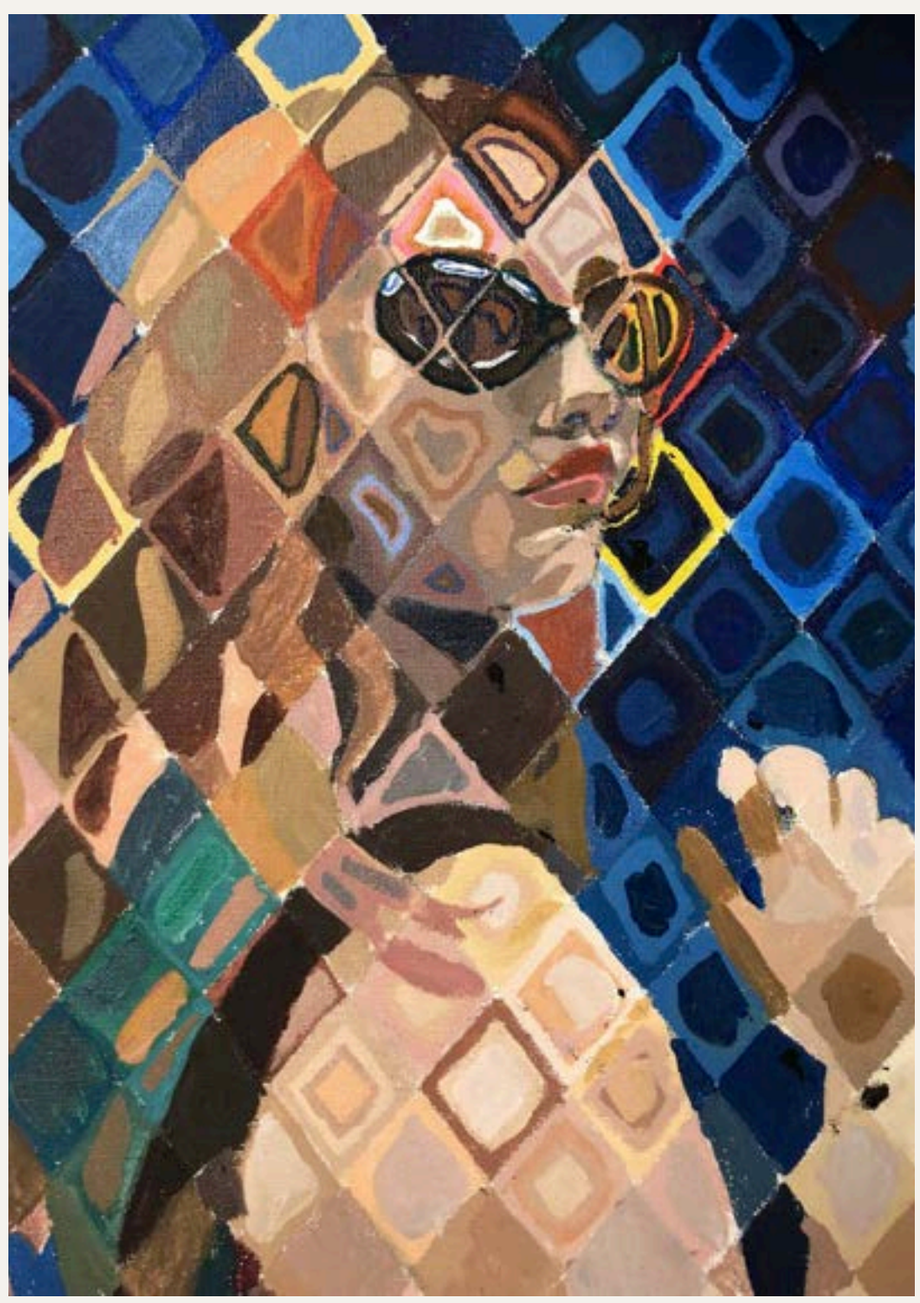

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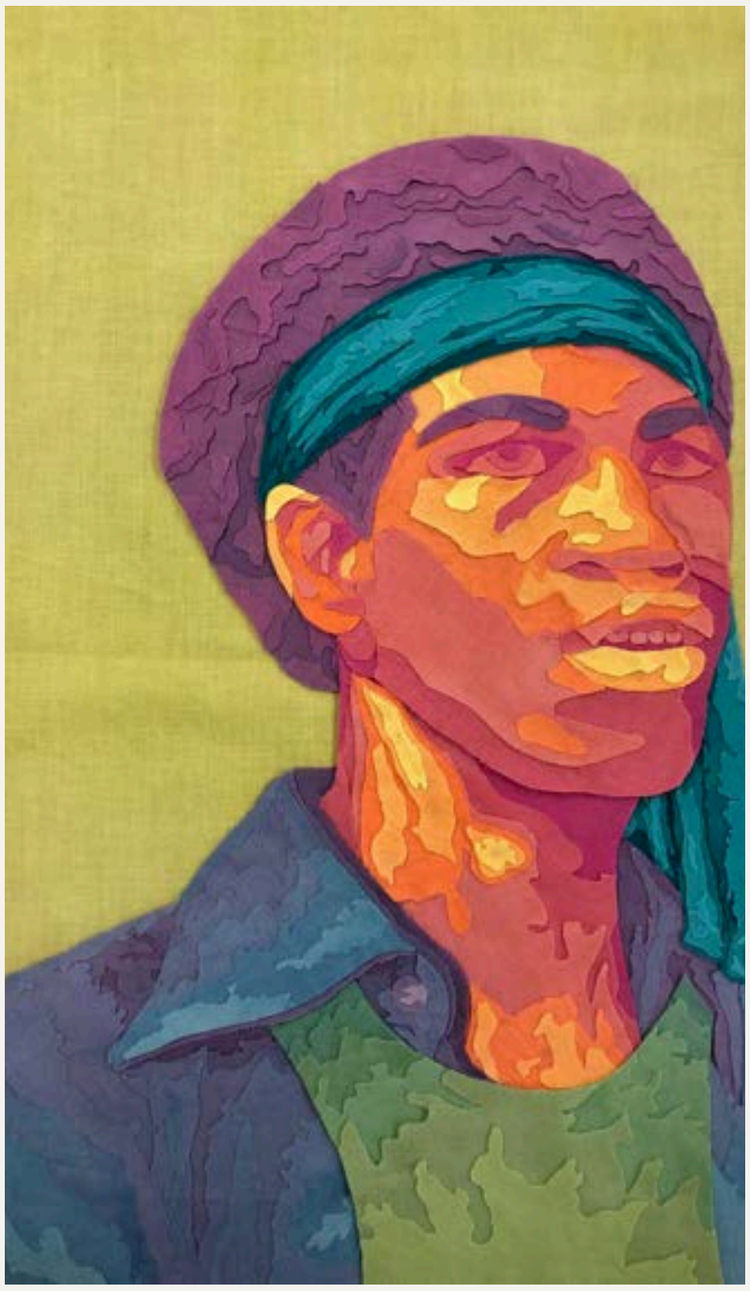

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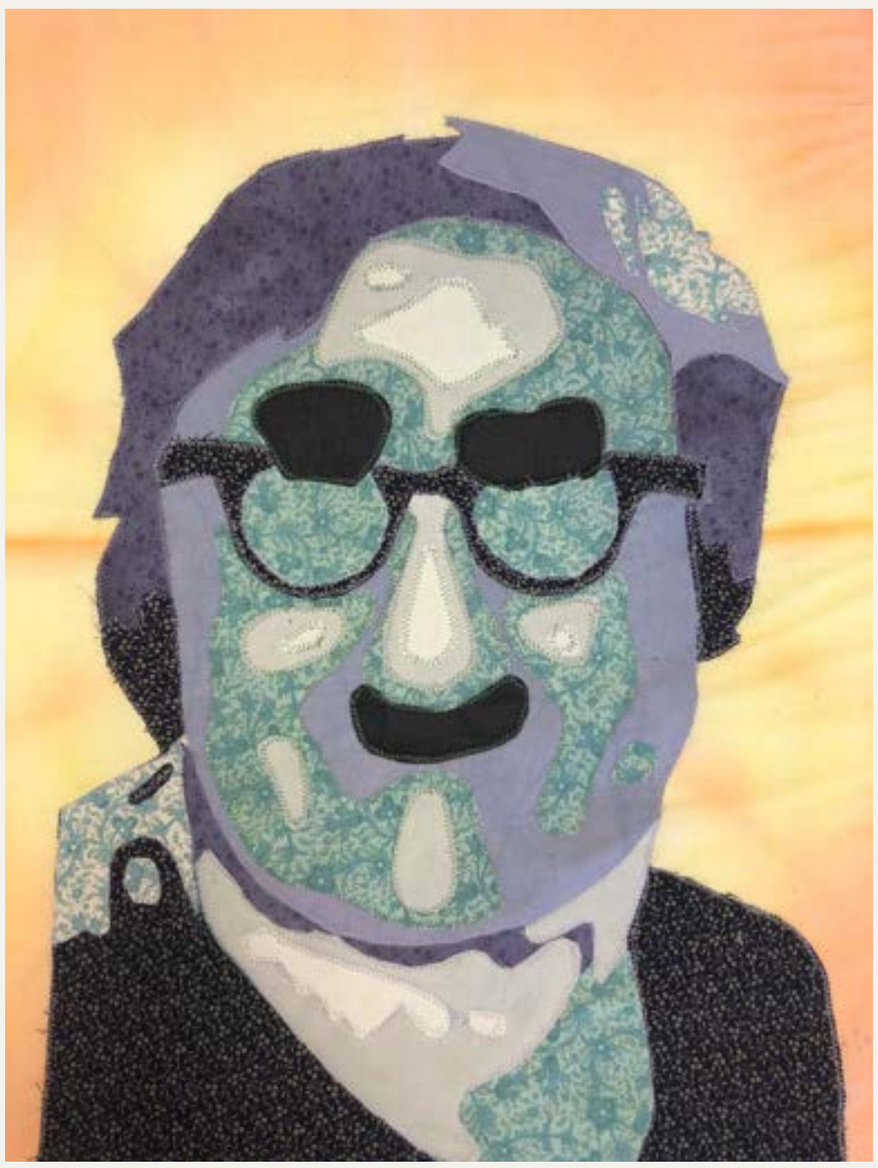

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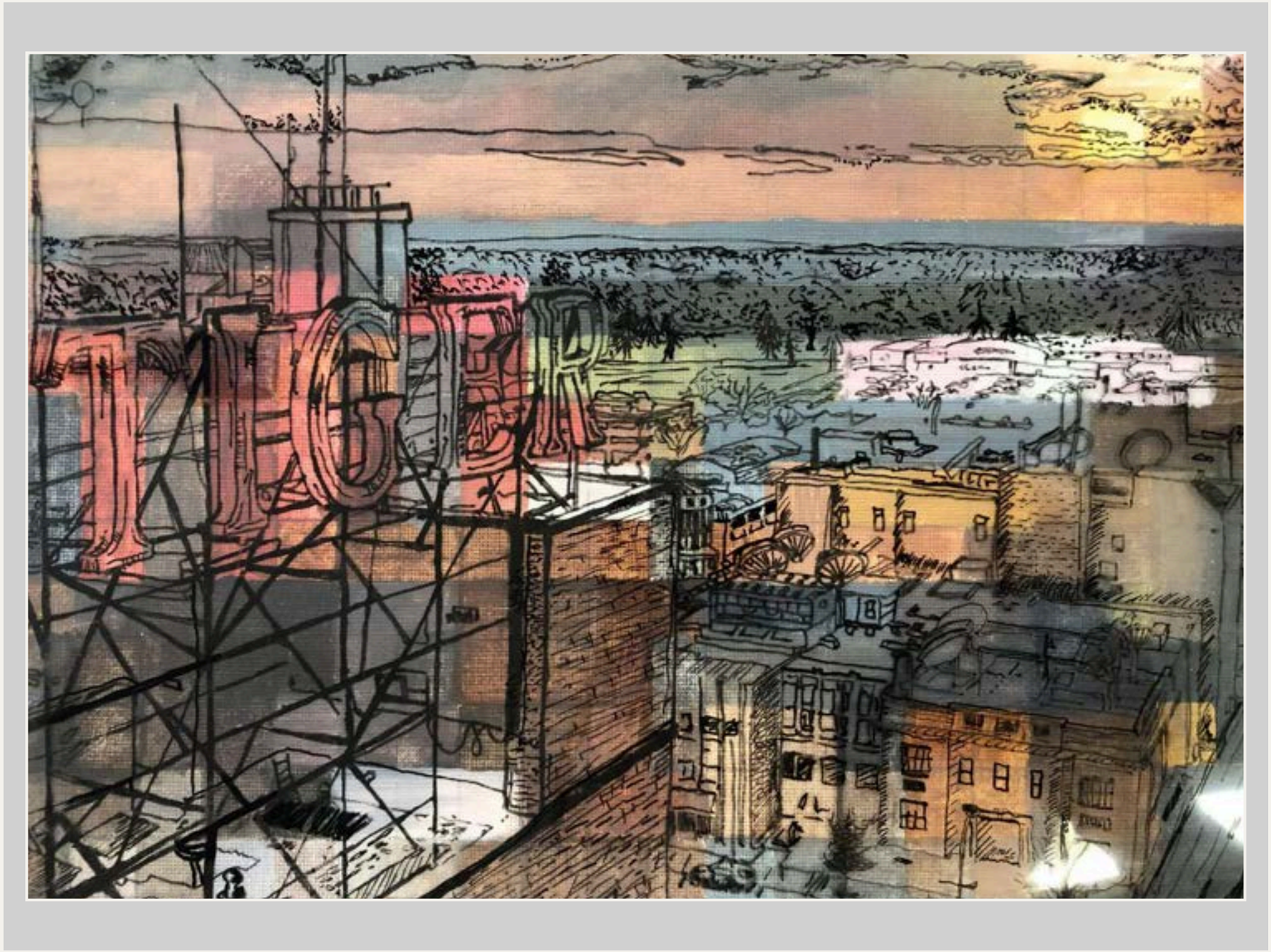

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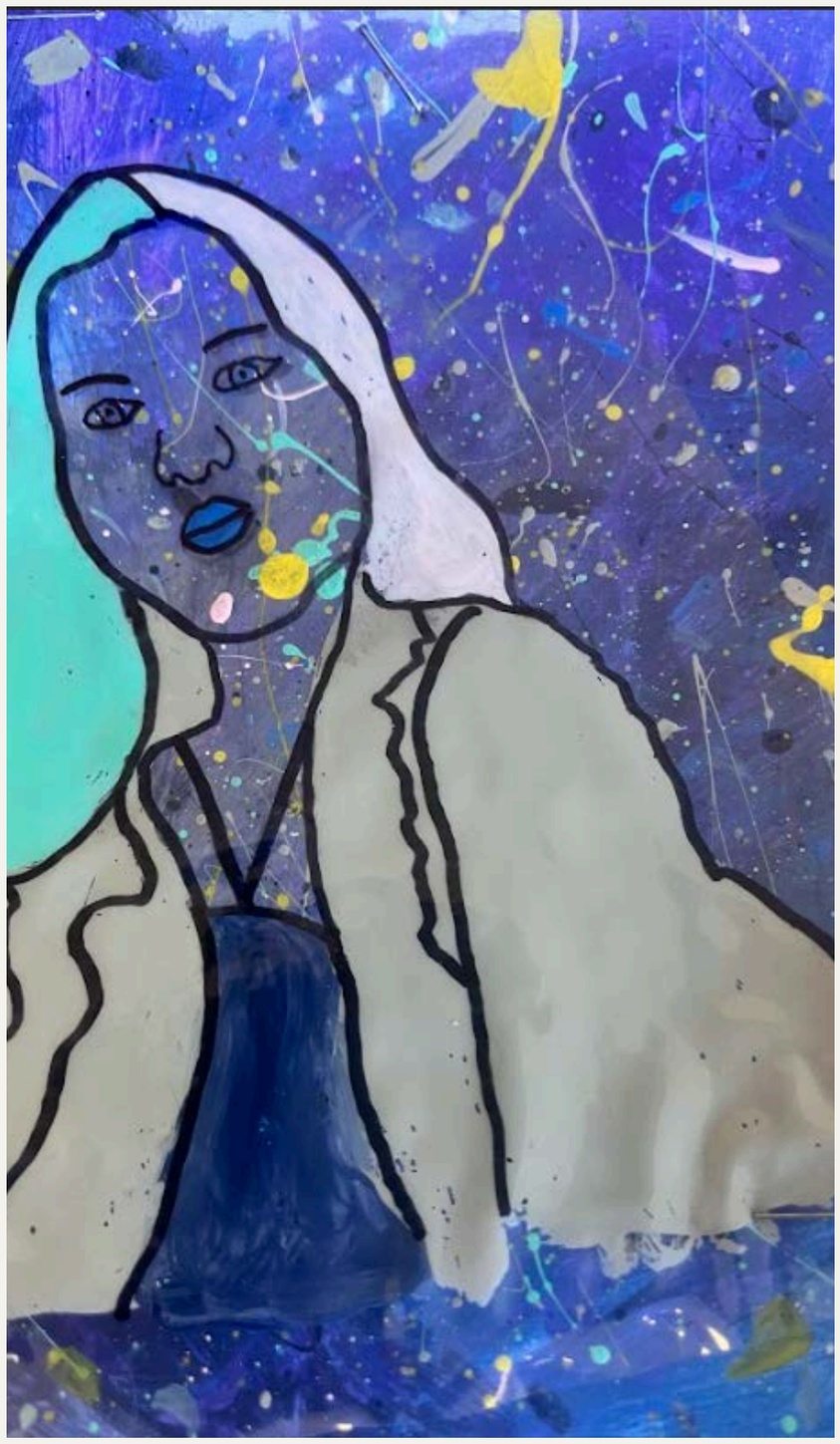

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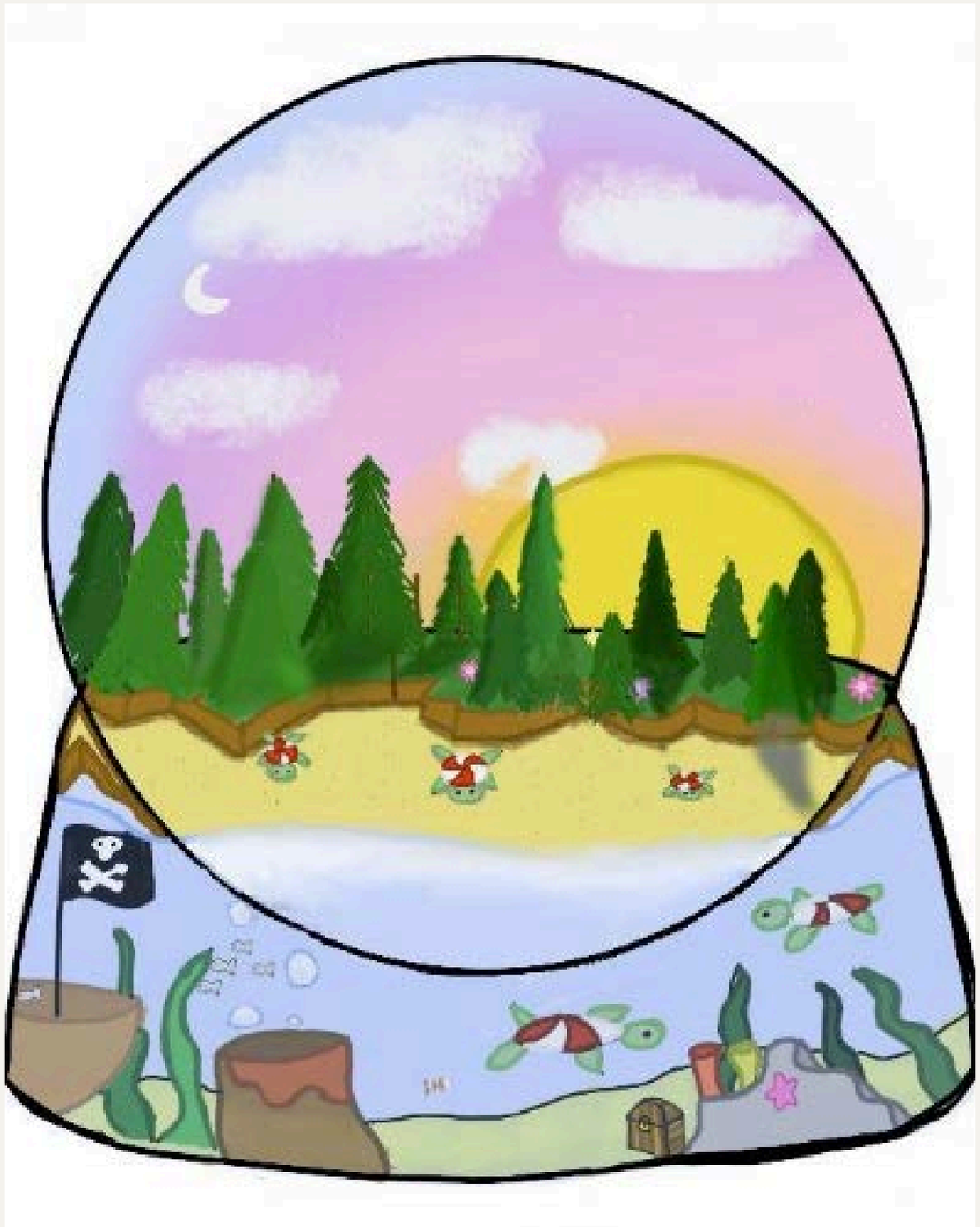

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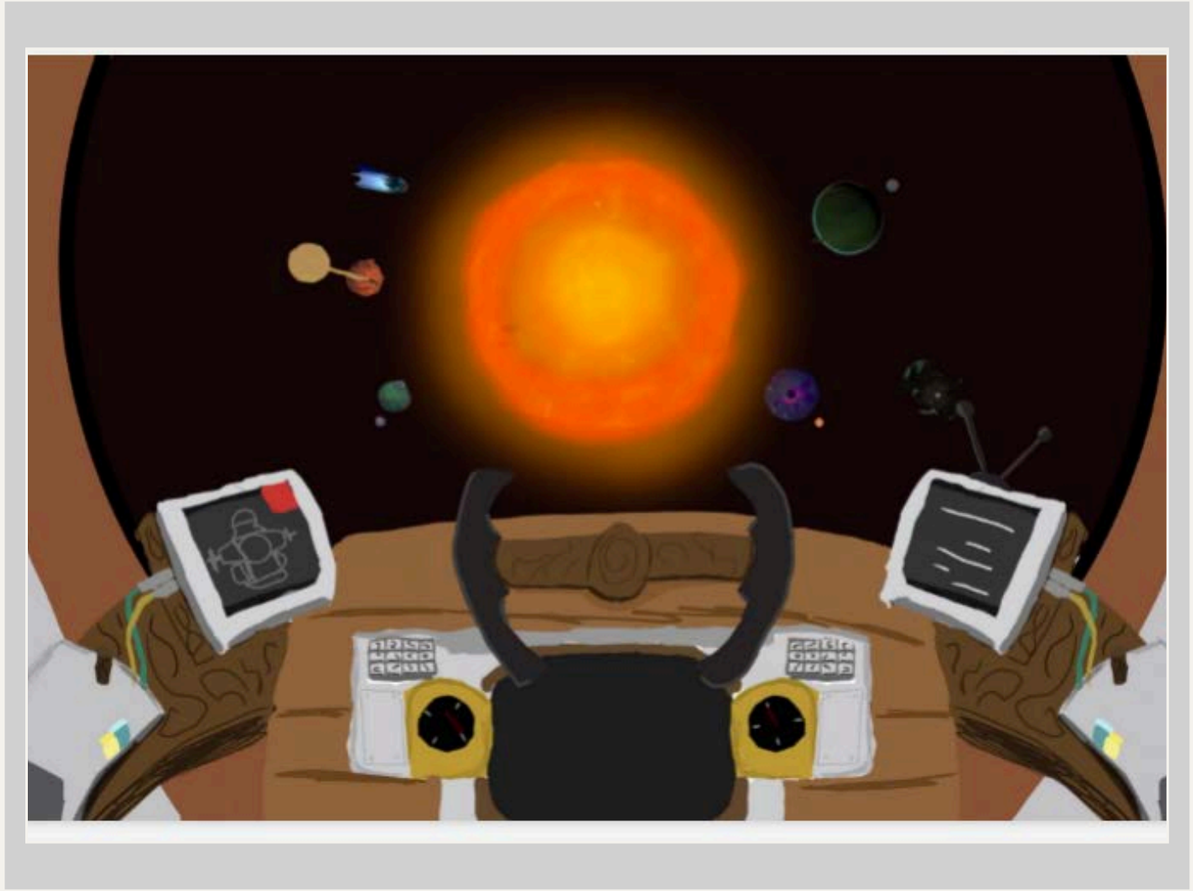

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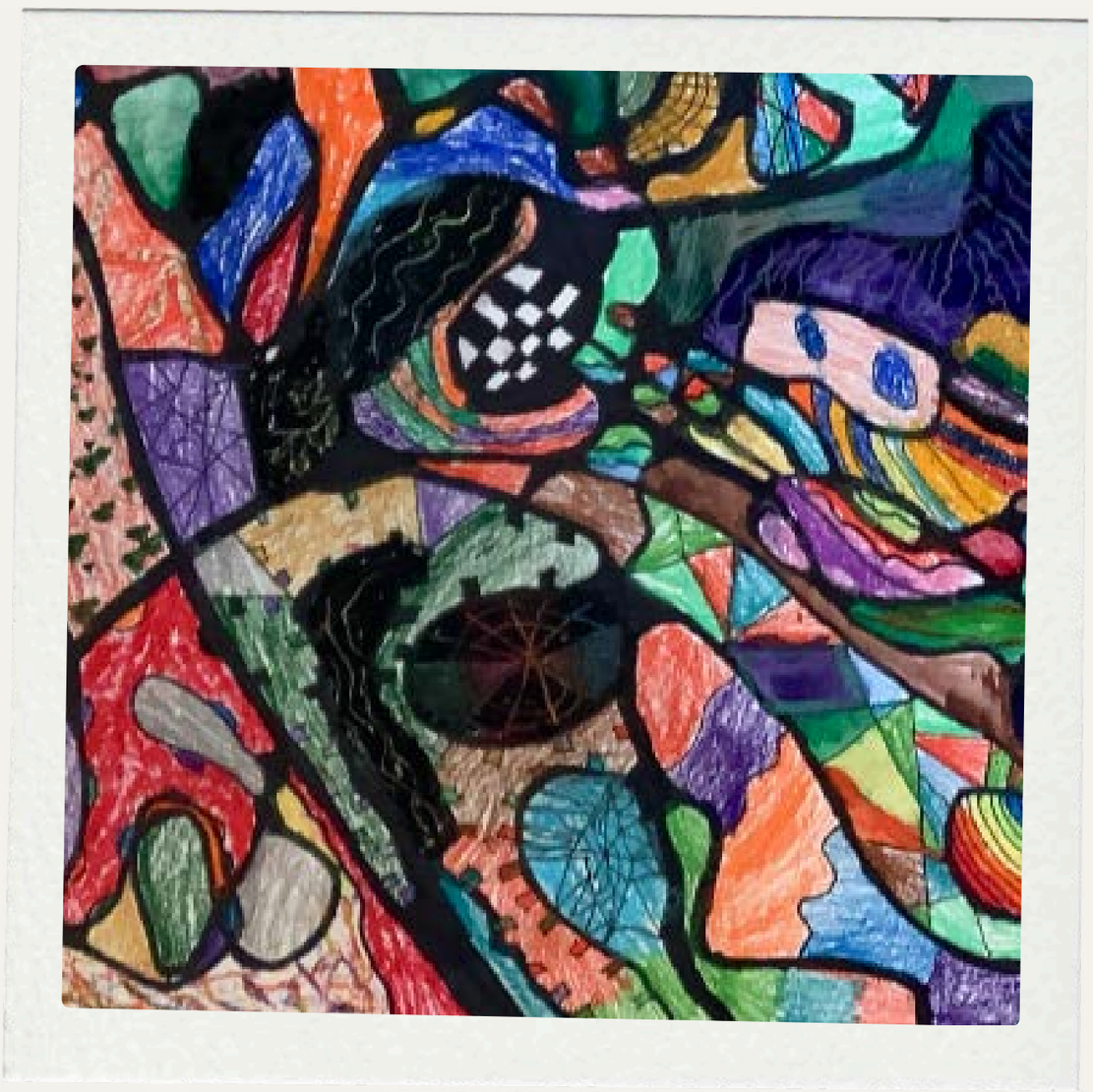

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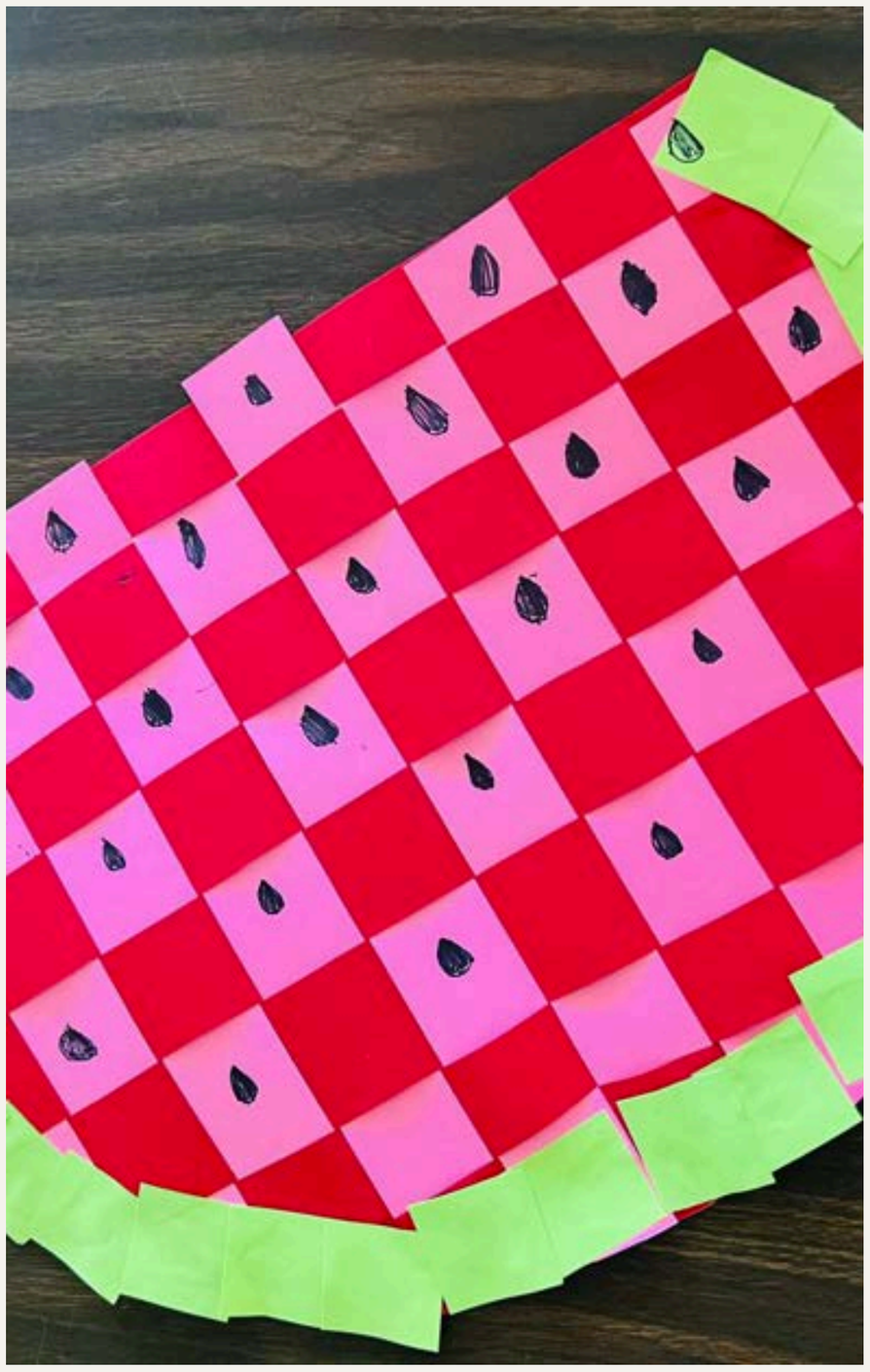

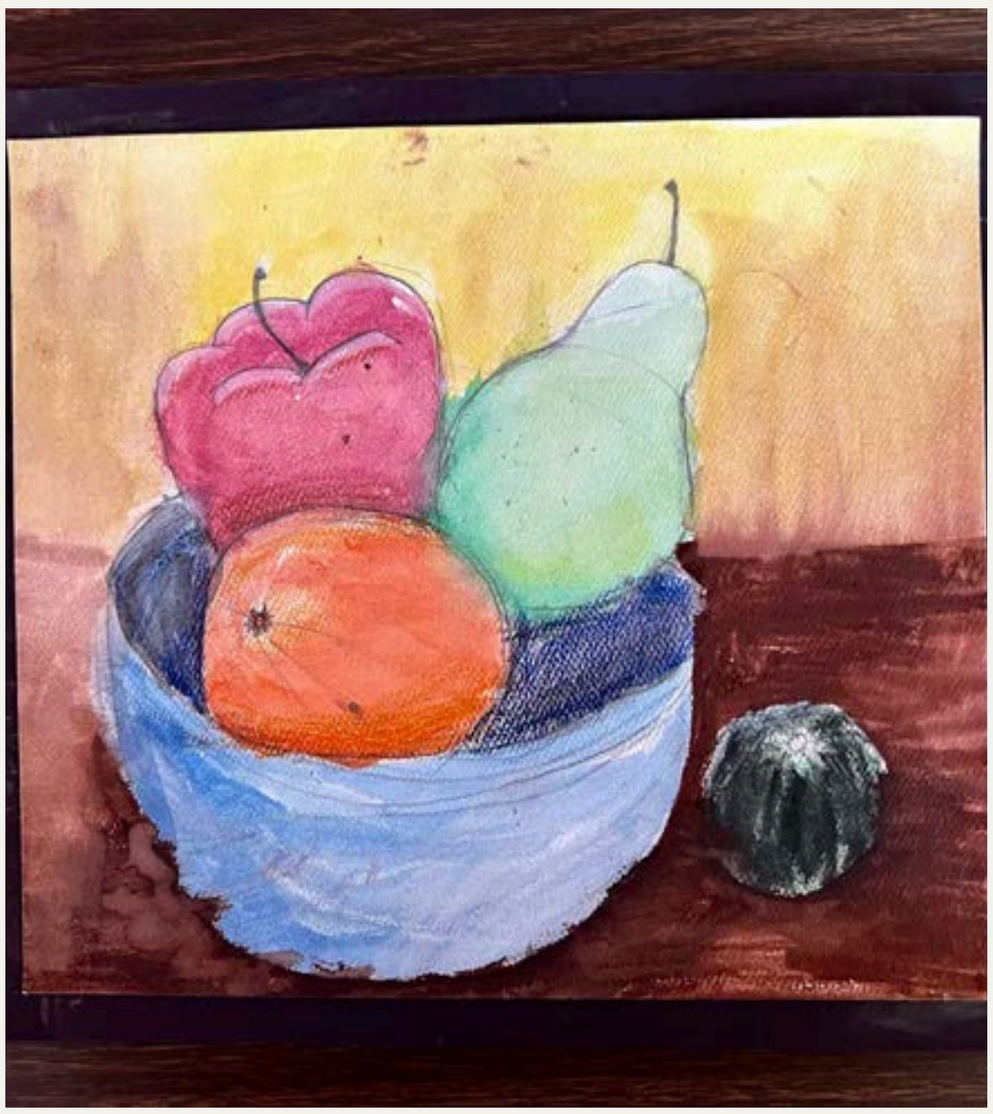

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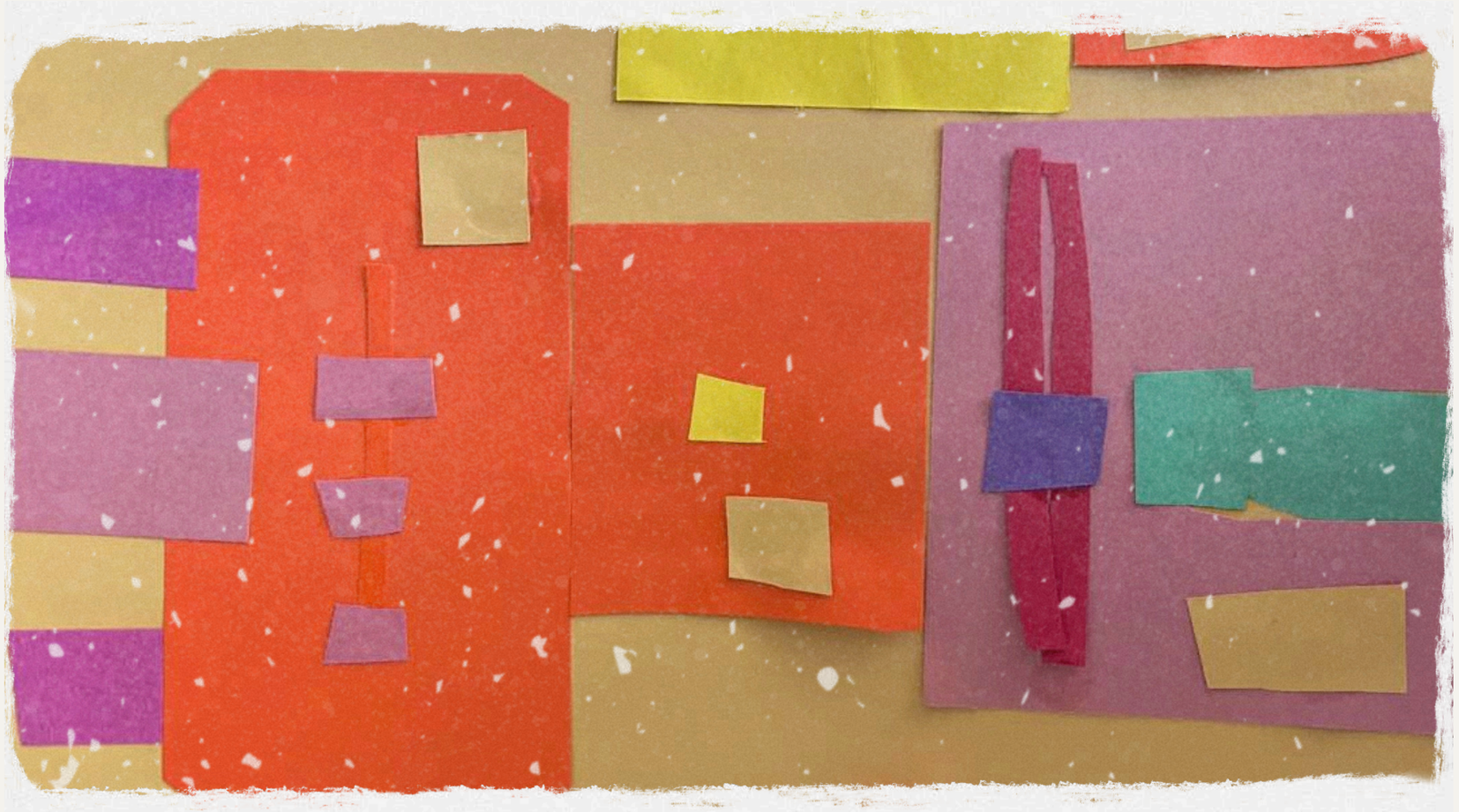

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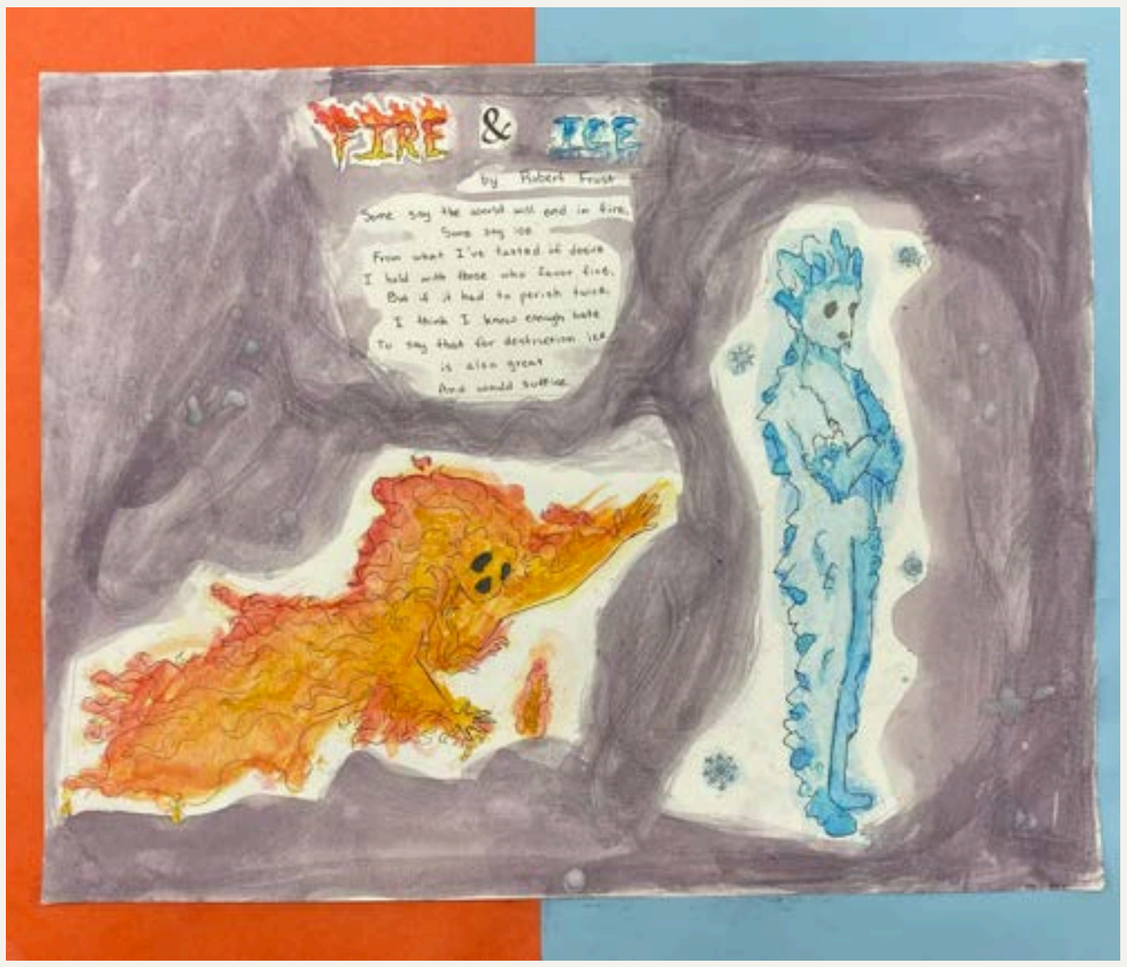

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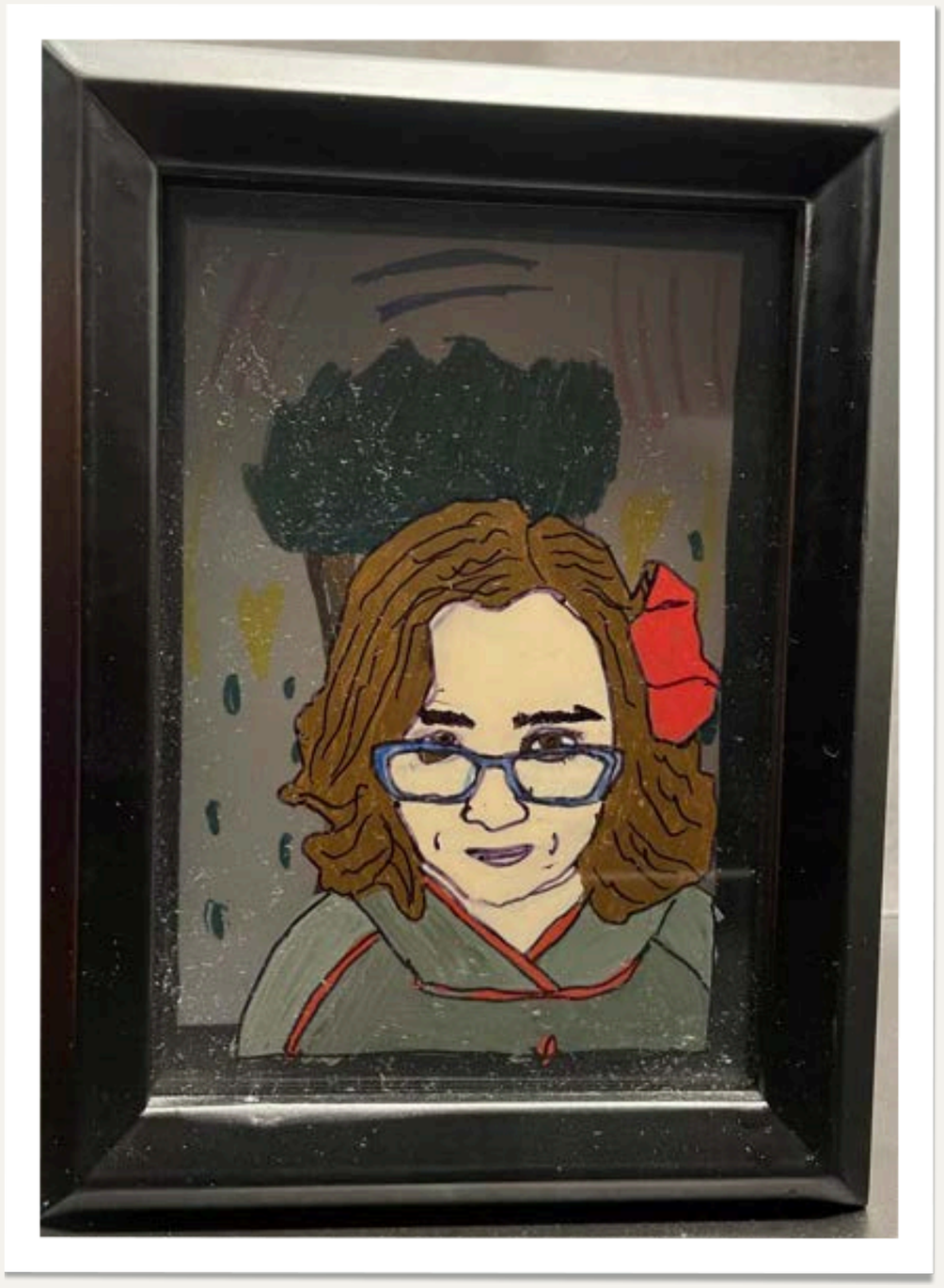

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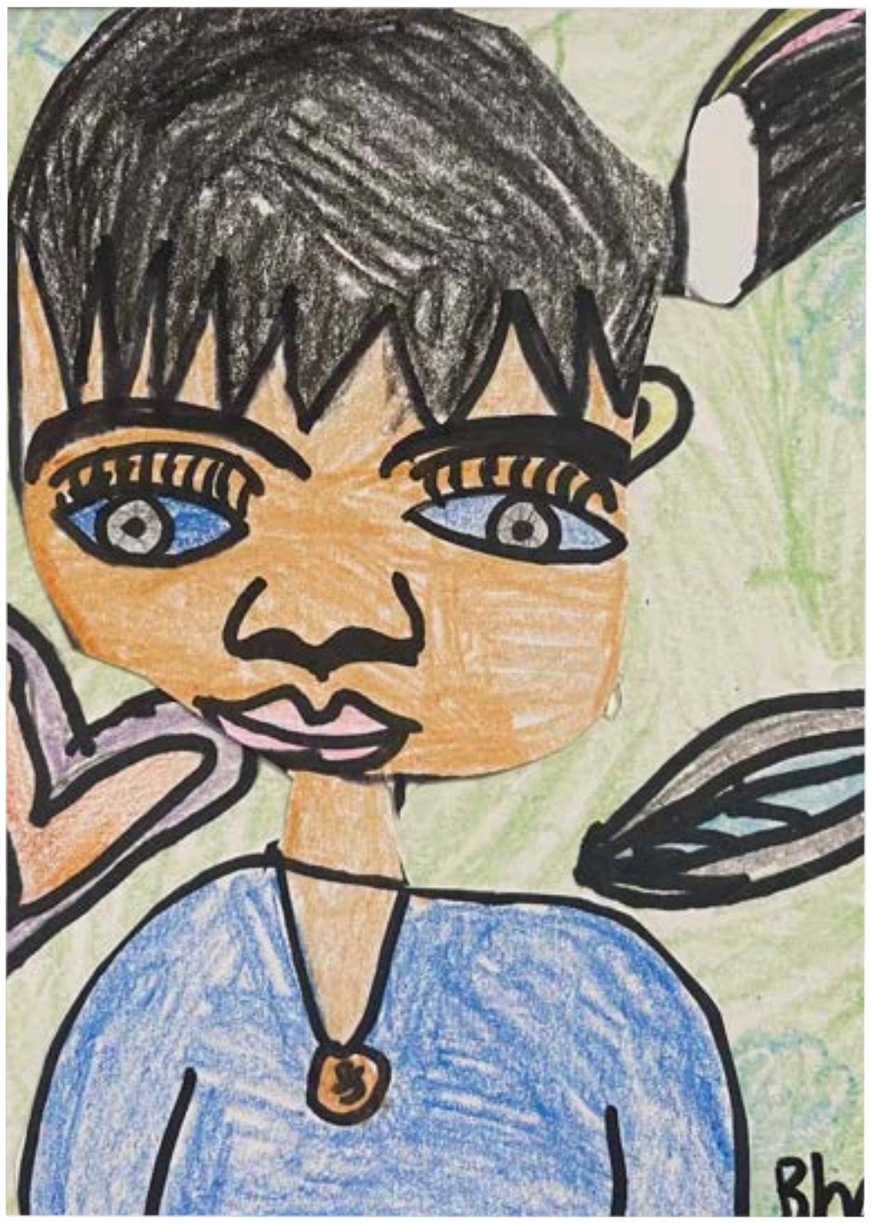

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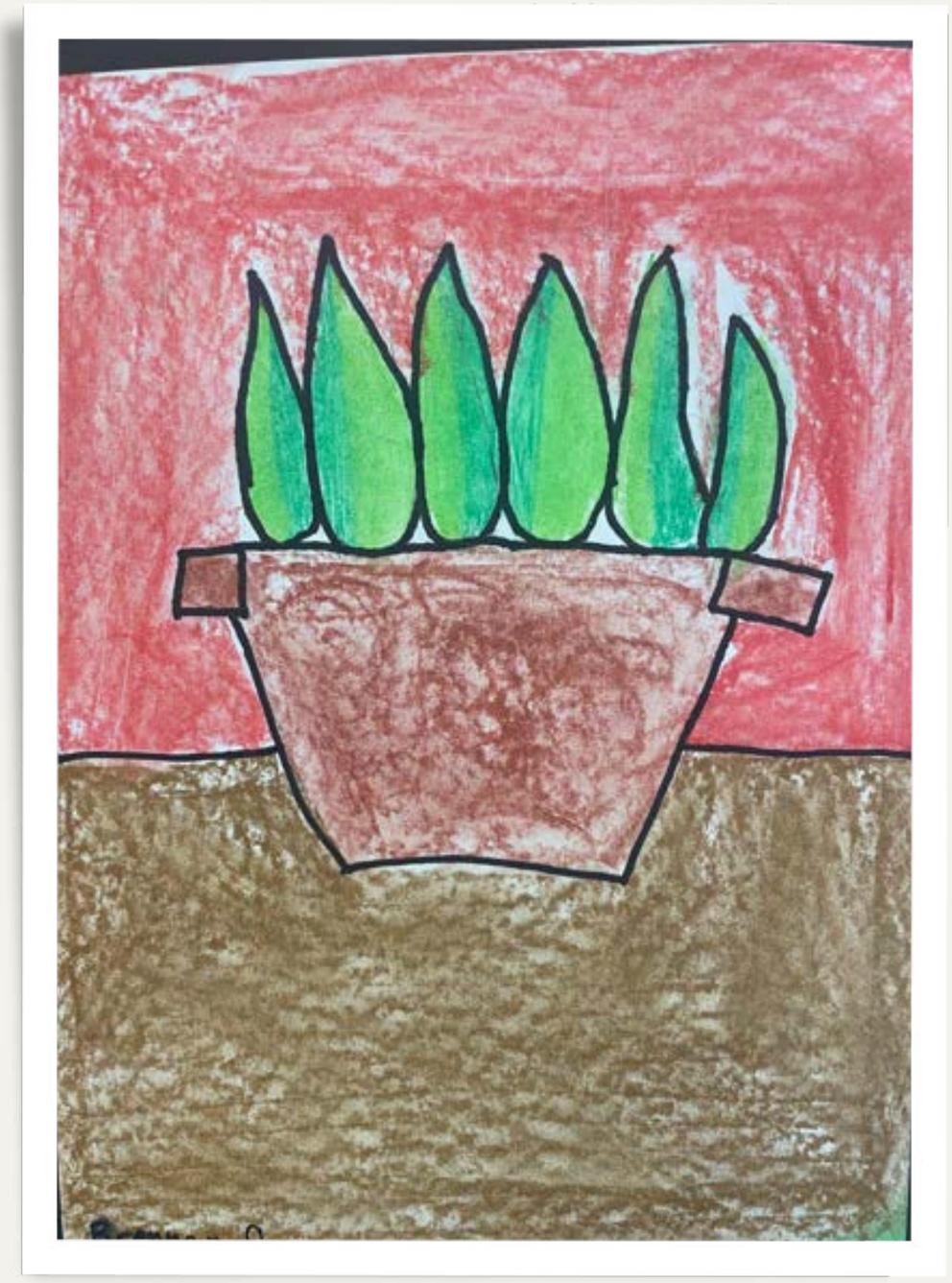

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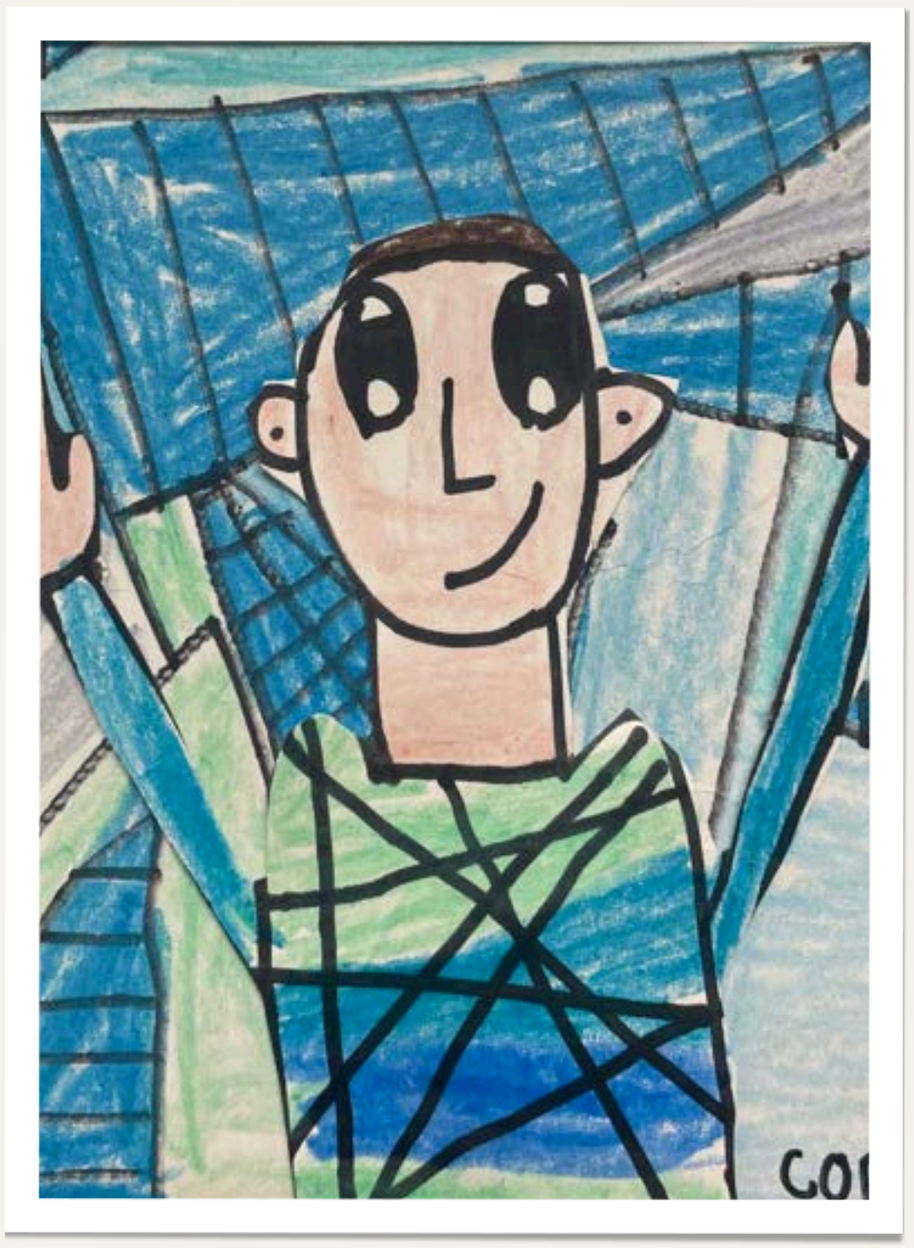

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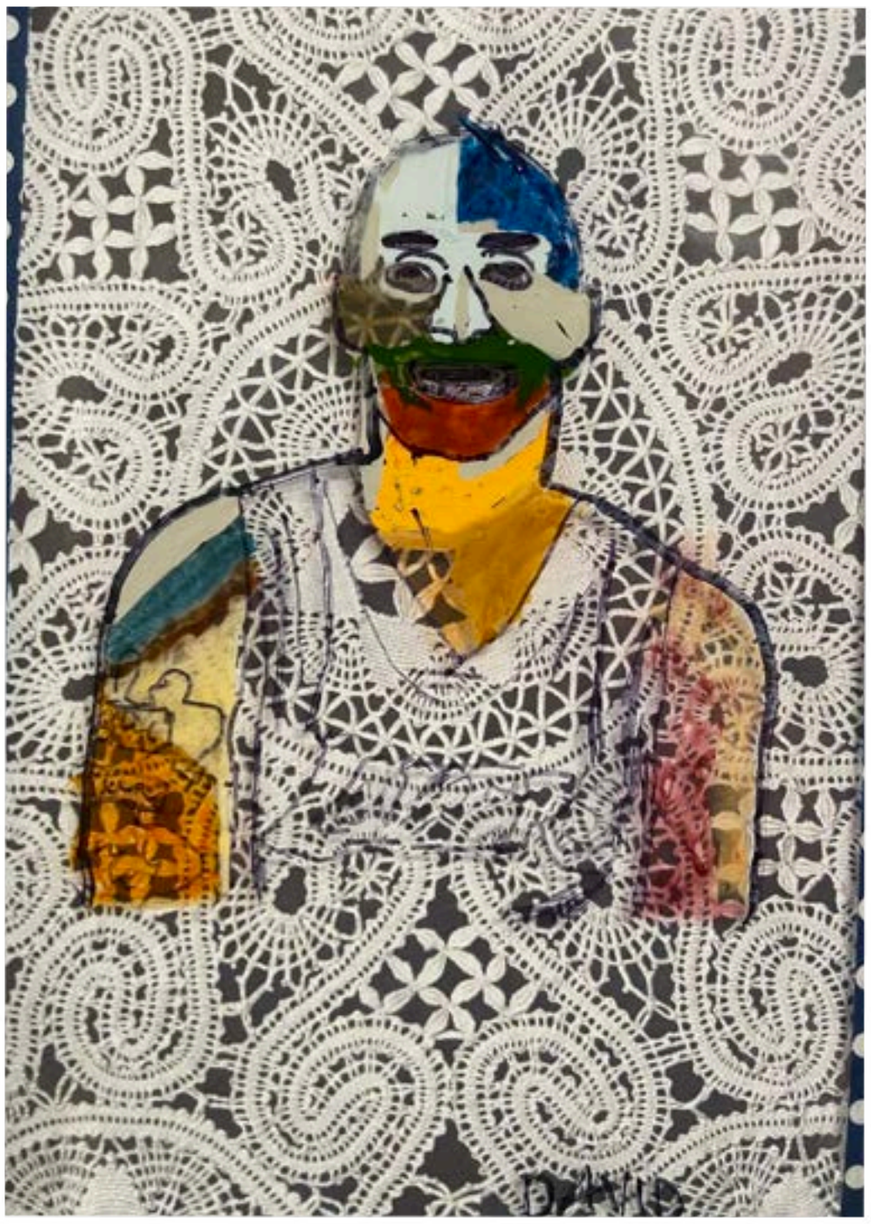

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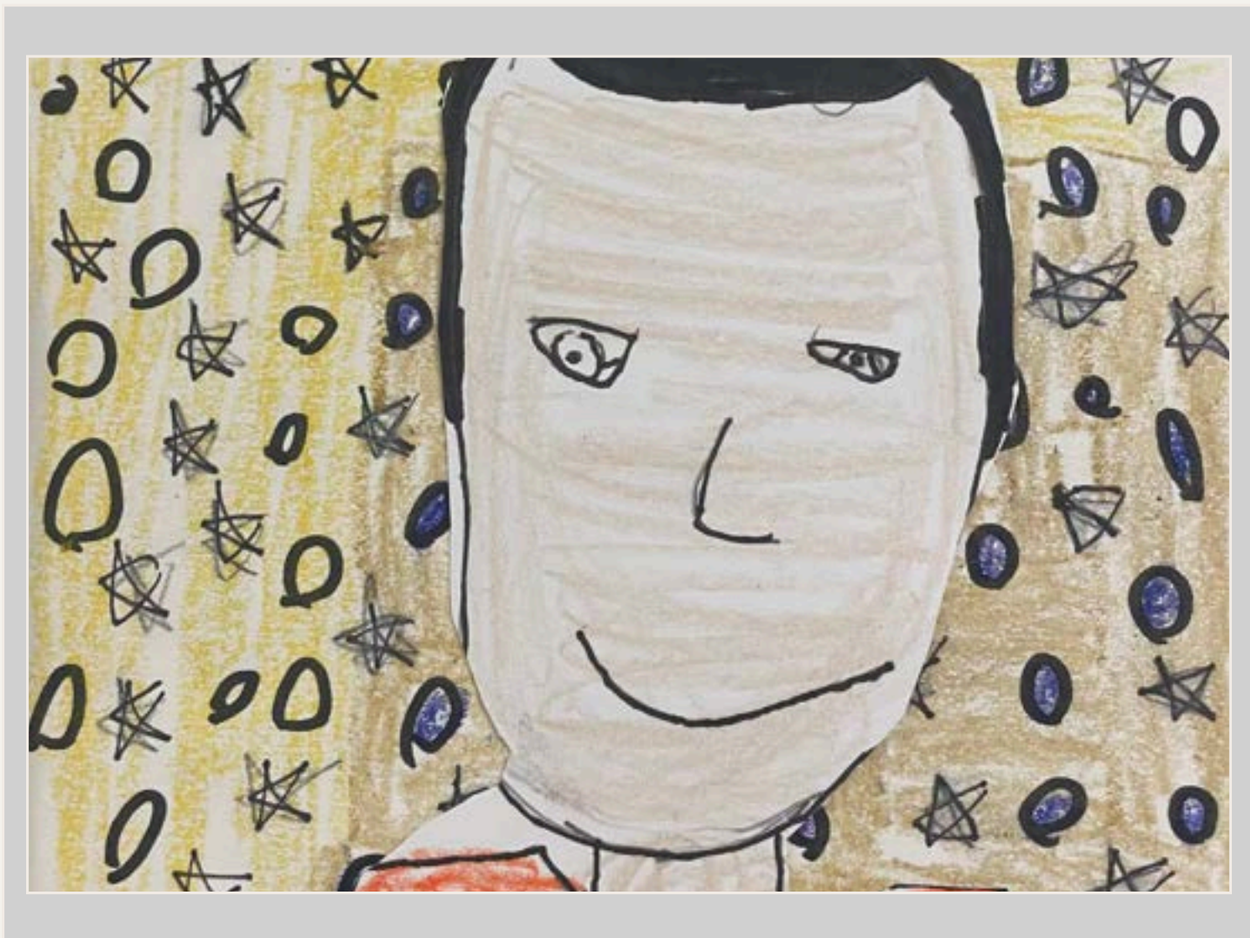

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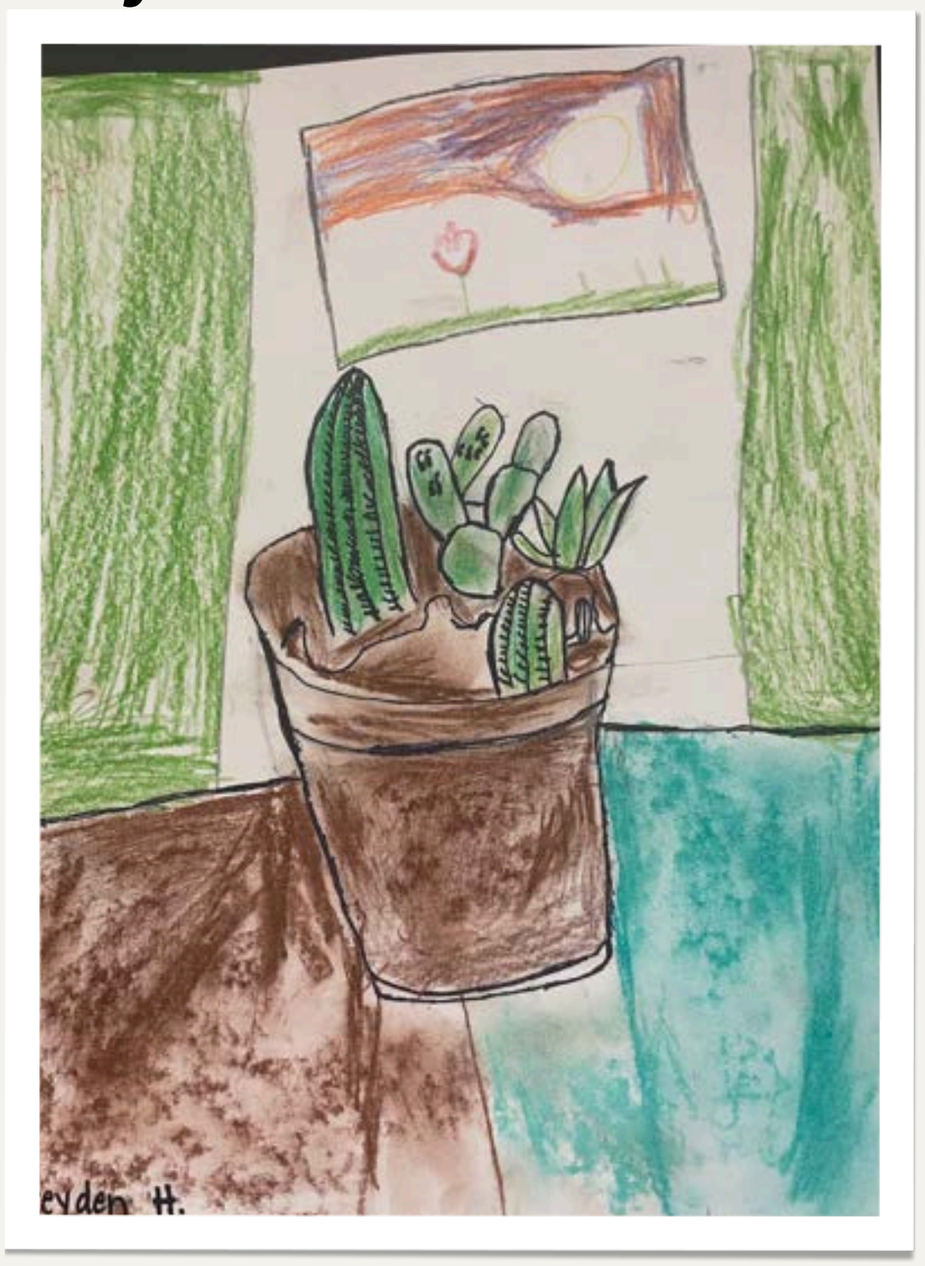

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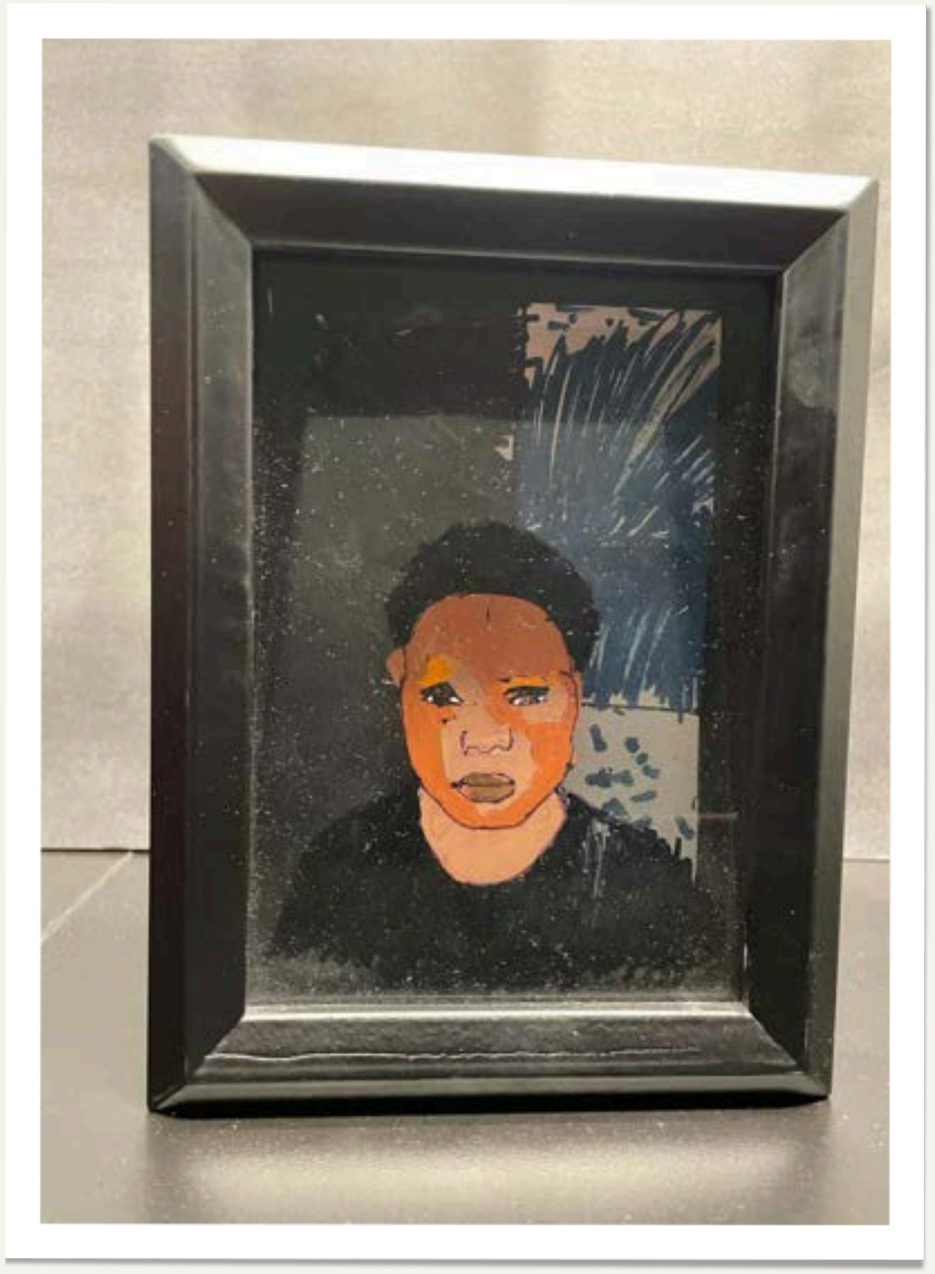

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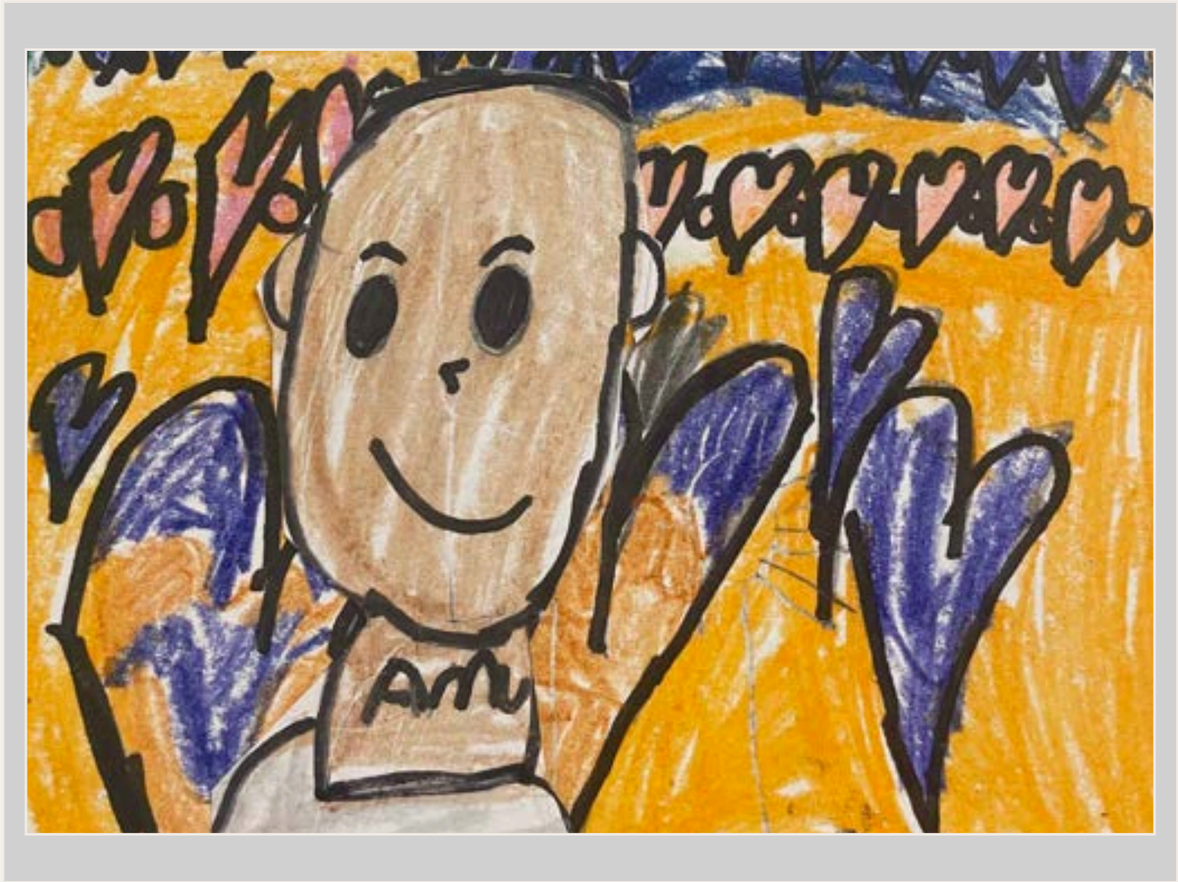

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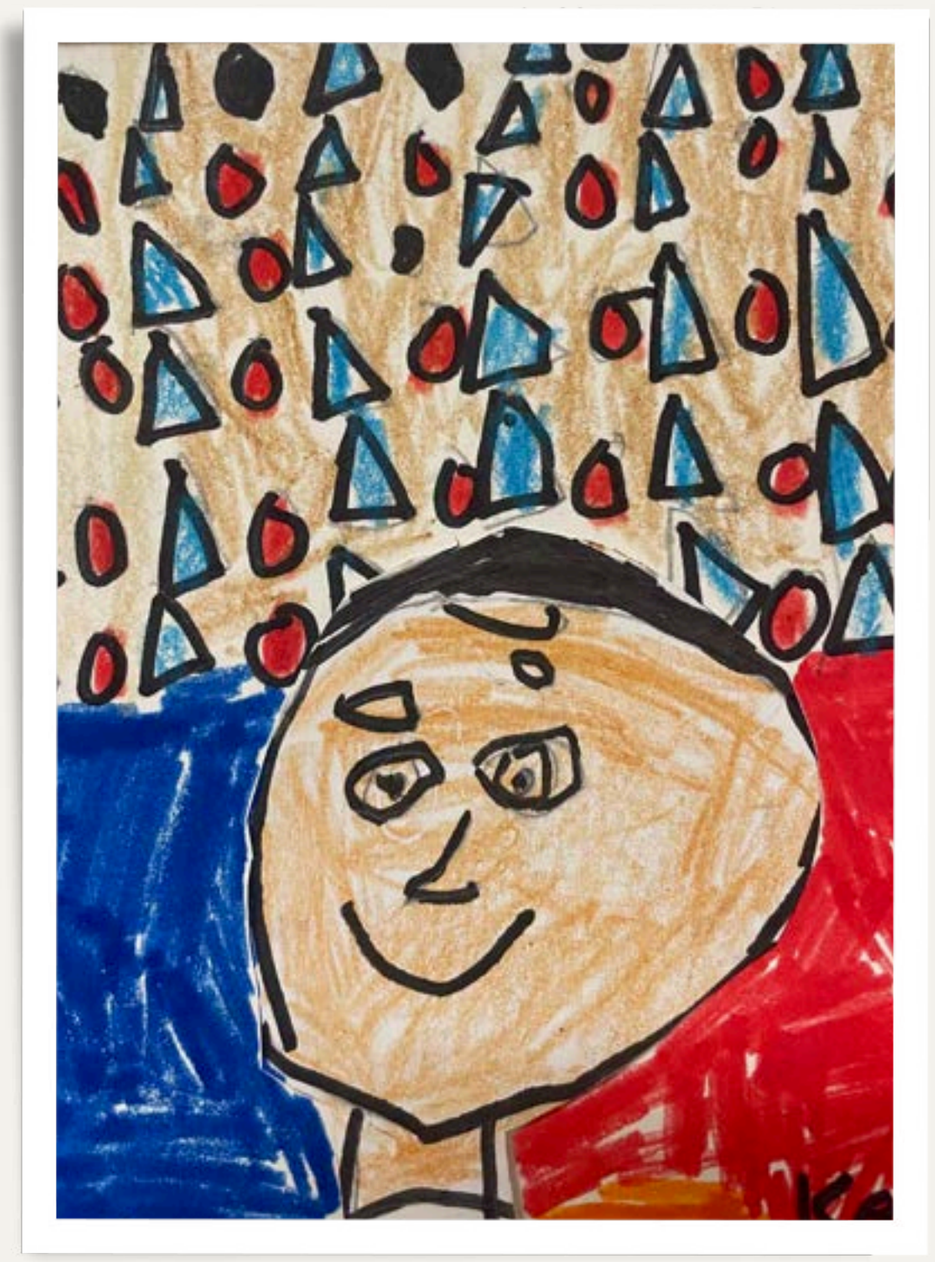

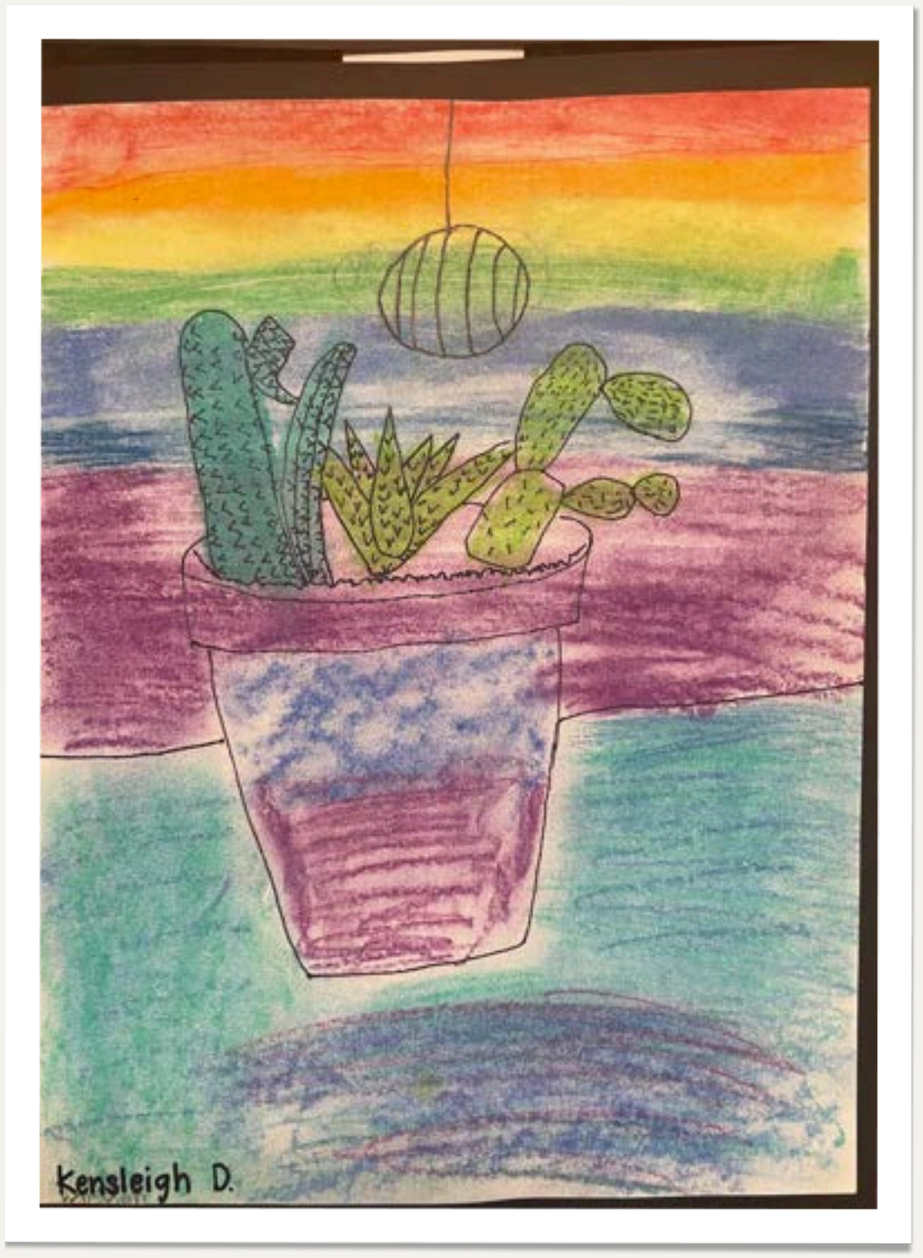

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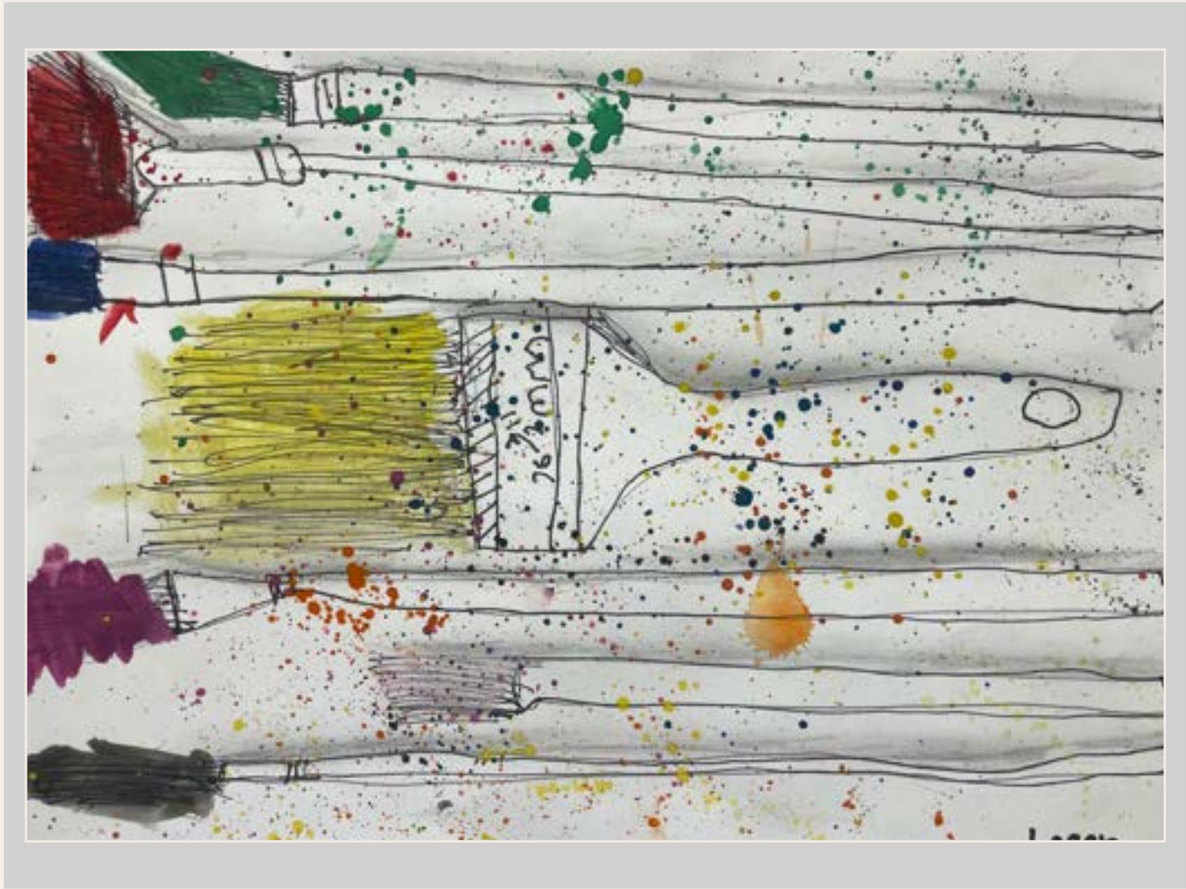

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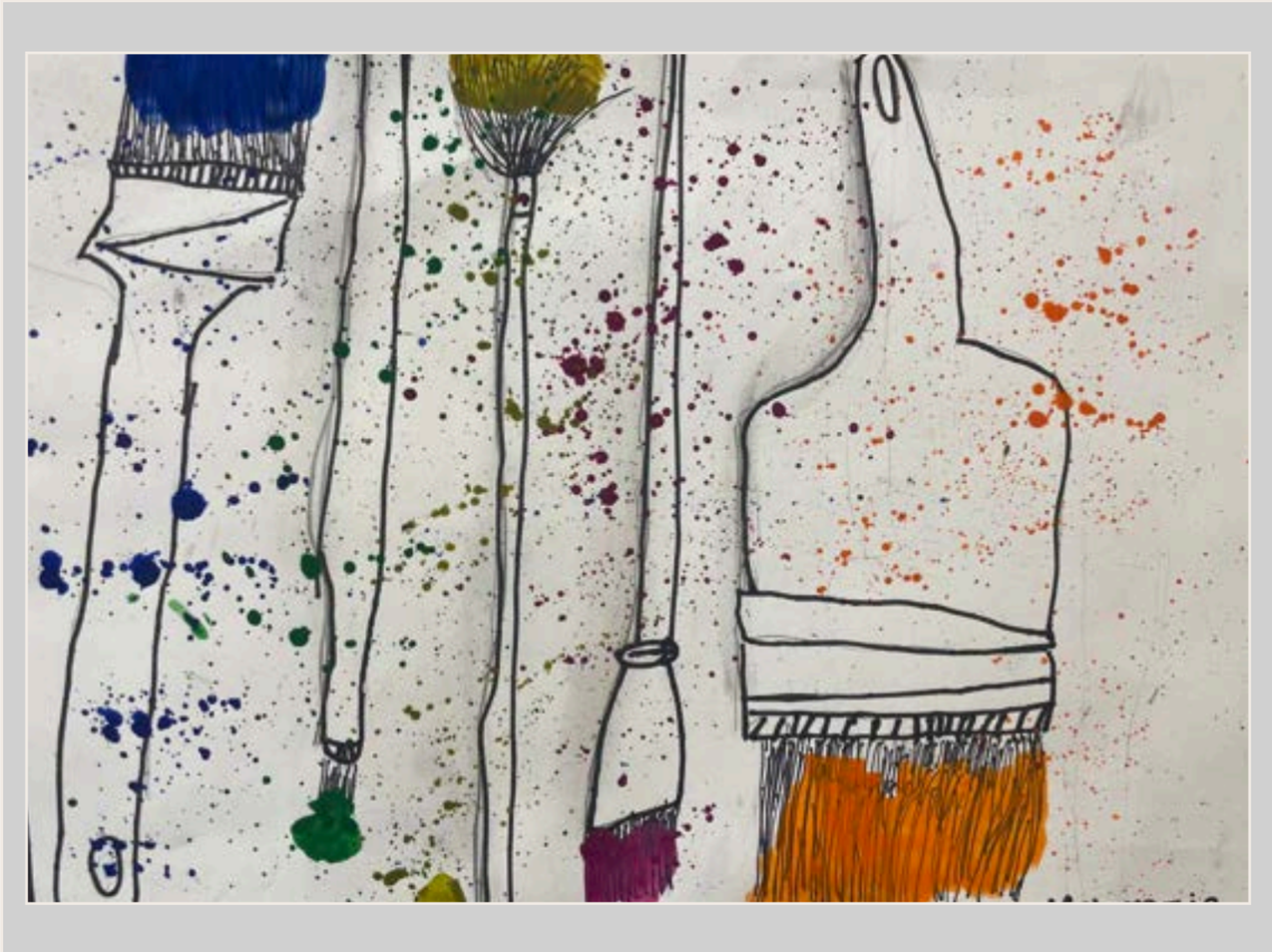

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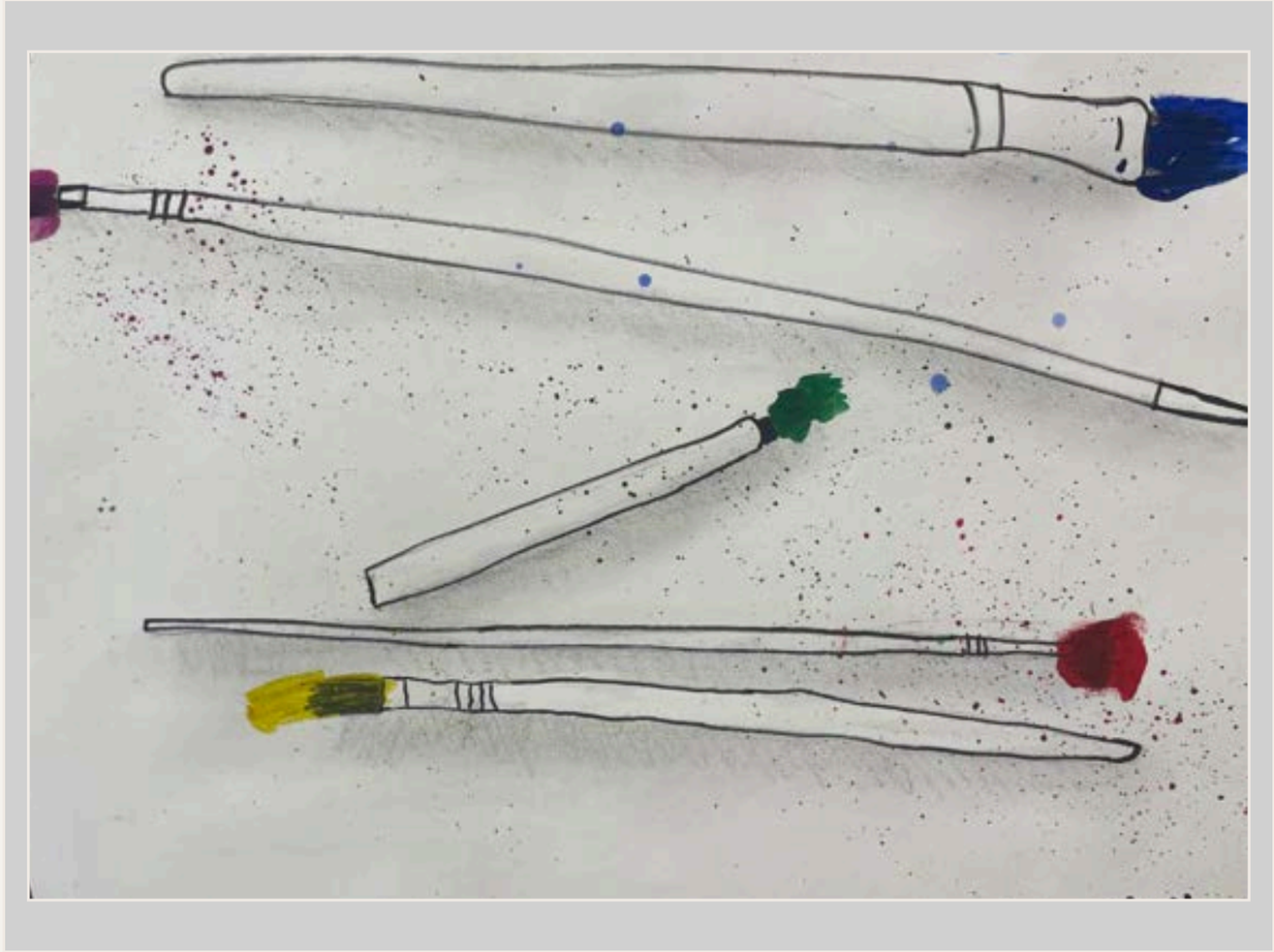

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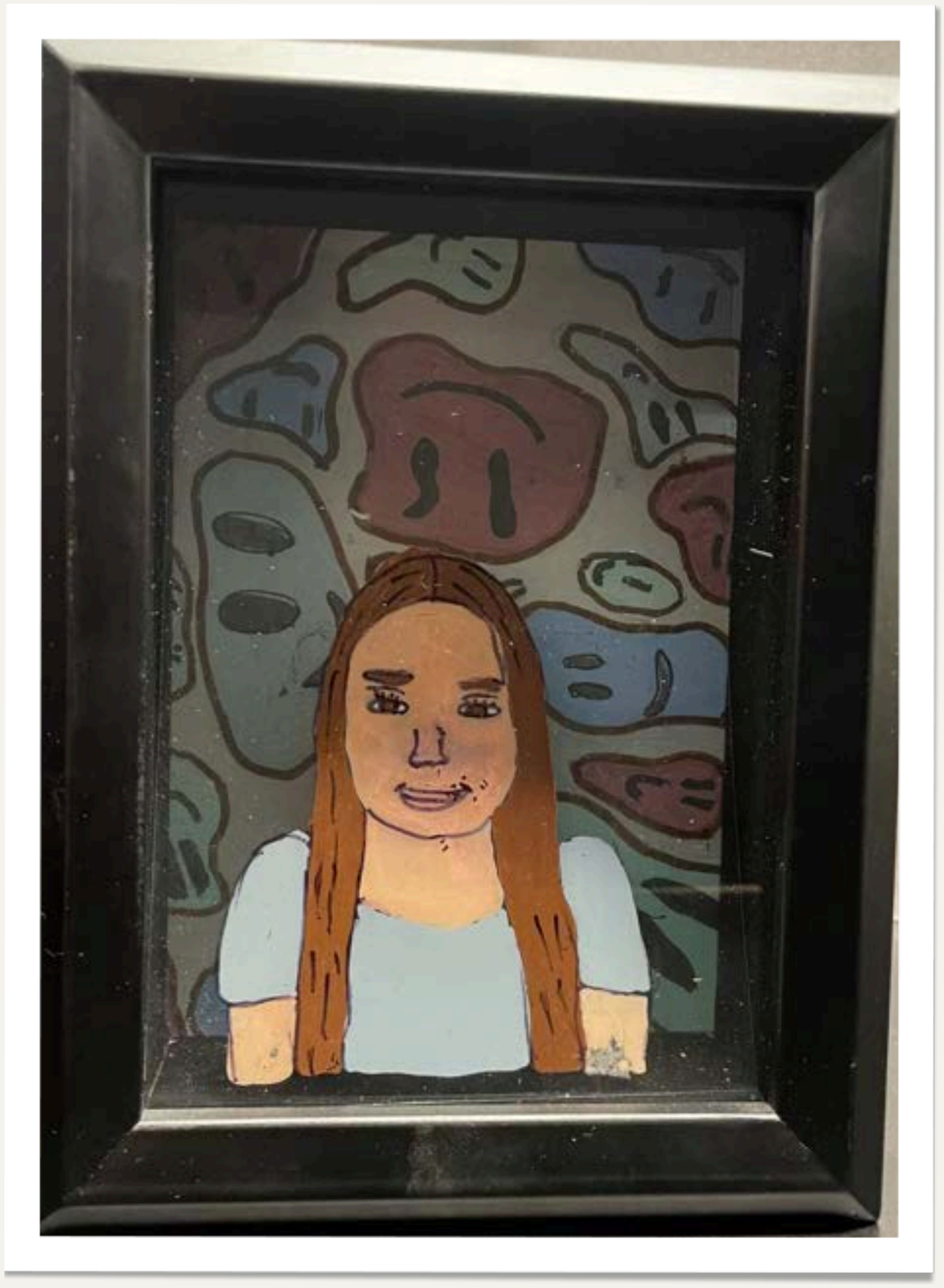

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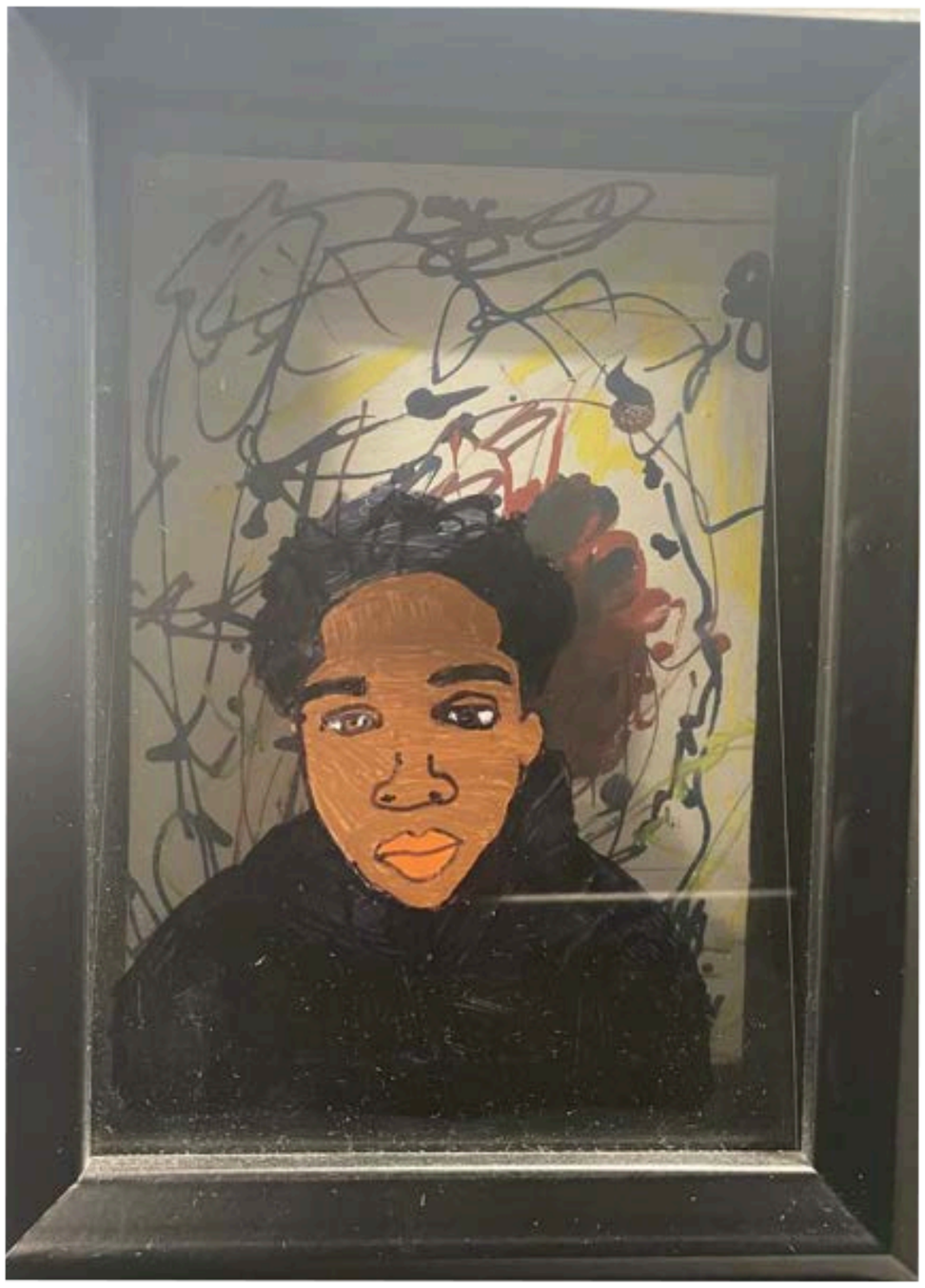

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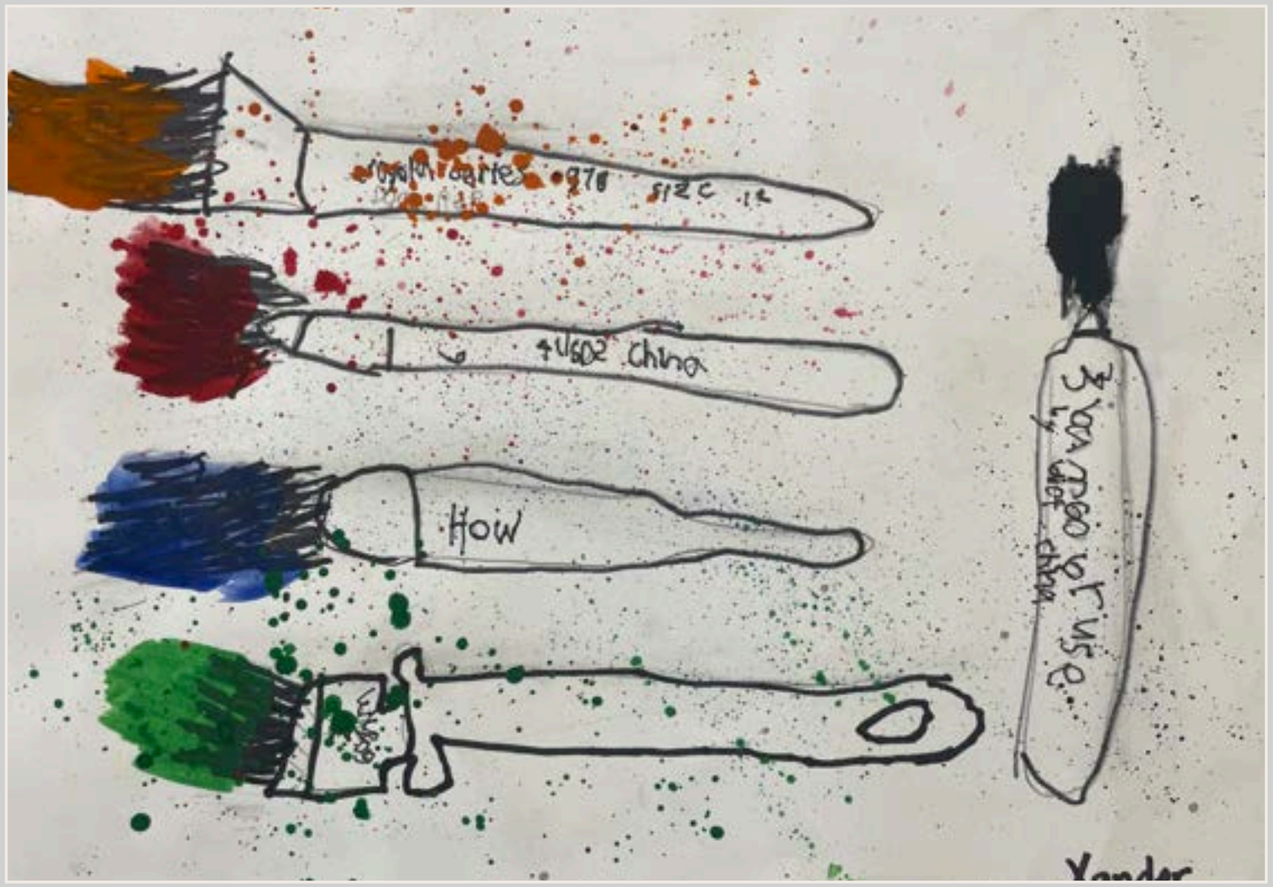

Xander B.

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2023-2024

40TH ANNIVERSARY PARTNERS IN EDUCATION

53 BUSINESSES WILL CELEBRATE MILESTONE ANNIVERSARIES WITH THIER PARTNER SCHOOLS AND PROGRAMS

PARTNERS IN EDUCATION

40 YEARS (1984-2024)

Simmons Bank - Blue Ridge Elementary School

MFA Incorporated - Columbia Area Career Center

Central Bank of Boone County - Grant Elementary School

KOMU and Mid-Missouri CW - Columbia Public Schools

Boone Health - Jefferson Middle School

Commerce Bank - Parkade Elementary School

State Farm Insurance Agents of Columbia - Rock Bridge High School

Shelter Insurance - West Middle School

35 Years (1989-2024)

Columbia Mall - Columbia Public Schools

30 Years (1994-2024)

City of Columbia, Human Rights Commission/Law Dept.- Columbia Public Schools

Heart of Missouri United Way - Columbia Public Schools

The Kraft Heinz Company- Derby Ridge Elementary School

Voluntary Action Center - Hickman High School

Meals on Wheels - Rock Bridge Elementary School

2023-2024

40TH ANNIVERSARY PARTNERS IN EDUCATION

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PARTNERS IN EDUCATION

25 YEARS (1999-2024)

First State Community Bank - Benton STEM Elementary School

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Missouri - Columbia Public Schools

Visionworks Marketing Group - Columbia Public Schools

PW Architects - Locust Street Expressive Arts Elementary School

Rolling Hills Veterinary Hospital - Mill Creek Elementary School

20 Years (2004-2024)

US Bank - Alpha Hart Lewis Elementary School

Columbia Art League - Locust Street Expressive Arts Elementary School

LaCrosse Lumber Company - Quest South Program at Bethel Street Center

15 Years (2009-2024)

The Bank of Missouri - Center for Gifted Education

Local Motion - CPS Physical Education

The Crossing - Lange Middle School

D&H Drugstore - Midway Heights Elementary School

Hawthorn Bank - Mill Creek Elementary School

Columbia #2 Hy-Vee (Rock Bridge) - New Haven and Rock Bridge Elementary Schools

Parkade Baptist Church - Parkade Elementary School

2023-2024

40TH ANNIVERSARY PARTNERS IN EDUCATION

53 BUSINESSES WILL CELEBRATE MILESTONE ANNIVERSARIES WITH THIER PARTNER SCHOOLS AND PROGRAMS

PARTNERS IN EDUCATION

10 YEARS (2014-2024)

Eurofins - Battle High School

Columbia College - Jefferson Middle School

Shelter Insurance - CPS MAC Scholars

2023-2024

PARTNERSHIP FRIENDS

35 Years (1989-2024)

Columbia Daily Tribune - Douglass High School

30 Years (1994-2024)

Taco Bell - Columbia Public Schools

Domino's Pizza - Columbia Public Schools

McDonald's - Columbia Public Schools

Pizza Hut - Columbia Public Schools

25 Years (1999-2024)

Applebee's - Columbia Public Schools

KBIA FM - Columbia Public Schools

Papa John's Pizza - Columbia Public School

20 Years (2004-2024)

MU Women's Gymnastics- Columbia Public Schools

MFA Oil Company - CPS Athletics Department

TRYPS Children's Theatre - Rock Bridge High School

2023-2024

PARTNERSHIP FRIENDS

15 Years (2009-2024)

American Heart Association - CPS Physical Education

Columbia Boonslick Kiwanis Club - Locust Street Expressive Arts Elementary School

Farmers Insurance - Columbia Public Schools

Jimmy John's - Columbia Public Schools

TGI Fridays - Columbia Public Schools

10 Years (2014-2024)

Sparky's Homemade Ice Cream - Locust Street Expressive Arts Elementary School

5 Years (2019-2024)

Jersey Mike's Subs - Columbia Public Schools

Slim Chickens - Cedar Ridge Elementary School

Appletree Quilting Center - CPS Family & Consumer Sciences Department

Satin Stitches - Cedar Ridge Elementary School