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## Why I Chose Audrey Lovell and Rylan Brown

I have selected Audrey Lovell as one of my mentees as she has a desire to pursue an art career after high school. She has shown a love of creating and demonstrates leadership in the art room. I have had the privilege of teaching Audrey over the past four years, and she has grown both as an artist and a leader as she has pushed herself and guided others in their work. Likewise, I have selected Rylan Brown as one of my mentees as she also hopes to pursue an art career after high school. She has a love for travel, art, and design. I have had the honor of guiding Rylan in her artistic endeavors over the past three years of art classes, and she has greatly developed her skills as well as her creative concepts.

## **Artist Statement**

As a high school art teacher, I teach courses that concentrate on two-dimensional art forms such as drawing, painting, and printmaking. Recently in my professional work as an artist, I have discovered my love of watercolor and its ethereal qualities. It is a medium that allows me to experiment with mixing, blending, and layering as I watch the image come to life. I enjoy the process of mixing colors and watching the paint bleed and interact. Most of my personal work focuses on memory and place as I paint imagery that narrates a specific moment in time.