



Danielle Richard, Grasshopper

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Artist Statement

"Pink Skies" was inspired by impressionist artists and my own colorful imagination. Digitally, it is easy to see each stroke on the canvas. I wanted to match a landscape painting with colors that would not typically be observed in nature. In this way, I created an abstract piece that still resembles something familiar. The strokes were meant to be choppy and thick. Overall, *"Pink Skies"* is a colorful depiction of the ocean and the clouds.

Commentary on Learning with Mr. States

Entering the art room during my junior year single-handedly changed the trajectory of my high school career. On the days that I struggled; I knew that there would be a safe, comfortable space available to me whenever I needed it. Mr. States' continuous support, talent, and guidance have allowed me to flourish as both a person and an artist. From water paint portraiture to creatively constructed ceramic pots, I have tried my hand at every medium and been given the autonomy to explore my style. Mr. States' classroom is a place of creativity and teamwork, and I will graduate knowing that it has shaped me as an artist.