



Madison Thomson, Grasshopper

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Commentary

In my four years of high school, I have taken multiple art courses with Mrs. McNulty; those being Studio in Art, Drawing and Painting I and II, and this year I am taking Senior Portfolio where I am creating my own unique collection. During those classes, I learned so many new techniques, materials, and ideas from Mrs. McNulty. I learned about my style through her. Although she and I have very different tastes, seeing her use different materials and make different examples of an assignment helped me understand that not everything is supposed to be perfect. I've been experimenting with different techniques to show unique faces with different structures, sizes, and shapes of features, helping me understand that not every painting is going to be proportionate and perfect.

Artist Statement

I grew up in a family of artists. My aunt took every possible art course in college, was an art teacher, and has been selling art since she was in high school. My mom and sister have an underlying talent they won't confess to but always have doodled and sketched for fun in their free time. I knew from a young age that I wanted to pursue something art-related in college, but I was stuck on what exactly I wanted to do. I floated around ideas of graphic design, art management, and just being an artist with a studio. This past year I have become set on going to college to be an art teacher. I grew into art at a young age and I want to help kids feel the same way about art that I did when I was in elementary and middle school. I want to help kids learn about creativity and doing something without boundaries.