



Kadence Osborne, Grasshopper

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Artist Statement

My name is Kadence Osborne, and as a senior in High School, I have been a part of the Liverpool art community for several years now. I primarily illustrate cartoons and animate digitally, but I have loved working with different mediums and software in my Drawing/Painting classes and Comics, Illustrations, and Concept Art class. In the last 8 or so years of my life I have been drawing every day in hope to improve my skills, and I can happily say that it's been paying off! At Liverpool High School alone, I have earned several gold keys, silver keys, and honorable mentions in the Scholastics Art and Writing Contest, being showcased in Syracuse art exhibitions, given awards for my achievements in National Art Honor Society, and have graciously received several incredible arts and scholars' scholarships for my commitment to Liverpool's art department and the community. A huge part of my life revolves around art, which is why I have also volunteered my time to design stickers for school sales, made logos for clubs, and taken up commissions that support the NAHS. My goal is to go to SCAD University or SUNY Fredonia to pursue a bachelor's degree in Animation (BFA), and work for a high-end studio that will one day bring my cartoons and ideas to a larger audience and entertain them.

Although I've only taken Mr.Casciano's Comics, Illustrations, and Concept Art class for less than a year now, I can definitely say it's been one of the most helpful and exciting classes I've been in. Due to the COVID situation, I was nervous about performing well in a digital art class where I often did not have access to expensive software. However, my fears were short lived due to Mr.Casciano's incredible teaching skills and creative thinking. He is adaptive to the new circumstances faster than most of my teachers, and in face of hardships, has never given up. His history with the arts is extremely inspiring, and when I look at his work, I can see the passion and energy he puts into each beautiful painting. On top of all this, he's one of the few teachers who's ever really challenged me to work harder. In other classes, I've always received perfect grades for my assignments just for following the requirements; but in Mr.Casciano's class, he urges me to go above and beyond, and never just gives his students perfect scores. I have had to work harder in his art class than any other, but it is completely worth it, considering how much more I'm learning and how many opportunities he's given me. So yes, I haven't taken Mr.Casciano's class for long, but I can say without a doubt that he is a fantastic teacher and an awe inspiring artist.