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Why I Chose Helen Antanavage and Nick Perneta

When choosing the artwork for this exhibition, I aimed to select a variety of work from the different classes that I teach throughout the year at North Schuylkill, highlighting the students who exemplify great concept and skill within their art medium. Two of these students, Helen Antanavage & Nick Perneta, continue to find appreciation for each other's work while also finding inspiration in the world around them.

Helen & Nick have taken every opportunity to further their talents in art and have been involved in all phases of the artistic process, by not just producing the work, but also in the presentation, display, and discussion of their artwork as well.

Artist Statement

Each and every piece of artwork I create contains a fragment of myself. Every piece I create is created in an effort to reveal myself. My work explores my own curiosities, addressing images that some may feel odd, obscure, or even grotesque. My infatuation with these such oddities manifests itself within my work. My artwork explores this contrasting balance of darkness by exploring light and dark, death and life, sorrows, and joy.

Acrylic; Oil; Compressed Charcoal or Mixed Media are the materials and processes most employed for my work.

My art to me means a way to express myself throughout drawing, painting, or 3D design. I believe that it is not all going to be good, however, that is art. Overall, my art comes from the heart, not the brain, it is not something that I could think about before I do it, as it comes naturally to me, through me.