

Interpretations of Life through Art

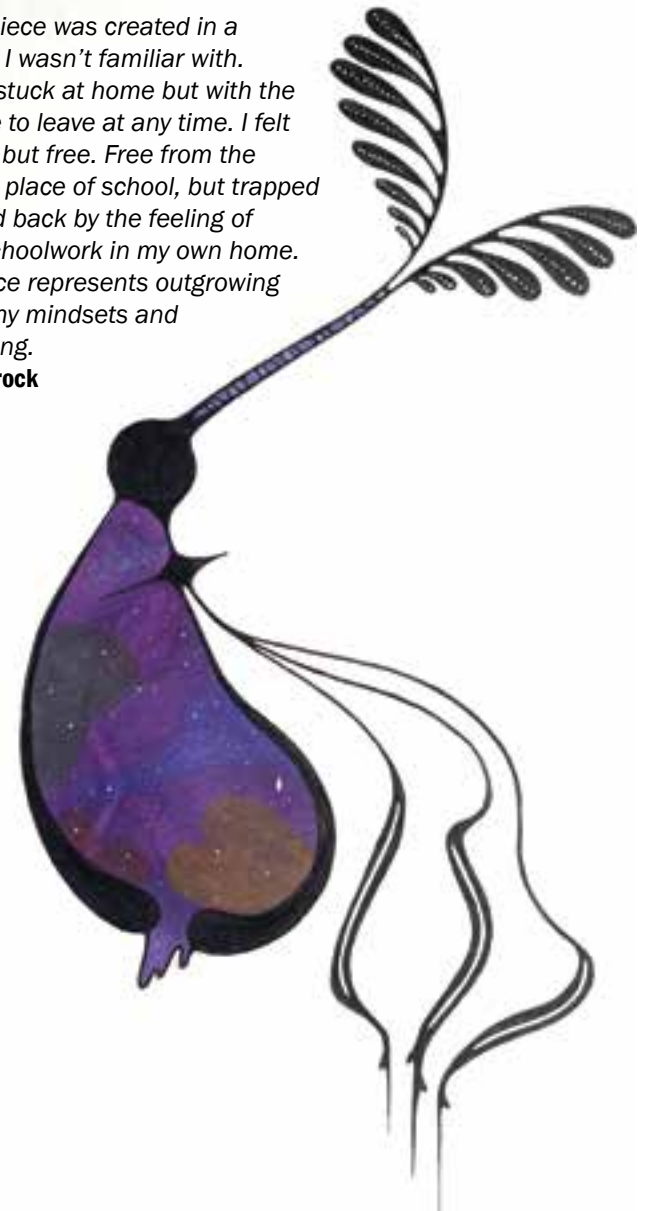
Creative works give Jefferson seniors a voice



When I came to Jefferson, art became a huge part of my identity. In my four years of high school, I discovered that I really enjoyed drawing buildings. For the Portland Observer, I decided to draw the school that represents a second home to me.--Jayla Pride

My art piece was created in a mindset I wasn't familiar with. Feeling stuck at home but with the privilege to leave at any time. I felt trapped but free. Free from the physical place of school, but trapped and held back by the feeling of doing schoolwork in my own home. This piece represents outgrowing unhealthy mindsets and prospering.

--Aries Brock



There's so much going on in the world right now and a mass of it is destruction, so this painting is a reminder that there will be good things coming out of the pandemic that wouldn't have happened without it.

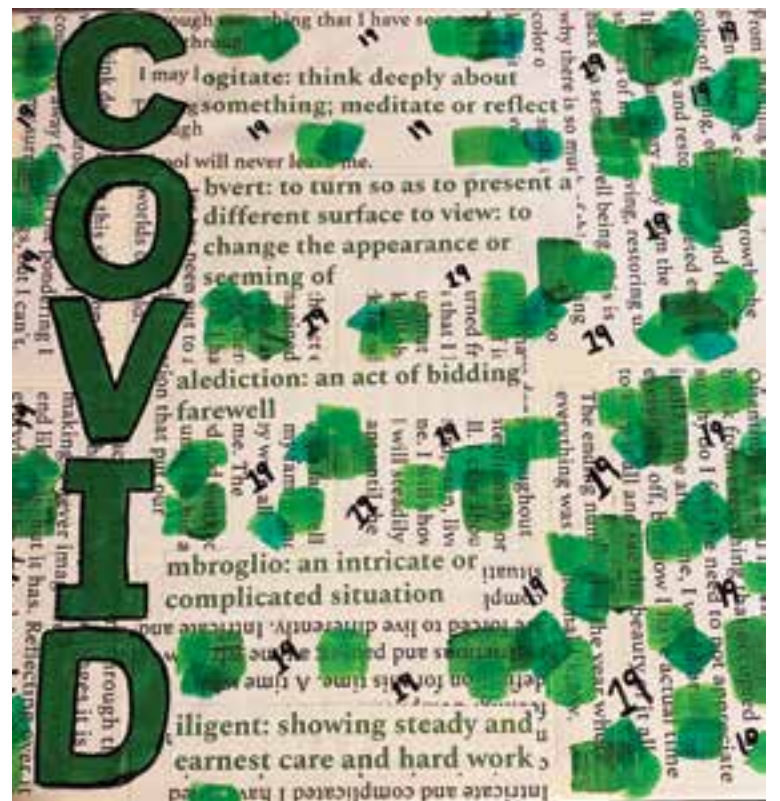
--Samuel Densmore



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The background of the canvas include words I chose for each letter in COVID, providing an alternative acronym for the coronavirus; Cogitate to think deeply; Obvert to present different views; Valediction for an act of bidding farewell; Imbrogio to show a complicated situation; and Diligent to show steadiness. I drew each letter and its definitions in green, a color associated with new beginnings and a time of renewal and rebirths. The color green is what I believe connects us most to this time.

-- Gabriela Azcorra-Uicab