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Students prepare for futures in art beyond high school

By junior and senior year, students started the complicated college search, beginning the application process to endless colleges or waiting for that one letter determining the next chapter in their lives. While many students applied to state schools or community colleges, some students chose a different route with a liberal arts college or even art school.

A few talented student artists planned on attending art school while others simply wanted to major in art at their chosen college. They might choose to attend this type of school or to major in art if they planned on getting a job in the field of art after their college graduation.

Student artists had many reasons for choosing this career path. "You get to make connections with people in the industry and art schools are focused on getting you a career in that," said Emily Beck (17).

Others decided that art school would be a better fit for them because it would be so different from a traditional college. "I was never the greatest at school. I didn't understand it. I like to create things through pictures, so I got into photography and film art and now I'm looking into an art college to strive with my creative mind and do what I love most," said Luke Anderson (18).

Student artists wanted to fight the misconception that finding a job involving art would not pay off. "I decided to apply to an art school because it is something I am very passionate about and if I can turn it into a career later on then I want to do anything to help me further my way in art," said Isabelle Kern (18).

Working hard and striving to get better each day would benefit students down the road, and art colleges served as a great option even if they were not a common choice for most. (I. Kern)



Emily Beck



Luke Anderson



Isabelle Kern



"I really loved the challenge of trying to get this piece looking as realistic as I could get it. I'm really pleased with the outcome and I can't wait to do more pieces like this with

shine." -Nicole Meyers



"My favorite piece that I've done is called 'Nachtumahr,' which is very old German for 'nightmare.' It's my favorite because it's my only traditional piece that shows a lot of emotion and movement - it's like the bird is about to take flight despite it being made of ink." -Suzy Hall (17)



"I took the photo from that point of view to get you to experience it from a different perspective. What intrigues me about it is how your

> eyes want to follow the bridge farther to see beyond what is there." -Annaliesa Johns (18)

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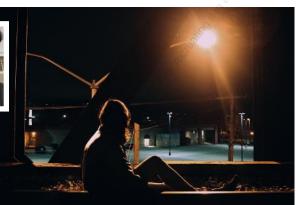
Student artists share favorite pieces



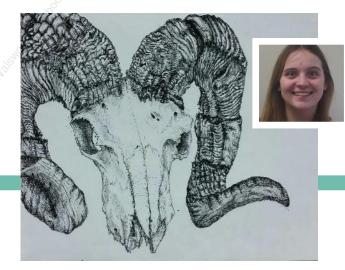
"Don't quote me." Yasmine Lopez (17)

"I drew this picture at a figure drawing class I take at the Bucktown Center for the Arts downtown every Thursday."

-Janiece Maddox (17)



"I like this piece of art because of the detail and the fact that it took me so long to do, and the outcome was well worth the work." -Andrea Misner (17)





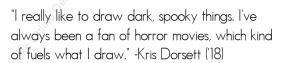




"I made this flower for a class assignment." -Lauren Amato (18)



"I drew this for my AP Art class. We had to do a portfolio of 24 pieces and this goes along with my concentration, which is half of the portfolio." -Dan Frandsen (18)



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