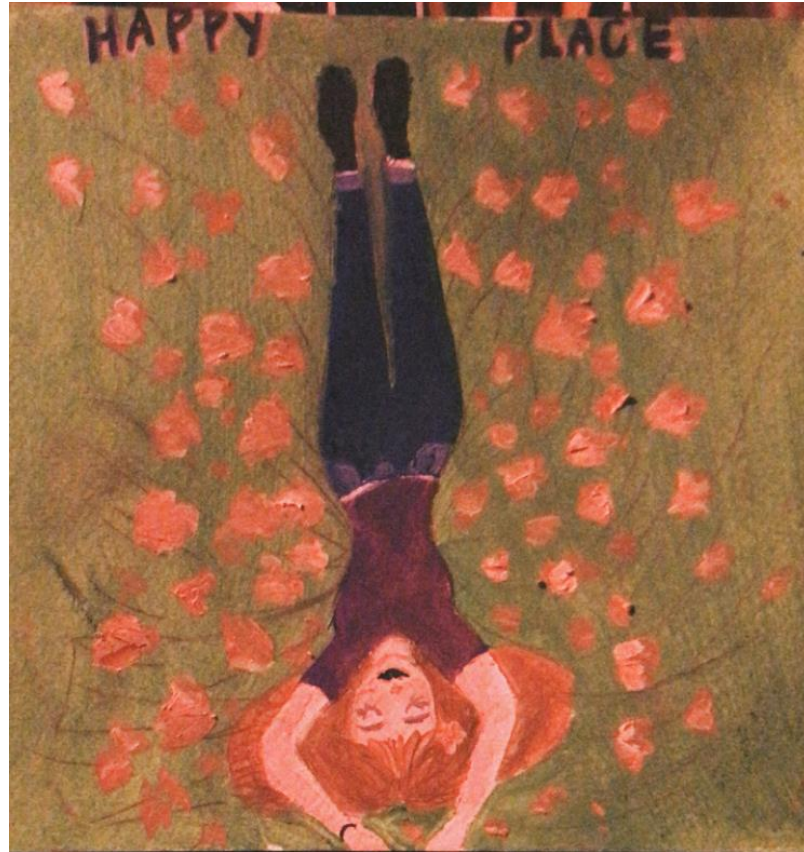
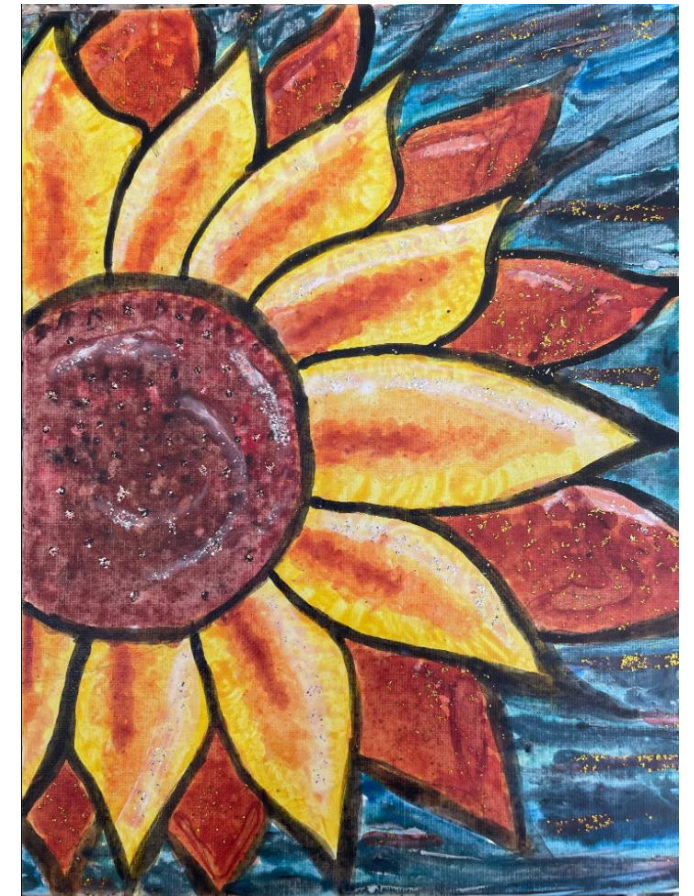




- **Name:** Jennifer McLaughlin
- **What does this art piece mean to you? Tell us more about your creative design!**
- This piece is very special to me because it represents putting your best face forward.



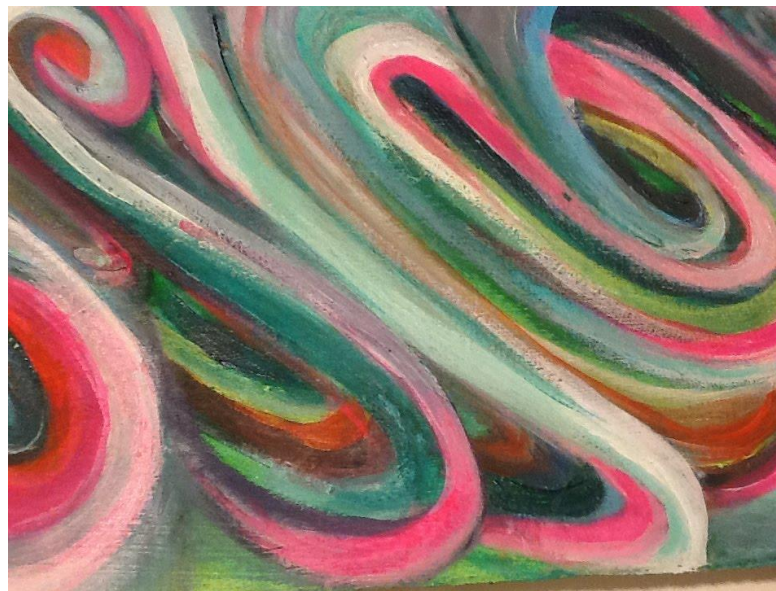
- **Name:** Grecia Meza
- **What does this art piece mean to you? Tell us more about your creative design!**
- My happy place , somewhere safe and calm , a poppy field!



- **Name:** Bianca Sanchez-Carbaja
- **What does this art piece mean to you? Tell us more about your creative design!**
- I painted this for one of the women who supported me in my journey of aging out, and who for my 18th birthday brought me a tiara and made me feel like a princess and loved and plus we are both obsessed with sunflowers. I decided to paint her something that would stand out in her office so others can see it, and they can ask about it so she could be able to tell them; of a teen who recently didn't believe that they could achieve anything good in



- **Name:** Jamia Scott
- **What does this art piece mean to you? Tell us more about your creative design!**
- So my art means to me peace and love and creativity because like reminds me like I'm watching a rainbow tropical sunset and I like rainbows they're beautiful and to me the remind me of nature so my design is basically nature like the palm trees are nature, the rainbow background is nature to me it's really god's beautiful nature. So I think that this painting I did explains nature, beauty and creation.



- **Name:** Eleanor Lopez-Dominge
- **What does this art piece mean to you? Tell us more about your creative design!**
- My piece represents the current and how it changes and the challenges human beings go through. "If your determined, nothing can stop you"



- **Name:** Alejandra Guerrero
- **What does this art piece mean to you? Tell us more about your creative design!**
- I've always found something so beautiful in the way a caterpillar can transform in a butterfly. The butterfly undergoes metamorphosis to become this beautiful creature able to soar and defy limits. This has always been a symbol that has resonated with me because I see my own life as a beautiful transformation. Growing up I thought life would be determined by the cards I had been dealt, but now that I've grown older I've realized life is really what you make it. There is no limit to how far you can go when you are determined.



- **Name:** Tiffany Arres
- **What does this art piece mean to you? Tell us more about your creative design!**
- This peice describes depth in both cool and warm tones. A piece that strikes myself when I am in the happiest moments of my life.



- **Name:** Lori Martin
- **What does this art piece mean to you? Tell us more about your creative design!**
- Freedom



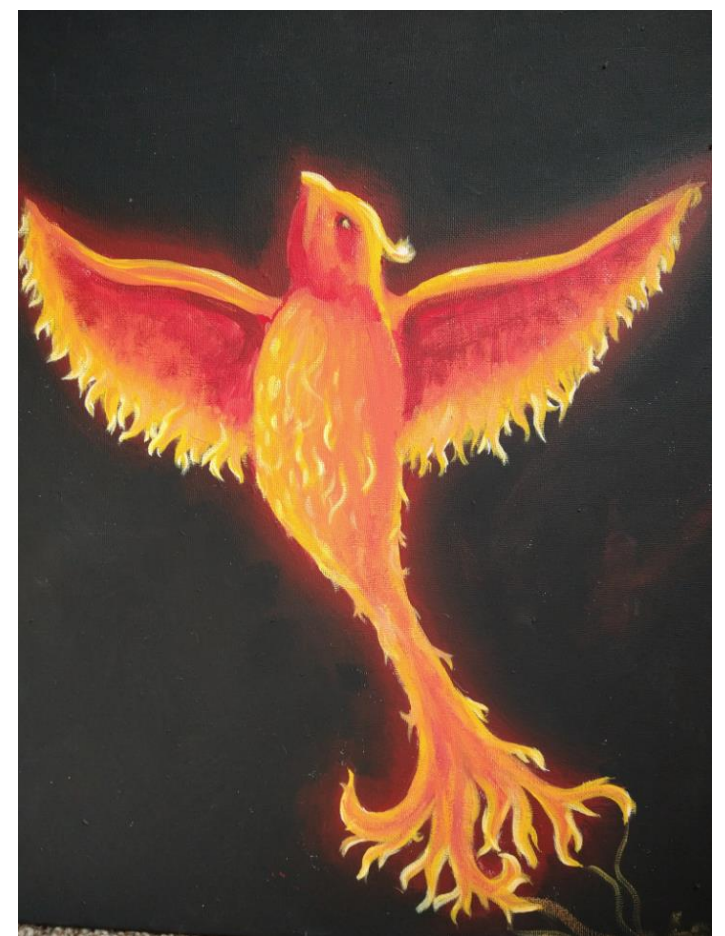
- **Name:** Kally Homchick
- **What does this art piece mean to you? Tell us more about your creative design!**
- This piece means freedom away from the darkness.



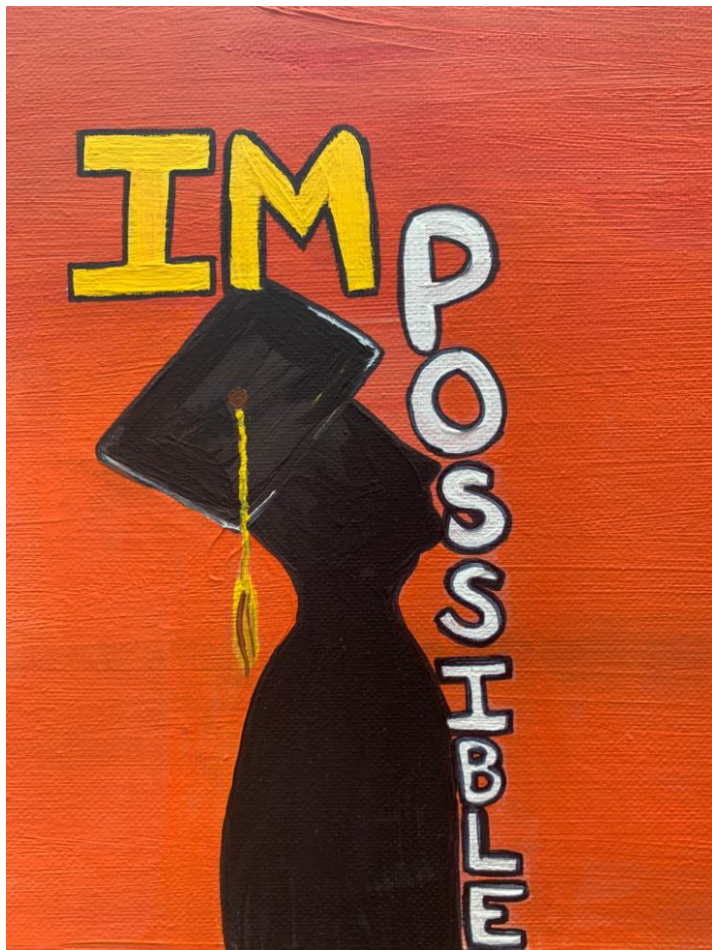
- **Name:** Salma Salazar
- **What does this art piece mean to you? Tell us more about your creative design!**
- If I had the possibility to have everything I need to live a life of my own design or a life of my dreams it would feel full of love, happiness, and fabulous. This picture I painted started off with a simple orange background because the simplest joys of life often are the happiest moments . The glitter represents the joy and sparkle inside of the heart of people.



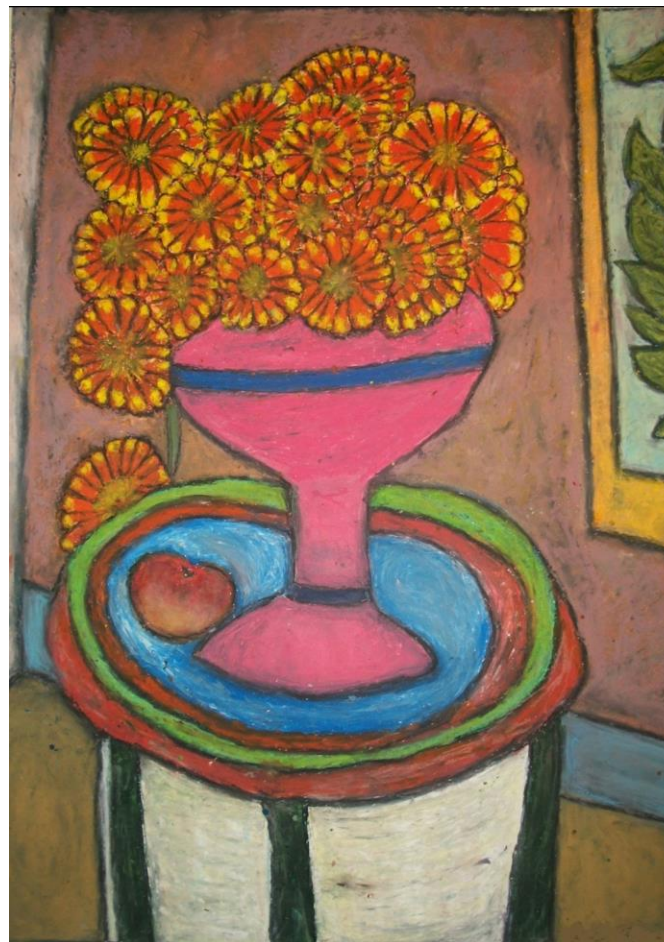
- **Name:** Kat McKeon
- **What does this art piece mean to you? Tell us more about your creative design!**
- Obstacles are opportunitites for growth.



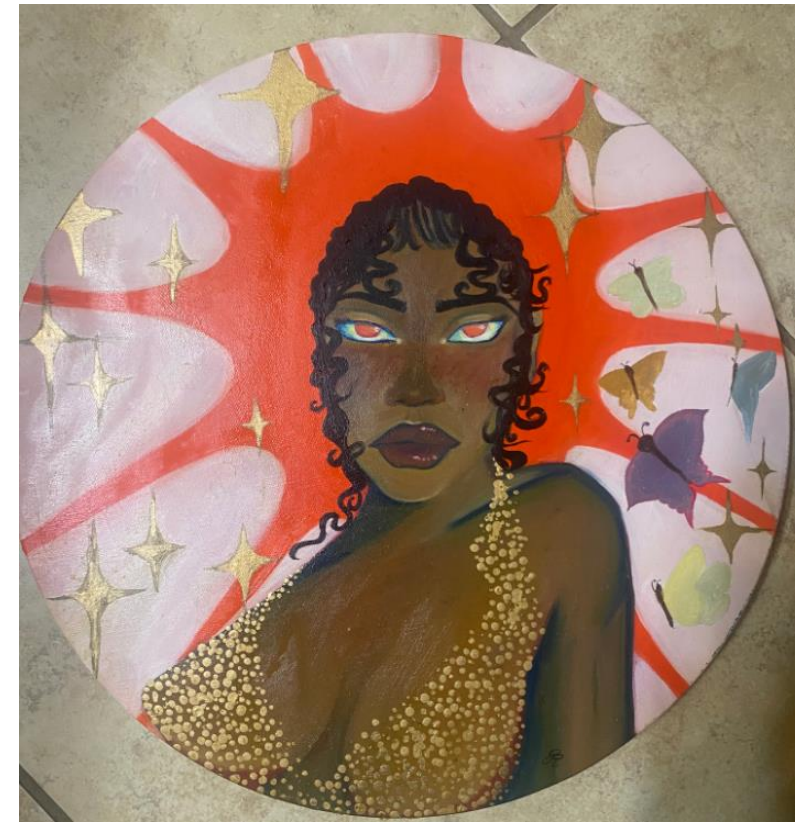
- **Name:** Kat McKeon
- **What does this art piece mean to you? Tell us more about your creative design!**
- The pheonix is the symbol of resillience. Obstacles are opportunities.



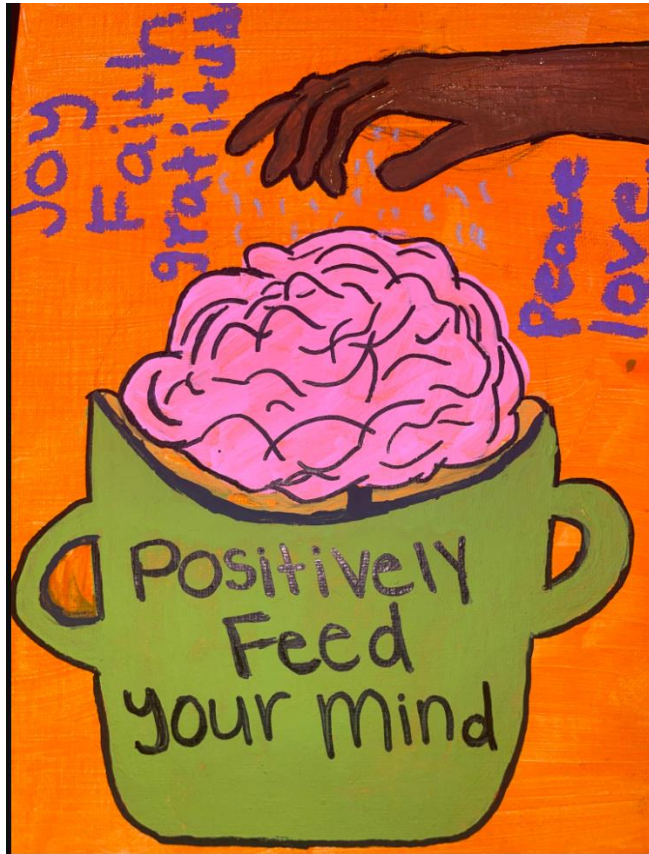
- **Name:** Cristal Harris
- **What does this art piece mean to you? Tell us more about your creative design!**
- For me, this piece is talking about how education helped me and gave me more resources and opportunities. It means "I'm possible" instead of impossible.



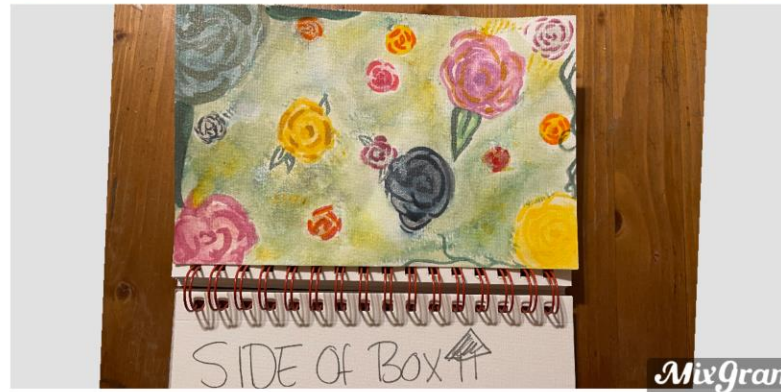
- **Name:** Kiana Deane
- **What does this art piece mean to you? Tell us more about your creative design!**
- This piece was tedious and very detailed to paint. But my life is tedious and detailed. However, if I never give up, beautiful things will grow. If I plant seeds, they will bloom! The color ORANGE has energy! It makes me get up and go! When flowers grow, it is a process. It's the same with my life. We are all a work in progress no matter what we have been through. Although I was born into negative circumstances, this painting reminds me that my



- **Name:** Grace Reitsma
- **What does this art piece mean to you? Tell us more about your creative design!**
- This artwork is about confidence and claiming prosperity. I this design as accepting adversity head on. Evenutually, the clouds will part, the sun will shine, and the caterpillar will turn into a butterfly.



- **Name:** Estephanie Martinez
- **What does this art piece mean to you? Tell us more about your creative design!**
- This art piece is very important to me, I apply it to my life. Sometimes as humans we worry so much about our physical and we forget to educate ourselves and expand our knowledge. Intellectual work is as important as working on the physical appearance. It is important that we fuel our minds with positive thoughts because those thoughts will consume us and make us positive beings.



- **Name:** Alexis Obinna
- **What does this art piece mean to you? Tell us more about your creative design!**
- I'm reminding myself that sometimes things feel impossible but with love and support, our gardens of life can flourish. It reminds me that flowers still grow through cracks in the sidewalk. And no matter how impossible a situation, we can still get through it beautifully.



- **Name:** Alicia Lozoya
- **What does this art piece mean to you? Tell us more about your creative design!**
- "TESTimony" for me this is a representation of how so many tests in life can turn into our testimony. The transformation of this butterfly for me represents that even the ugliest hardest stages lead to such a beautiful ending/outcome. For me it's also about trusting the process of this journey called life. Even if it doesn't make sense now in the moment later in life it will. Embracing all moments of the journey because without them all the story isn't complete.



- **Name:** Christopher Gonzalez
- **What does this art piece mean to you? Tell us more about your creative design!**
- I drew this because it has spoke to me in my head about the past I have had and how it makes me feel and it makes me feel like I am falling and spiraling. But to me I see a safe space to be me and feel alone have where I go sometimes in my head when I go into my safezone.



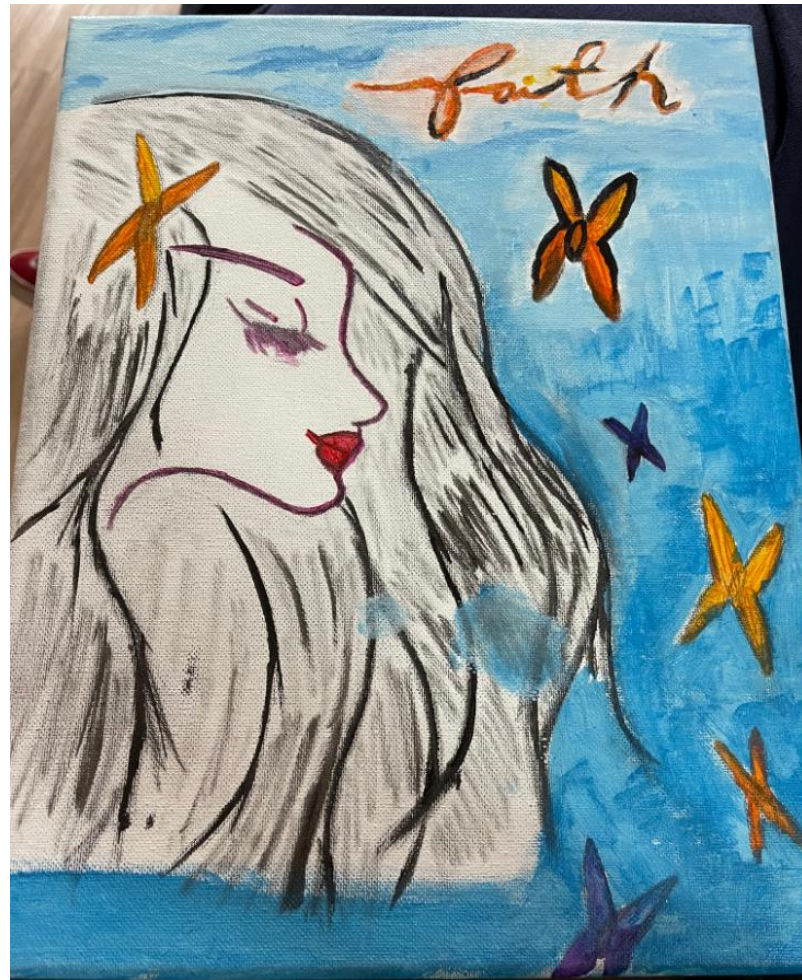
- **Name:** Samantha Hallinan
- **What does this art piece mean to you? Tell us more about your creative design!**
- This artwork means a lot to me because it's in memory of my dad. I recently lost them and he was someone that I look to for advice or just his wisdom. An owl represents to me wisdom and even though my dad may not be here physically he still around me spiritually and still guiding me. Be wise is something he would always tell me when making decisions. You are also saying if you don't make the right choice it's OK it's still a lesson learned can you grown wiser because of it.



- **Name:** Kamari Wells
- **What does this art piece mean to you? Tell us more about your creative design!**
- I believe that self love is the start for healing and what we do effect us globally so I wanted to inspire those to look at themselves first if they want to live and see a better world.



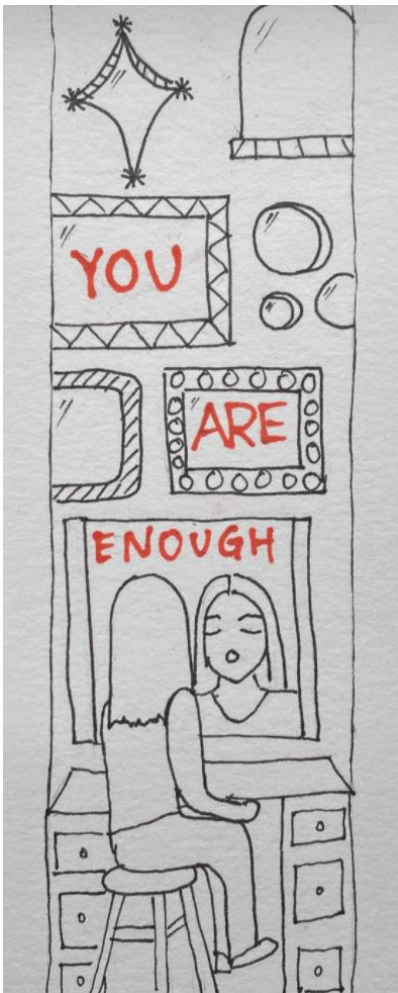
- **Name:** Angela Gutierrez
- **What does this art piece mean to you? Tell us more about your creative design!**
- Looking forward to traveling abroad helps me to stay focused in school.



- **Name:** Bella Blanco
- **What does this art piece mean to you? Tell us more about your creative design!**
- I decided to call the art piece faith because even the tragic and rough situation that has happened through my life, I always maintain a little bit of faith and remind myself that everything was going to be okay



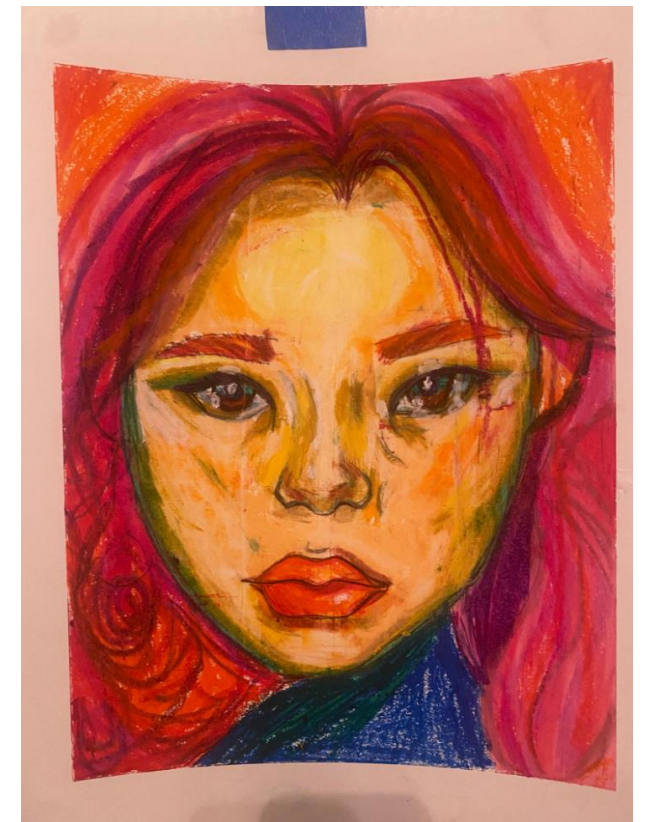
- **Name:** Euronymous Fernandez
- **What does this art piece mean to you? Tell us more about your creative design!**
- This art piece that I made with ink pens is called "Conquer the City". It describes the way I see L.A. when I pass through. It is amazing to think there are others that care for Foster Youth like me, this makes me me feel like I am conquering any obstacles in my life. The skyscraper represents the Foster Nation standing tall. That's our building and like our futures it reaches the stars. .



- **Name:** Ray L
- **What does this art piece mean to you? Tell us more about your creative design!**
- Though this is something that I have learned recently, I wish I knew this earlier in my life. It's hard to navigate through life when being abandoned makes you feel like you're flawed and not enough to be loved. Affirmations is such a vulnerable thing to do but I believe it can be healing and uplifting.



- **Name:** Daniel Flores
- **What does this art piece mean to you? Tell us more about your creative design!**
- This meaningful art piece is a cleanliness vision that I see with the name. This art piece was inspired when on a daily routine of washing my hands and I was able to make bubbles with my hands and I just loved how they appeared at the moment. My creative design is an inspiration for actually being a customer of the product. I also always envision Kate being a bubbly name



- **Name:** Grace Reitsma
- **What does this art piece mean to you? Tell us more about your creative design!**
- Defy Impossible means to challenge the status quo of limiting belief. To shift the narrative that stacks the odds out of favor. I defy impossible by choosing to see my life's adversity as an opportunity to become a more empathetic, caring person. With new eyes I'm capable of taking new action. It's in the choices I make, it's in the thoughts I have and it's in my attitude to be the difference. This oil pastel embodies that attitude that even if things are hard we must keep our head up and keep fighting impossibility.



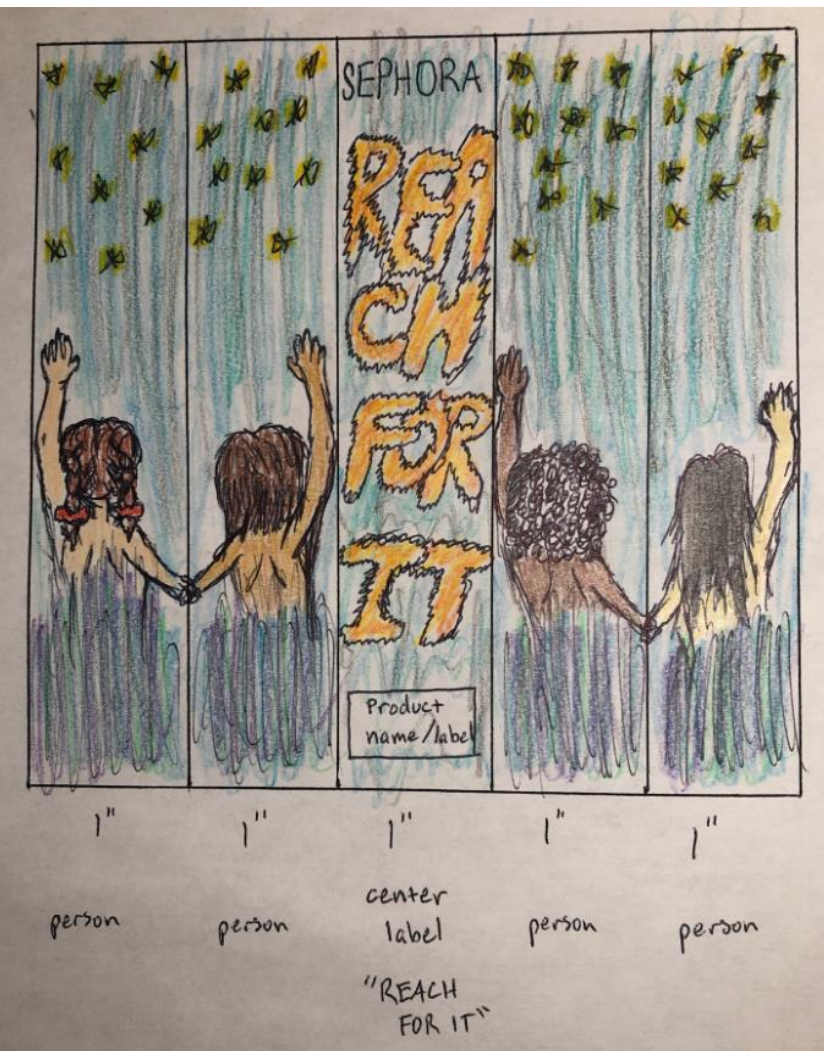
- **Name:** Samantha Trudeau
- **What does this art piece mean to you? Tell us more about your creative design!**
- I chose a Phoenix rising from the ashes because I started from literally nothing. I overcame all the obstacles life threw at me and became stronger because of it.



- **Name:** Amanda Sutton
- **What does this art piece mean to you? Tell us more about your creative design!**
- This art piece represents the beauty in the chaos of a journey that one may experience. Throughout my long journey of life so far, I always "kept going" no matter what lied ahead, or what was around me (chaos). The art piece demonstrates the beauty that one can produce as an individual if they "keep going", while utilizing something as a guide. The Sun was always my guide, personally, because my perspective is that if the Sun is still in the sky that there is still capability to keep going growing. One day the flower blossoms, it's all about the patience and discipline.



- **Name:** Amanda Brizuela
- **What does this art piece mean to you? Tell us more about your creative design!**
- A Phoenix rising from the ashes symbolizes overcoming obstacles.



- **Name:** Tamar Sebesta
- **What does this art piece mean to you? Tell us more about your creative design!**
- This piece regards the importance of uplifting all women especially in the beauty industry. In our society we get caught up in social media and need to remember we are all unique and beautiful in our own identities.



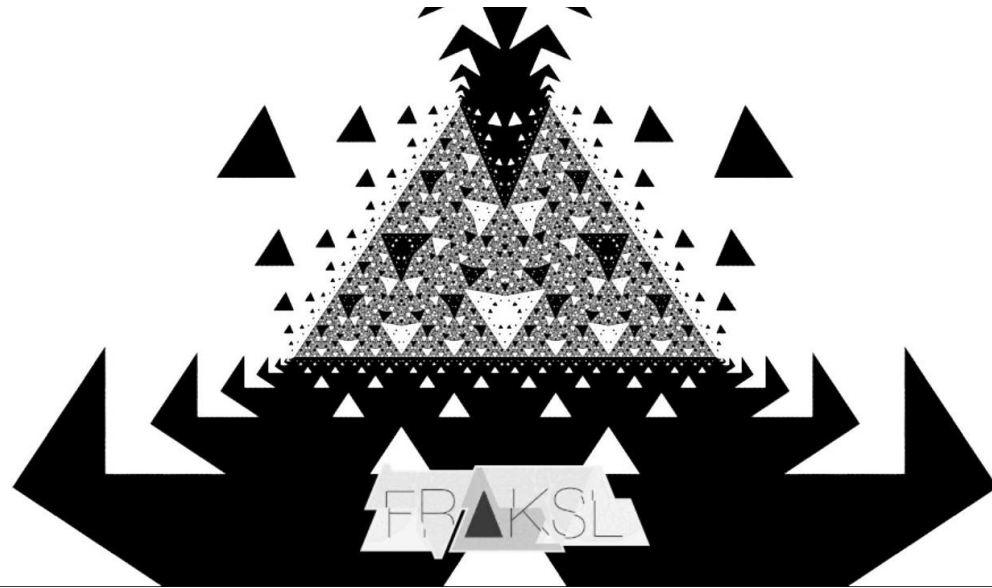
- **Name:** Benjamin Genevieve
- **What does this art piece mean to you? Tell us more about your creative design!**
- I chose a sunrise look with a sunflower and the words "I will succeed" because sunflowers always face the sun. It's a show of growth along with beauty. In the foster system it may feel like you are never really growing so we face each other with our hardships like a sunflower would do if there was no sun.



- **Name:** Dashayna Heath
- **What does this art piece mean to you? Tell us more about your creative design!**
- These art make me feel passion and brings out my inner shell for passion and becoming an upcoming designer, this truly shows how passionate and fruity I can be with all design patterns and I can do multiple things in life, this is one of them. I will always carry that shine and design for making any types of designs you would love and vision. You tell me and I make it happen!



- **Name:** Lilly Rogers
- **What does this art piece mean to you? Tell us more about your creative design!**
- I chose this specific phrase because it helped me overcome challenges that I have faced. Coming from foster care, I always felt like I was an outlier. I never really fit in because I was different from the other kids in school. I didn't have a mom or a dad to come watch my sports or to pack me a lunch. It wasn't until I met my significant others family that I found my identity. They assured me I was perfect, but I later found it in myself that my past was the past. I was perfectly imperfect.



- **Name:** Tyerasha Barnett
- **What does this art piece mean to you? Tell us more about your creative design!**
- What this art piece means to me choices and sacrifices we make in life well as I see it I see inside the big triangle the white arrows facing down our true sacrifices that we make for the good. The black triangles resembles but the choice is that we make and how it will flow just right on the outside of the triangle are black triangles and that resembles to me the choices that are made by going easy route doing horrible things just get the thing that you want in life when you could have had it the same way doing it the right way in the white triangles with bottom black spikes at the bottom of a triangle is where people can lead to at the bottom looking at how the righteousness in the middle of the triangle flows and we'll learn lesson viceion how life can flow righteously



- **Name:** Laura Bush
- **What does this art piece mean to you? Tell us more about your creative design!**
- I just looked inside and this is what came out.



- **Name:** Laura Bush
- **What does this art piece mean to you? Tell us more about your creative design!**
- I put a butterfly because they are free and go through transformations, I put an eye because I am always looking forward and to a better future.



- **Name:** Marki Coca
- **What does this art piece mean to you? Tell us more about your creative design!**
- To me, defying impossibility is imagined as worlds where life flourishes. In this scenario, people are not poor, everyone is equal and life itself expresses this across the stars, even outside of our own galaxy. The corals brightly coloured and fish roaming through the stars fearlessly as trees shoot into the heavens, taking in every ounce of light they can. Providing clean, clear oxygen to the people below, and whatever life inhabits these planets. It may seem impossible, but a world without poverty, without food insecurity, poor health care, and so on, can exist. We need to defy what is often determined impossible by older generations and old values, kick down the fortified doors with new beliefs and with new love for the fellow man, and planet. We can Defy Impossible if we really try.



- **Name:** Jayla Williams
- **What does this art piece mean to you? Tell us more about your creative design!**
- So in this piece of art I combined my characters which is essentially me evolving after all this time getting better, more creative, and more happier over time. This piece really means a lot to me because seeing all of my characters which are the same character just changing of all shows how much I've evolved and changed over time as a person. And the reason I named this piece After All This Time it's supposed to represent that after all this time even though you are the same person you went through a whole ordeal of different events they made you into the person you are now. All of my characters are just falling from the sky but that main two that are reaching out are trying to invite you into a new world.



- **Name:** Crystal Chaidez
- **What does this art piece mean to you? Tell us more about your creative design!**
- This art piece represents my culture and how beauty was perceived in the past. It is important to me because I have struggled with acne for the past year and have tried to take care of my skin. I've realized that taking care of my skin makes me feel better than using products that cover my skin problems. Also, my art piece symbolizes the inner goddess of a woman's natural beauty. The figure is an Aztec goddess in her natural form wearing only Aztec dress and accessories. Through the drawing, I aim to emphasize the importance of inner natural beauty and how skincare can revolutionize the idea of selfcare. This is why I live by the words "Unapologetic Me" because I will be myself and



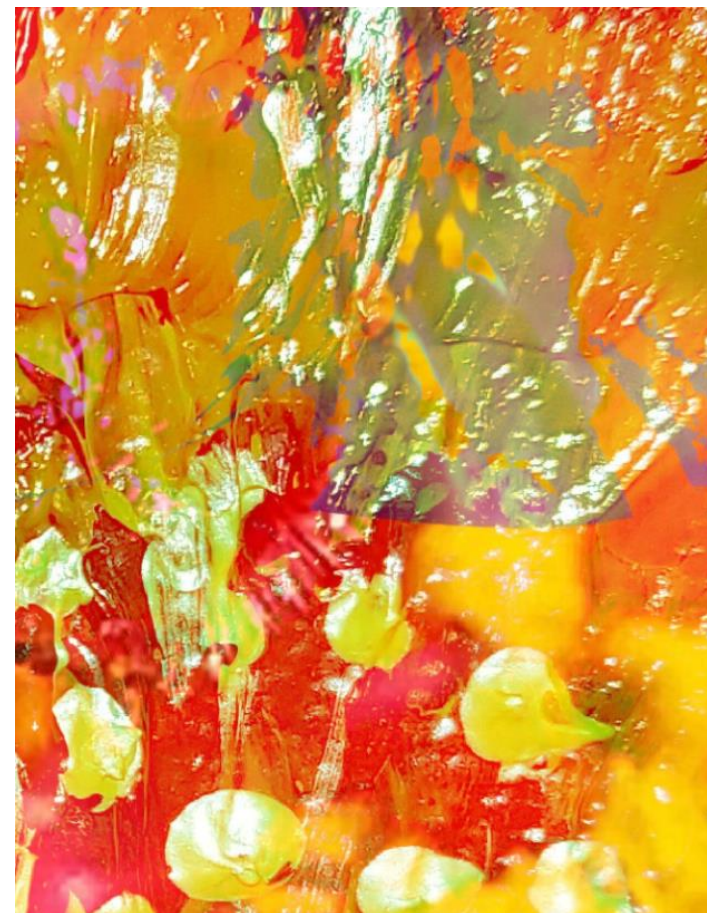
- **Name:** Joel Swazo
- **What does this art piece mean to you? Tell us more about your creative design!**
- This art piece was inspired by the first prompt and is dedicated to all the youth in foster care that don't feel like there's a life after foster care or a "light at the end of the tunnel". When I was younger, I lived with two absent parents that resulted in me being placed into the Los Angeles County foster care system. During my teenage years, I ended up in a group home with 15 other teenagers that were in foster care too. I remember living there and feeling like it was the end of the world. I saw my peers fall



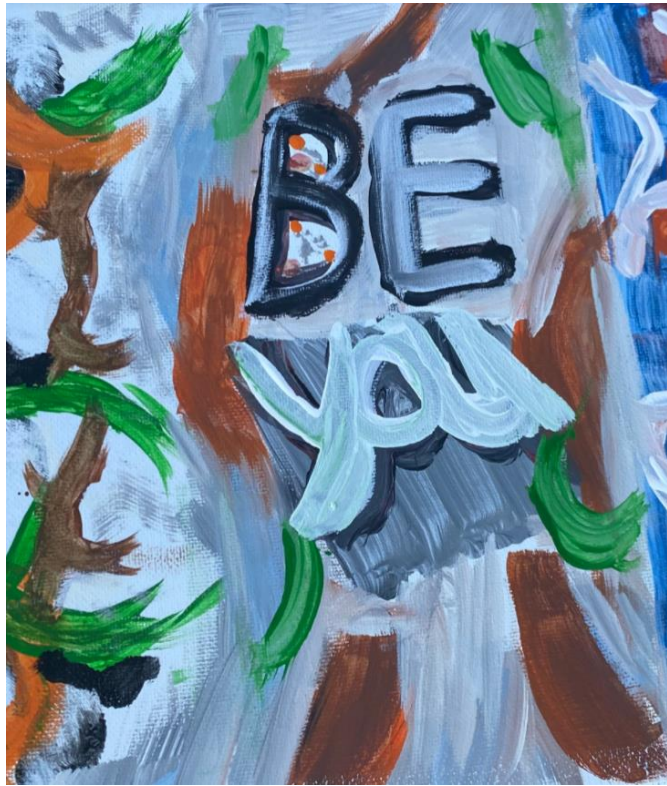
- **Name:** Brenda Lepe
- **What does this art piece mean to you? Tell us more about your creative design!**
- This sunflower represents my faith that one day I would not have bipolar disorder anymore. In addition, the sunflower represents my new self of who I am today being able to see the sunflower again and feel joy. I was severely depressed for several years in my past life and saw everything color gray and empty. I believe that one day I will see the sunflower again in my life and would be able again to smile and see the bright side of things. Today I no longer have symptoms of bipolar disorder.



- **Name:** Shaman Dhiri
- **What does this art piece mean to you? Tell us more about your creative design!**
- To be free and to have choices



- **Name:** Maria Andrade-Reyes
- **What does this art piece mean to you? Tell us more about your creative design!**
- Working on this piece reminded me of how strong and powerful I have become after being in the foster system. My fears, nightmares are now a part of my past. This flower/ art makes me feel strong and powerful. Yo soy Poderosa!



- **Name:** Dominique Ross
- **What does this art piece mean to you? Tell us more about your creative design!**
- This piece is about inner strength, the growth I've made even through the toughest of times. This is a representation of so many



- **Name:** Nehanda Tagle
- **What does this art piece mean to you? Tell us more about your creative design!**
- This painting represents what it would feel like to live my best life. The images symbolize what it would feel like to be in my element,. For instance, the dream catcher symbolizes all my dreams coming true with protection from adversity. The 4 leaf clover represents blessings from spiritual guidance, while the ladybug represents good luck, resources, and opportunities. The butterfly symbolizes me walking in my purpose with an elevated soul because I've transcended from tribulations and now living in my destiny. The Earth represents me mastering Universal Laws, including the law of attraction. The stars signify divine energy surrounding me. The light blue and orange clouds with the rainbow exude a feeling of my soul at peace and in harmony with my purpose in this life.

