

2020 Mid-Carolina Region Scholastic Art & Writing Awards



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Learning and Teaching

Gold Keys in Art & Writing



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Tabitha Adaya

Through the Window

Myers Park High School





Camille Becker

Watching You

Charlotte Latin School



Aaron Bello

John Doe

Mallard Creek High School

“Any reality can be created by words.

But, I held my tongue. Instead of using my voice, I did this: I auditioned for an art school. I was accepted. I was assigned to a bus”



Andi Bentley

Poetry, Personal Essay/Memoir

Northwest School of the Arts



Ava Bernath

Nature's Innocence

South Charlotte Middle School



Mia Biehler

And Then There Were None

The Cannon School





Katherine Blain

Silenced

Mallard Creek High School





Jenna Bouhussein

Bruce and Traffic Light

William Amos Hough High School





Katherine Bouhuys

Addled and Entry

Myers Park High School

“This is my pledge: I will elegize and mourn and dig into the melancholy sitting heavy on my mother’s shoulders, and yes, I will fear, but I will also move this world one step closer to understanding and compassion and overwhelming love whenever I can. I have the opportunity to bring understanding to the people who want to learn, and I have the chance to grow myself.”



Emory Brinson

Poetry, Writing Portfolio

South Mecklenburg High School



Zoe Brodeur

Remains Uncovered

Northwest School of the Arts



“Blazer, slacks, heels. As a 17 year old, that same girl now sees her reflection in the buildings of the state capitol as a council member for the governor.”



Kendyl Brown

Personal Essay/Memoir

Pine Lake Preparatory



Elizabeth Burton

You Are My Best Friend

Home School





Melanie Calabrese

Beneath

Providence High School



Melanie Calabrese

Zootopian Vogue

Providence High School





Elisa Camenisch

Day's End

Home School





Graciella Campuzano

Mental tear

Lake Norman High School





Kate Carlson

Reflection

Providence Day School





Olivia Coggins

marmalade

Covenant Day School





Olivia Cole

Parental and Weaving

Gaston Day School



Rachel Cooke

Firm Foundation

Maiden High School





Kiley Copps

Technology Series #1

Myers Park High School





Owen Cornejo

Sprouts are for Kings

South Mecklenburg High School





Ellen Curley

Green Mist

South Charlotte Middle School



“My dad feared he would not have enough time to teach me the lessons of life. I wish I could tell him he did an amazing job. The journey we embarked on together taught us both many things: patience, flexibility, and bravery. I learned my mind and soul are what makes me who I am. I wish my dad could see the man I have become.”



William D'Amore

Personal Essay/Memoir



Jaiden Daya

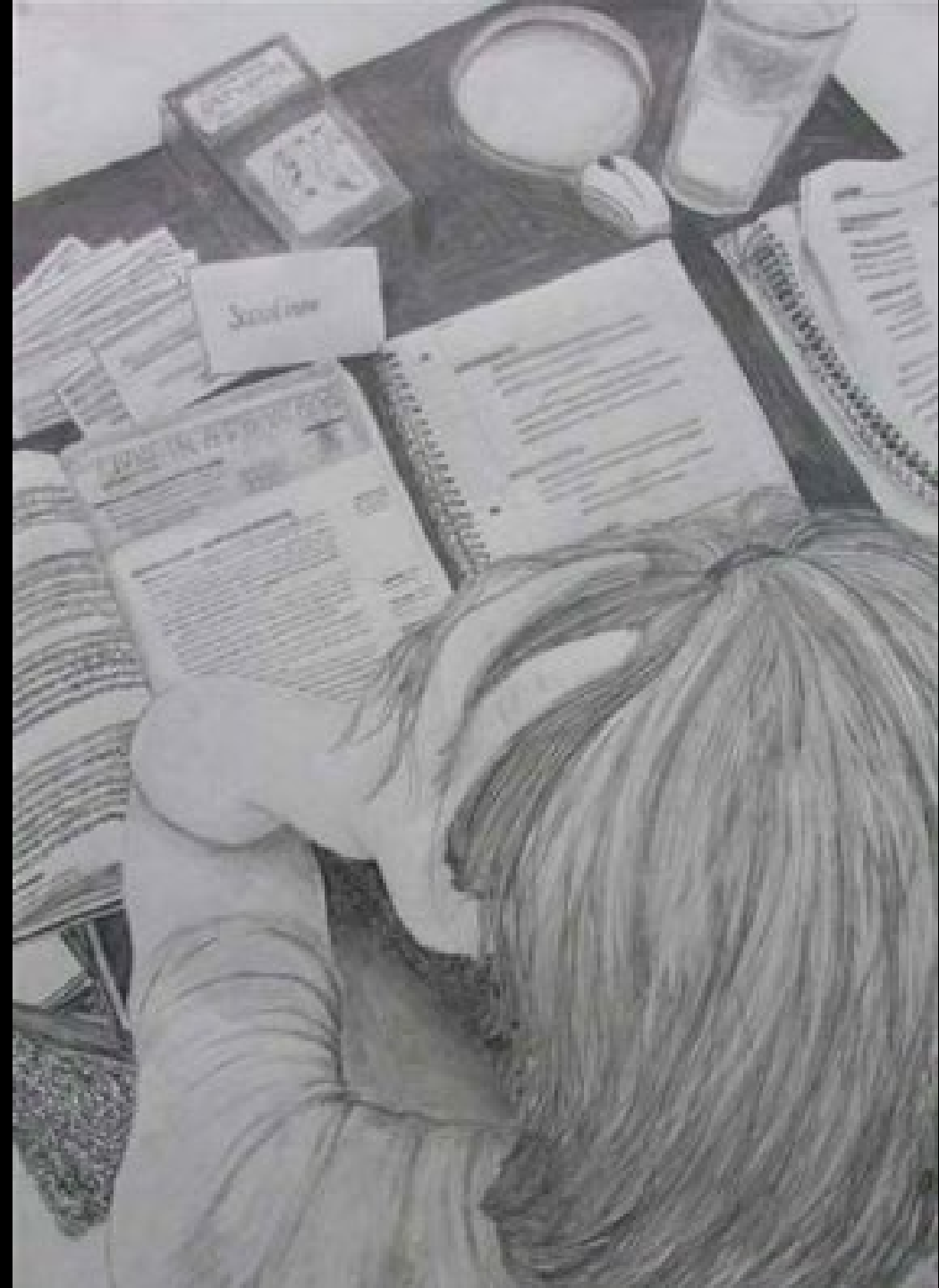
Deforestation



Alyssa DeFrancisco

Frustrated Studying

Gaston Day School





Max DiGaetano

A Breath of Fresh Air and Buy Your Bamboo Toothbrush

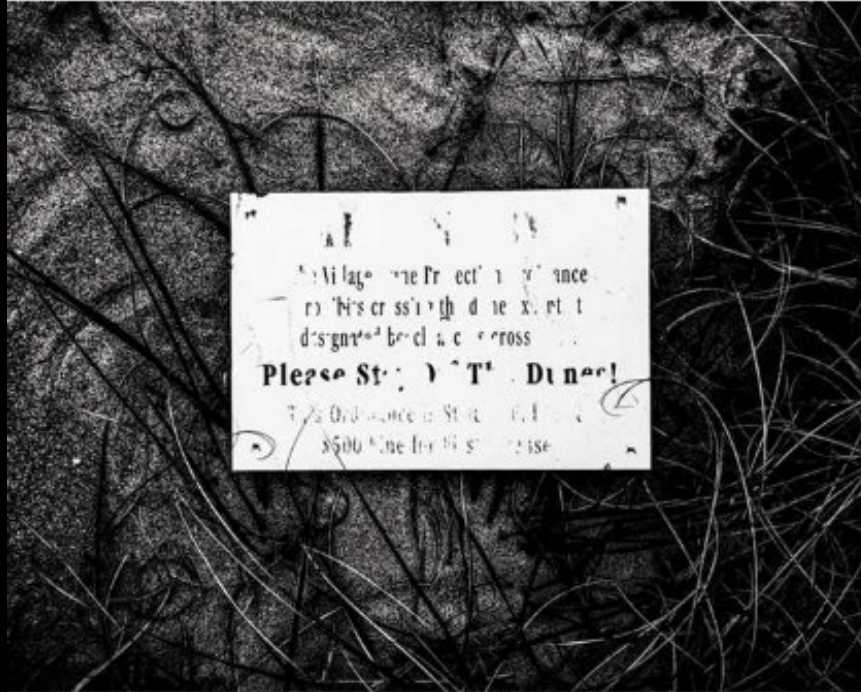
Ardrey Kell High School

“Being a former treasonous congressman, I have much experience in filibusters, and now it is my time to shine. Under the laws of the kingdom the guards must let me finish speaking before they execute me.”



Andy Dorsel

Flash Fiction



Blakely Durham

Stay Off the Dunes and On the Edge

Myers Park High School





Titi Ekunsanmi

Ocular Carcinoma

Charlotte Catholic High School





Kiron Fan

Personal Space

Northwest School of the Arts



“(Beginning slowly) When he was a kid, girls weren’t supposed to do anything but get married and cook dinner. That’s what happened with him and your grandmother, and he thought it would work the same way for me and your daddy when we got married.”



Sarah Faucette

Dramatic Script

Ardrey Kell High School



Nathan Ferency

Pour Over Coffee and If My Father Were Here



**“the cool air grazes my bare feet
soft caresses of storm tempered breeze
crickets whisper to each other secrets
of when the next bolt shall strike
the green sentinels stand indifferent
veterans of tempests long past
branches grasp one another tenderly
slow dancing to the monotone melody of falling rain”**



Brooks Finby

Poetry

Charlotte Latin School



Angela Ge

She Foretells a Pleasant Day

Ardrey Kell High School



“Patience, patience. The painting is almost done, Miss Chandler, and then the series will be complete.” Mr. Newbury breezes into the studio and picks up his brushes, while Miss Chandler hobbles wearily behind him. “Once it’s all over, you will feel absolutely captured in paradise.”



Angela Ge

Novel



Cross Genco

Shallow, Beautiful Ideas, and Modern World

Northwest School of the Arts

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Samantha Gitlin

Personal Essay/Memoir

**“I must write
even when my mind is locked.
Even when my words are burned
by my hand or another.
I must search for poetic lines
in an entangled forest of memories and stories
and comments and conversations
that I steal.”**



Grace Goff

Poetry



Callian Gordon

The Brother I Wished For

South Mecklenburg High School





**WITCH PURPOSEFULLY SETS HERSELF ON FIRE
FOR "CLIMATE CHANGE"**



YOU KNOW SOME PEOPLE ARE MADE OF WOOD-SOME PEOPLE HAVE HEARTS OF STONE-SO



Howard Gordon

WHATCHA SEE IS WHATCHA GET

Myers Park High School

**“I stand surrounded by sunflowers,
And beyond that, great oaks tower.
A brilliant blue sky sits on the horizon.
I smile for the camera as my mother snaps a picture,
But my mind wanders elsewhere”**



Hope Gottschling

Poetry



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Blank Canvas

Charlotte Latin School





Mason Gottschling

Sanctuary

Central Academy of Technology and Art





Caroline Greife

Just Sit

Myers Park High School

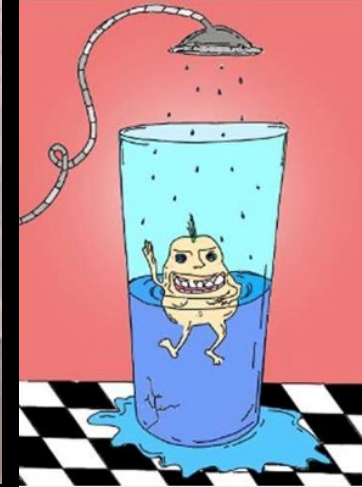


“Maybe one day I’ll finally realize that I almost lost my mother and the guilt will hit me like the tide of an ocean and I will fall apart, but until then I will get angry with you and talk about you in front of my friends and pretend that I am not taking advantage of something that is only mine by miracle.”



Samantha Hinton

Poetry



Emily Griner

Purify, Adherent Disinfection, Scrub, and Squeaky Clean

Myers Park High School



Kate Hammermeister

Society Hypnotism

South Mecklenburg High School





Malak Hannosh

Charleston Alley

David Butler High School



1911 "Charleston Alley"

Malak Hannosh



Ethan Harber

tealman

Myers Park High School





Olivia Hedrick

Still Life

Stuart Cramer High School





Salley Heldt

A Smokey Escape

Gaston Day School





Kate Hinshaw

Our Hand in Religion

Myers Park High School





Kimberly Hoang

Distracted

Ardrey Kell High School





Kimberly Hoang & Nicholas Rose

Hopeless

Ardrey Kell High School

**“I lived your life for you,
and I still do. I am not hurt
that you wanted to live
through me. I was honored.
Your worst days, my worst.
Your best days, my best.
Our energies synched.”**



Angela Hoffman

Writing Portfolio

Gaston Day School



Katie Houpt

Life

South Mecklenburg High School



**“You held me for less than 24 hours.
I wish I could remember every last one.
But all I have is this video to remind me.
To show me how beautiful you were.
How you kept me close to your heart,
Wrapped up in a new blanket.
A smile dancing across your face
As I looked at you in awe.
Then the video ends...
You held me for less than 24 hours.”**



Trinity Houston

Poetry

Mallard Creek High School



Tristyn Hudson

Sloth

Queens Grant Prep High School





Kristine Huynh

Heard It Through the Grapevine

Gaston Day School





Michelle Igbinadolor

Earthquake

Charlotte Christian School





Victoria Inn

Blueberry Lemonade and Forever Entangled

Governors' Village STEM Academy



Bella Jacobs

Over There, Regimes of the Mind, and Queen of Queens

Myers Park High School

**“I see middle class America shoplifting what the
rest of (God blessed) America buys**

**From the pedestal of hard work (happenstance)
they really just happened upon**

Happen upon

We all happen upon

Injustice

But Justice

Too often happens to have a price tag

So does the American Dream

When was the Yellow Brick Road paved green?”



Bella Jacobs

Poetry

Myers Park High School



Sabrina Johnson

My Sister, My Self

David Butler High School





Cornelia Knight

Deer-Dreaming

Home School





Andrew Knotts

Beginning, Bloom Bond, and Cheese Cat

Charlotte Christian School



Nina Lavelle

Portrait of Morgan

Charlotte Latin School





Olivia Lee

ROO

Home School





Ansley Lewis

A Photography Sewn Together

Myers Park High School





Evan Li

Pipes

Charlotte Latin School

“Free verse is a duality in itself. It is prose and poetry, form and experimentation, yin and yan. It is an art form that speaks directly to our human nature. We are all dualities, sometimes good, sometimes bad, sometimes pensive, sometimes thoughtless.”



Evan Li

Critical Essay



Sellina Lin

America's Little Girl

Ardrey Kell High School





Claire McClave

Futility

Metrolina Regional Scholars Academy





Evie McMahan

Serenity

Charlotte Latin School



Lily McMahan

Habitat

Charlotte Latin School





Julia McMillan

Misophonia

Ardrey Kell High School





Nicki Moore

Hermit

Myers Park High School





Jacob Mullen

A Thousand Miles

East Gaston High School





Kirsten Ostrea

Refection

Christ the King Catholic High School



“my food is brought to me
but it seems I have lost my appetite
I nibble on a few pieces
but I can’t stop watching the people
the people are the basis
of life in America
crowded around a tiny
lunch counter waiting for
cheap and quick food with no actual appeal
I think to myself
So this is what America looks like”



Grace Palmer

Poetry

Gaston Day School

“In fact, according to the Journal of Experimental Social Psychology, we are simultaneously living in “the age of apology” and the age of outrage. Yet, researchers argue that “There is ... an ironic downside” to our incessant apologies: the more we demand them, the more devalued and insincere they become.”



Elizabeth Park

Critical Essay

Providence High School



Joanne Park

Stranded on Mars

Lake Norman High School





Matthew Patterson

Pencil Holder and EDC Organizer

Lake Norman Charter High School

“6. Pour your main ingredients— cornmeal, sugar, salt, baking soda— into a mixing bowl and whisk well.

Ignore Harry’s next four calls; he isn’t taking Danica home from the recital anyway and you aren’t in the mood for a screaming match.

Imagine the cramped apartment he fled to, taking the cat and half of your retirement savings, and wonder how long he’ll last without a job.

Lost in your daydream, you will splash the mix across the counter, but the world isn’t ending. Breathe. Dab it up with a paper towel.”



Ethan Paulk

Short Story

Providence High School



Julia Payette

Dad & James



Ardrey Kell High School



Hannah Permenter

Tempting Fate

Stuart Cramer High School





Katherine Pon-Cooper

Thematic, Inspection, and Unicorn

Mallard Creek High School

“She came to such places. These were the graves she walked among when nobody else would for an entire eternity. She came to give at least a frail shell of something before all was lost forever. She came to listen to the final thoughts of the living and the silence of the dead.”



Leah Powell

Poetry, Short Story

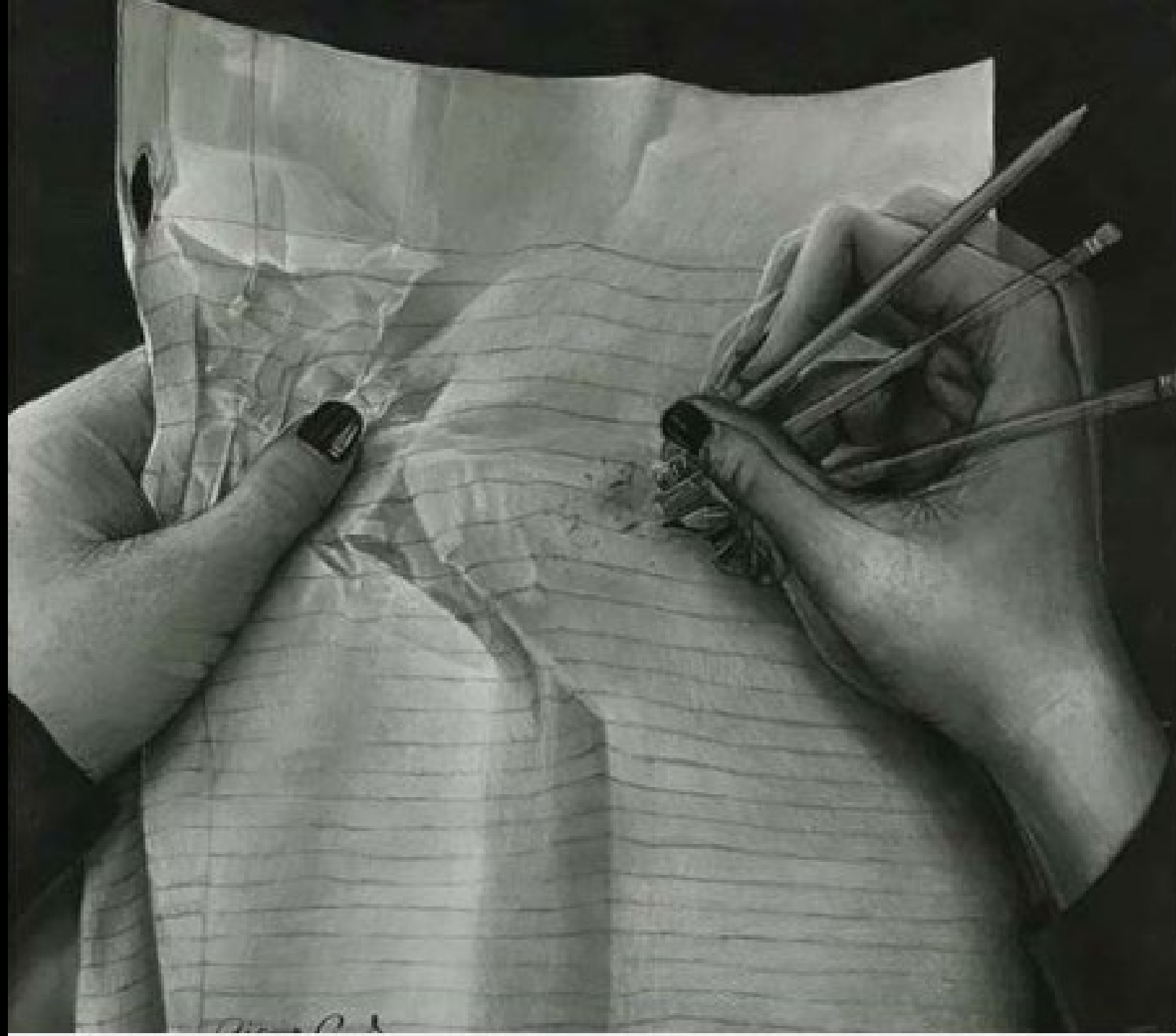
Providence High School



Diana Rand

Compulsions

Lake Norman High School





Lillian Richards

Girl Obscured

Myers Park High School





Sydney Rink

Wake Up Call

William Amos Hough High School





Janeese Rix

Parrot

Mint Hill Middle School





Katherine Ross

Push to Exit

Maiden High School





Mark Saber

Amber eyes

Mallard Creek High School





Jadyn Sadlowski

Cereal for Dinner

Maiden High School



Baker Sanders

Submerged

Gaston Day School

**“For you, suffering was a stepping stone
to the eternal life you existed for,
that you emanated with your being.
I wish I picked up the phone
when you called me just to say
you loved me.
But I knew it, nonetheless..”**



Baker Sanders

Poetry



Sadie Shannon

Recycled Bag

Covenant Day School



“Bill wasn’t good at reading, but I would have listened to him for the rest of eternity. His reading was lilted in the wrong places like dried oil paint, and when I would cough, his voice cut off like the snap of a guitar string as he’d wait for my lungs to return.”



Maia Sheets

Short Story

Home School



Josiah Simmons

untitled

Independence High School



“The time came to deposit the cargo into its vessel. With joy in her eyes, Aphrodite filled the heart of gold with the love she had created. Her trembling hands held the face of her beloved vessel once more; she sent it into the world. All the gods of Olympus looked on as the machine descended upon the Earth. Aphrodite herself sat on a throne, at last satisfied that her children should receive her gift. For eons and eons, Aphrodite’s machine delivered light to the world through an unconditional love like no other. Thus, man received the dog.”



Cora Snyder

Science Fiction



Zoe Spicer

Burmese Orphanage

Charlotte Latin School



Zoe / 7

**“Yet, it is also a name that did not only belong to the ground.
in Sanskrit, it means a star. In Hindu, a goddess,
who was captured by the moon and later released.
It’s a name that's part of the sky.**

**For a family that never settled easily,
my parents picked a name that fit me well.**

**It also fit them, because it wasn’t just my feet
that traveled miles and waded in different oceans.”**



Tara Stewart

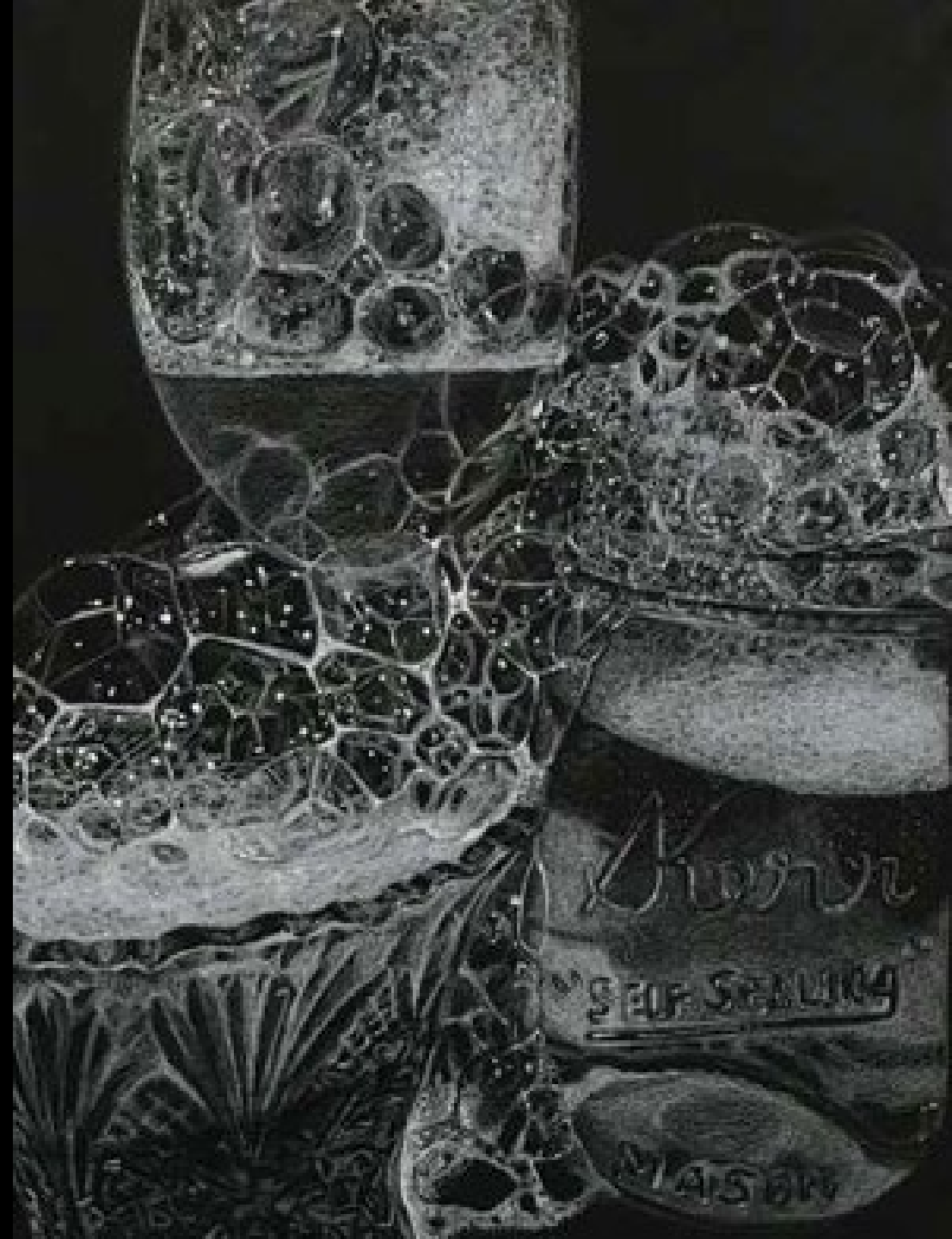
Poetry



Haley Stoup

Suds

Lake Norman High School





Avery Szakacs

Ignorance is Bliss and It Throbs but I Can't Feel

Ardrey Kell High School



Cathy Thai

Camping in Bones

Ardrey Kell High School





Miguel Thillet

Inner Struggle

The Cannon School



Antonella Tommasi

Connection Between the Two Lovers

Pine Lake Preparatory





Blanca Valerio Flores

Mystery Roots

Governors' Village STEM Academy



**“as i eye 518 cordoba circle
maria left waiting by the mailbox for my letter
in our secret code and cursive writing
she’s the way i left her standing out front
hair light from chlorine drying in draining light
spanish tile roof and cuban cigarette smoke
set the backdrop for childhood innocence”**



Annie Vedder

Poetry

Myers Park High School

“‘We're trying to cultivate in kids the want to go into music or film or the arts. So we can start to balance the scales a little bit,’ Bellamy explains when asked about the necessity of Girls Rock. And the organization goes to great lengths to make their services accessible to all girls regardless of race, sexual orientation or socio-economic class.”



Bhavana Veeravalli

Journalism

Providence High School



Caroline Wall

Lily

Charlotte Latin School



“A sob clawed its way up my throat, but I killed it before it could escape. I squeezed the latch tighter than I’d ever held anything before: tighter than when I last hugged my mother, tighter than when I held Lizzy’s good hand after she broke her arm, tighter than when I gripped my phone white-knuckled as I heard my mother was gone. The lock crumbled to pieces in my hands.”



Emma Washburn

Science Fiction

Providence High School

“Through her story, people learned more about the trials of such a situation, and those affected found comfort in shared journeys. The strength of writing through the foundation continues to expand, including September’s event Through My Eyes, weekly online blog posts telling the story of a patient, family member, doctor or nurse each week, to highlight the different perspectives of those absorbed in similar struggles.”



Abigail Welch

Journalism

Providence High School



Contessa Westover

Broken Beauty

Covenant Day School

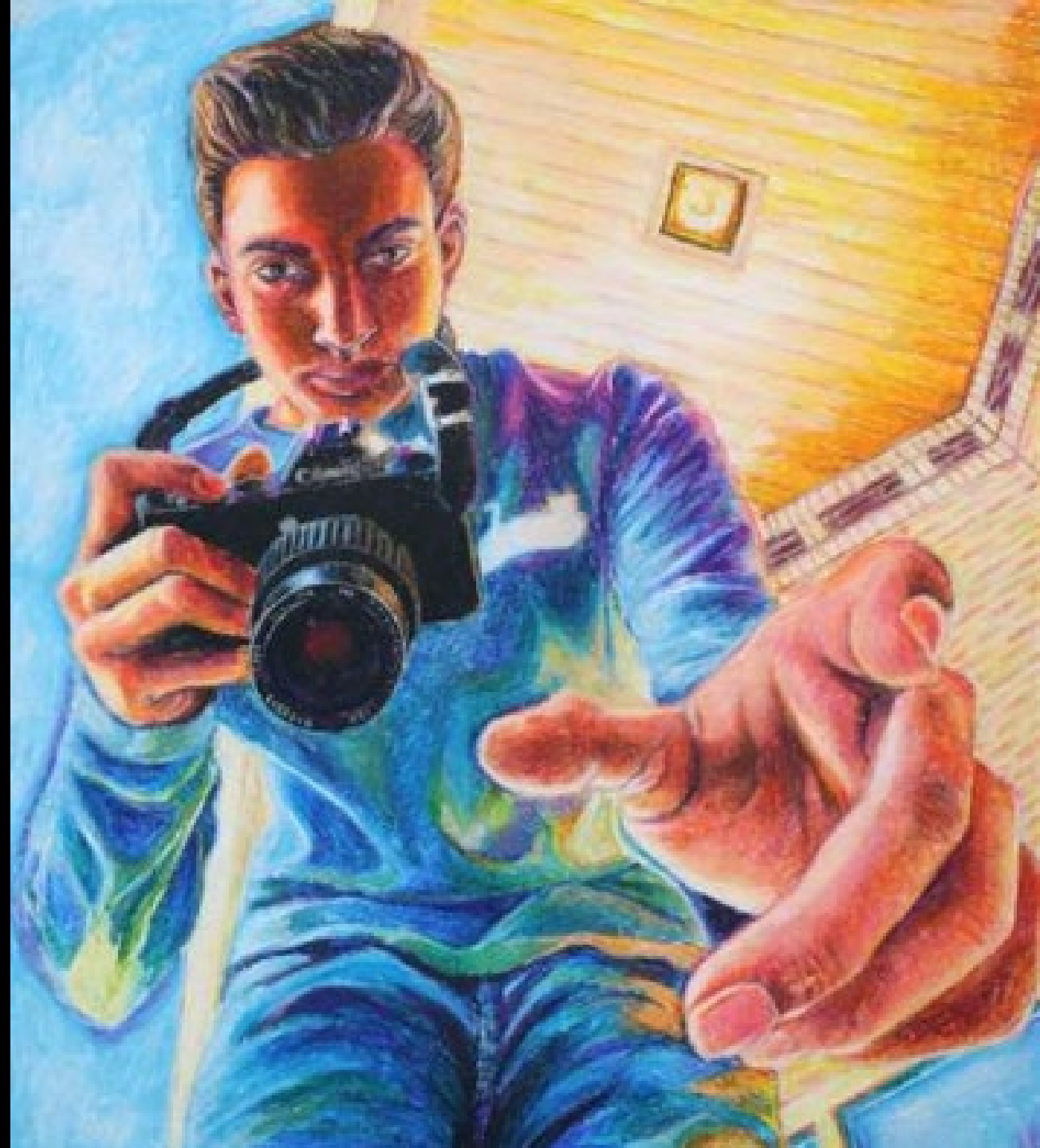




Tori Williams

Adjustment

Maiden High School

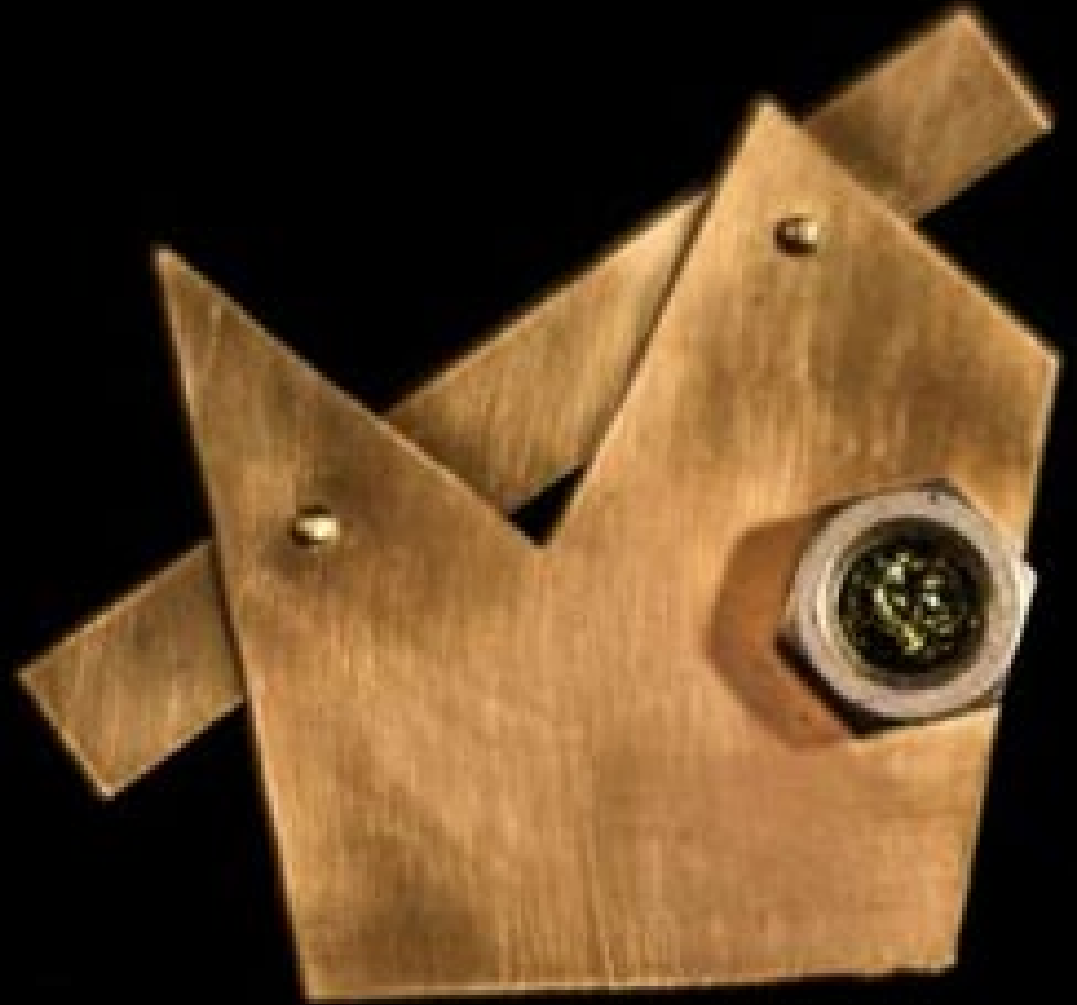




Jakaila Williamson

Bolted Heart

Mallard Creek High School



“Lifting the violin to his chin, he methodically tuned the strings. All the while, the man watched intently, silently, eagle-like.

And then he began to play.

The boy drew the bow across the strings, letting the first raspy notes fade into the gentle melody of the piece. He closed his eyes in concentration. Slide up the fingerboard, put pressure on the double stops, vibrato on the half note, let the sound melt away- he heard his father’s voice coaching him in his head as he played.”



Raechel Wu

Flash Fiction

Providence High School



Anthony Yang

The Cottage from My Dreams

Randolph Middle School





Emma Young

Mason's Story

Carmel Christian School





Elise Zhang

Gashadokuro



Ardrey Kell High School

“Her father has stage six dementia, and the nonprofit has provided him with the opportunity to have fun creating in a safe place.

‘Clayworks, the Arts and Science Council, and the Hickory Grove Library have helped open a closed door, and keep the lights on in my dad,’ Brown remarks.”



Lisa Zhang

Journalism

Providence High School

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American Vision Nominees



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Parental

Gaston Day School



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Maia Sheets

Short Story

Home School

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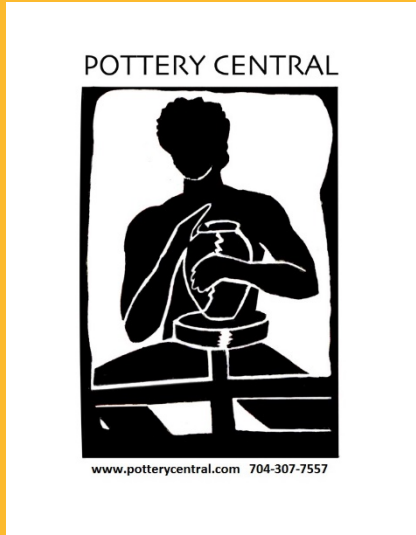
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Flash Fiction

Providence High School



Pottery Central Award



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Katherine Pon-Cooper

Unicorn

Mallard Creek High School





Mint Museum Award



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Olivia Lee

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Heidi Lee, educator



Kimberly Hoang & Nicholas Rose

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Laura Wallis, educator



Katherine Ross

Push to Exit

Cheri Paysour, educator

BECHTLER
MUSEUM OF
MODERN ART

Bechtler Award



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Anthony Yang

The Cottage from My Dreams

Tian Xue, educator



Contessa Westover

Broken Beauty

Karen Ernsberger-Liebner, educator



ArtsPlus Award



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Cornelia Knight

Deer-Dreaming

Home School



THE LIGHTFACTORY 

Light Factory Award



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Aaron Bello

John Doe

Kody Hall, educator



Mason Gottschling

Sanctuary

Kaila Gottschling, educator



NCAEA

NC Art Education Association Award



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Evie McMahan

Serenity

Anne Cammer, educator



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Adams Outdoor Advertising Award

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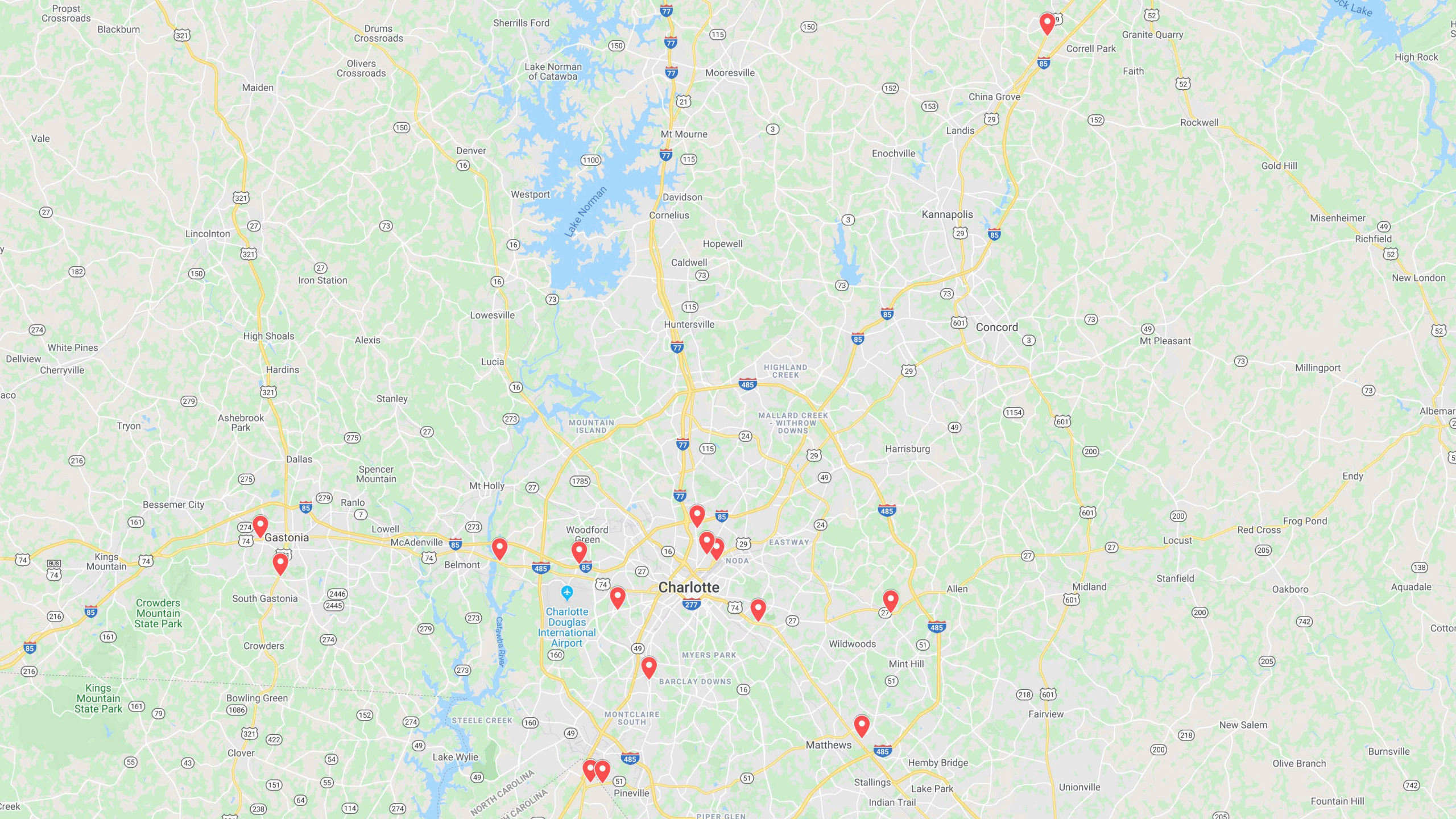


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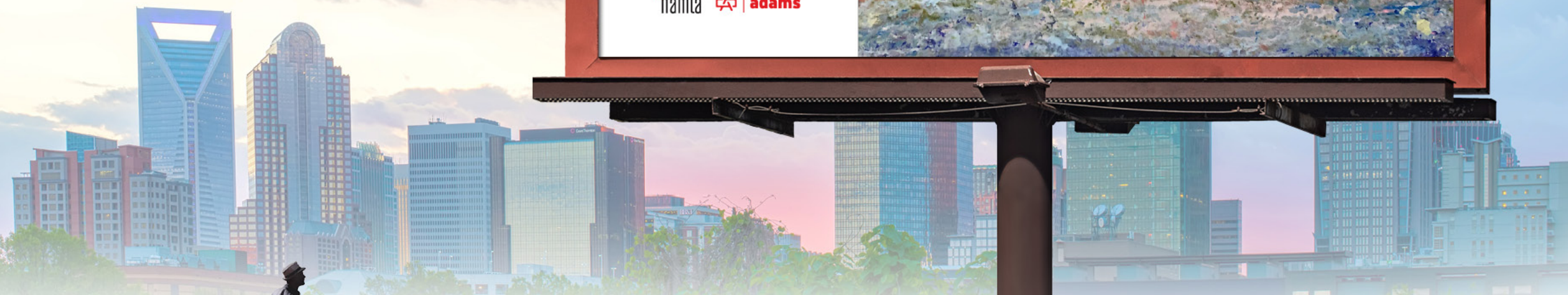
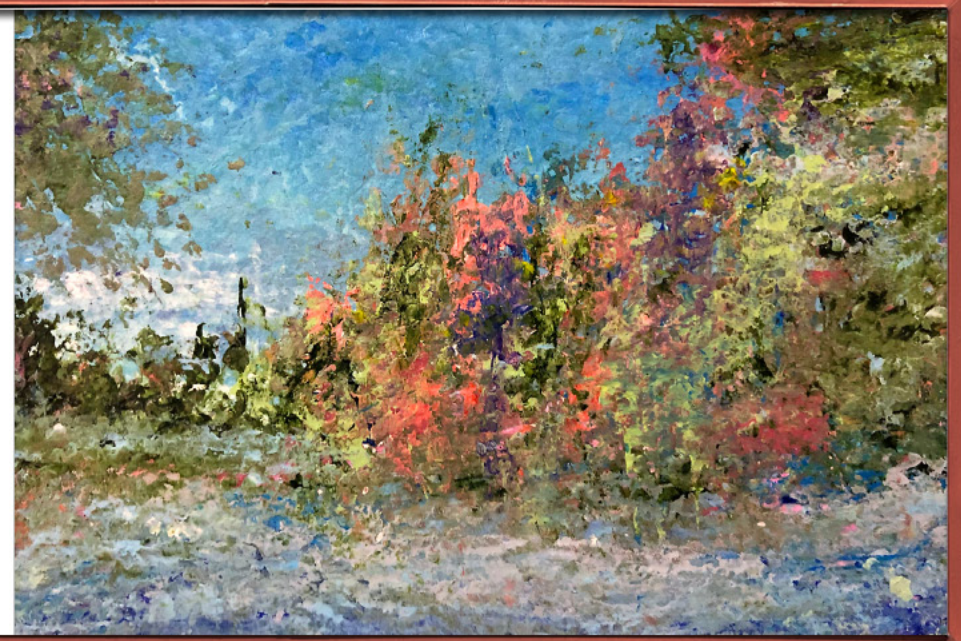
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AVA BERNATH
SOUTH CHARLOTTE
MIDDLE SCHOOL



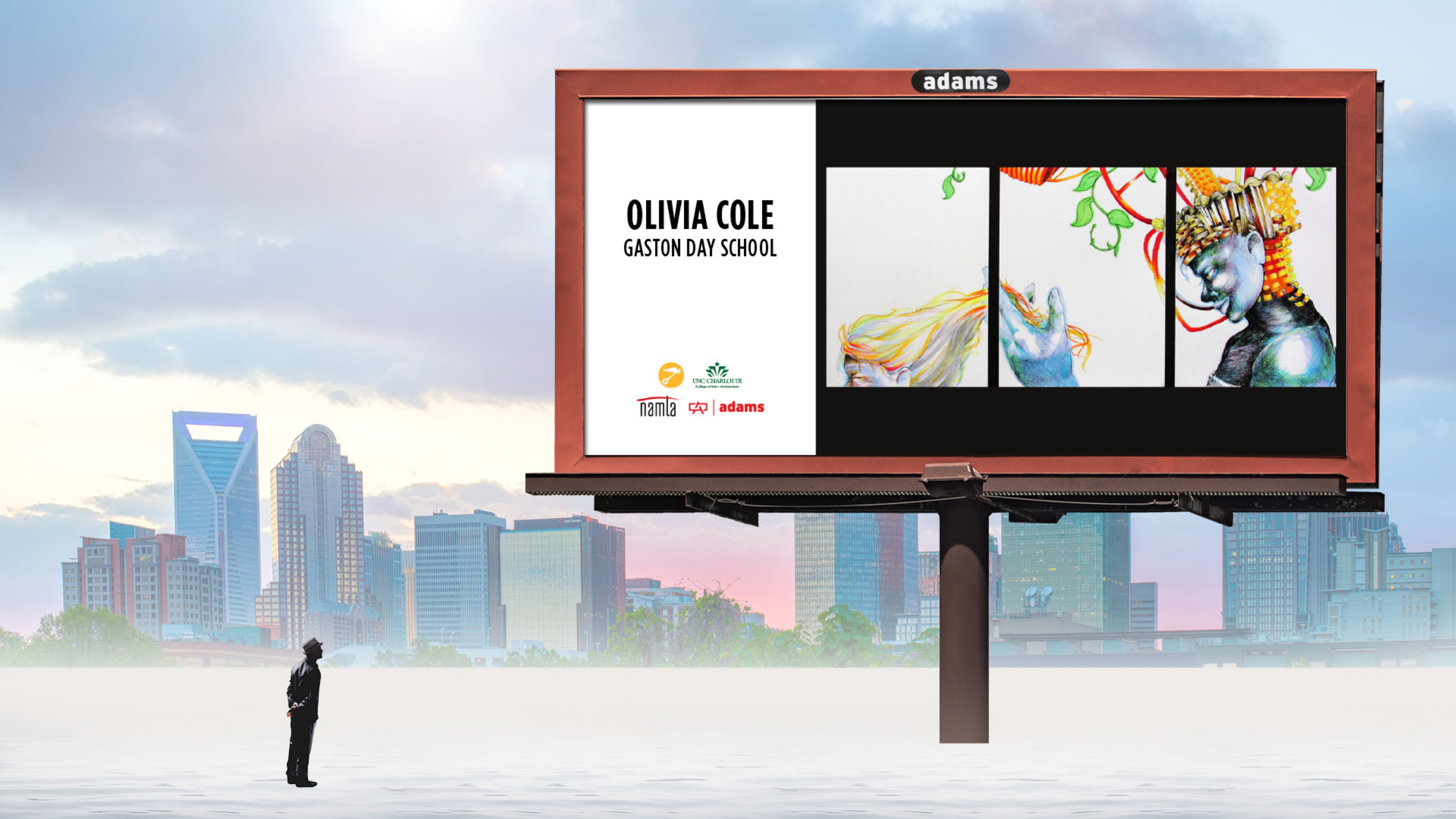
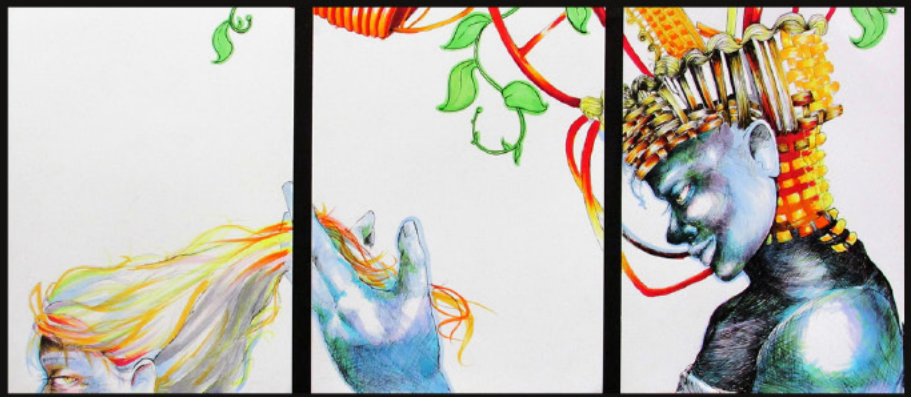
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MELANIE
CALABRESE
PROVIDENCE
HIGH SCHOOL



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OLIVIA COLE GASTON DAY SCHOOL



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**WILLIAM
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GASTON DAY SCHOOL



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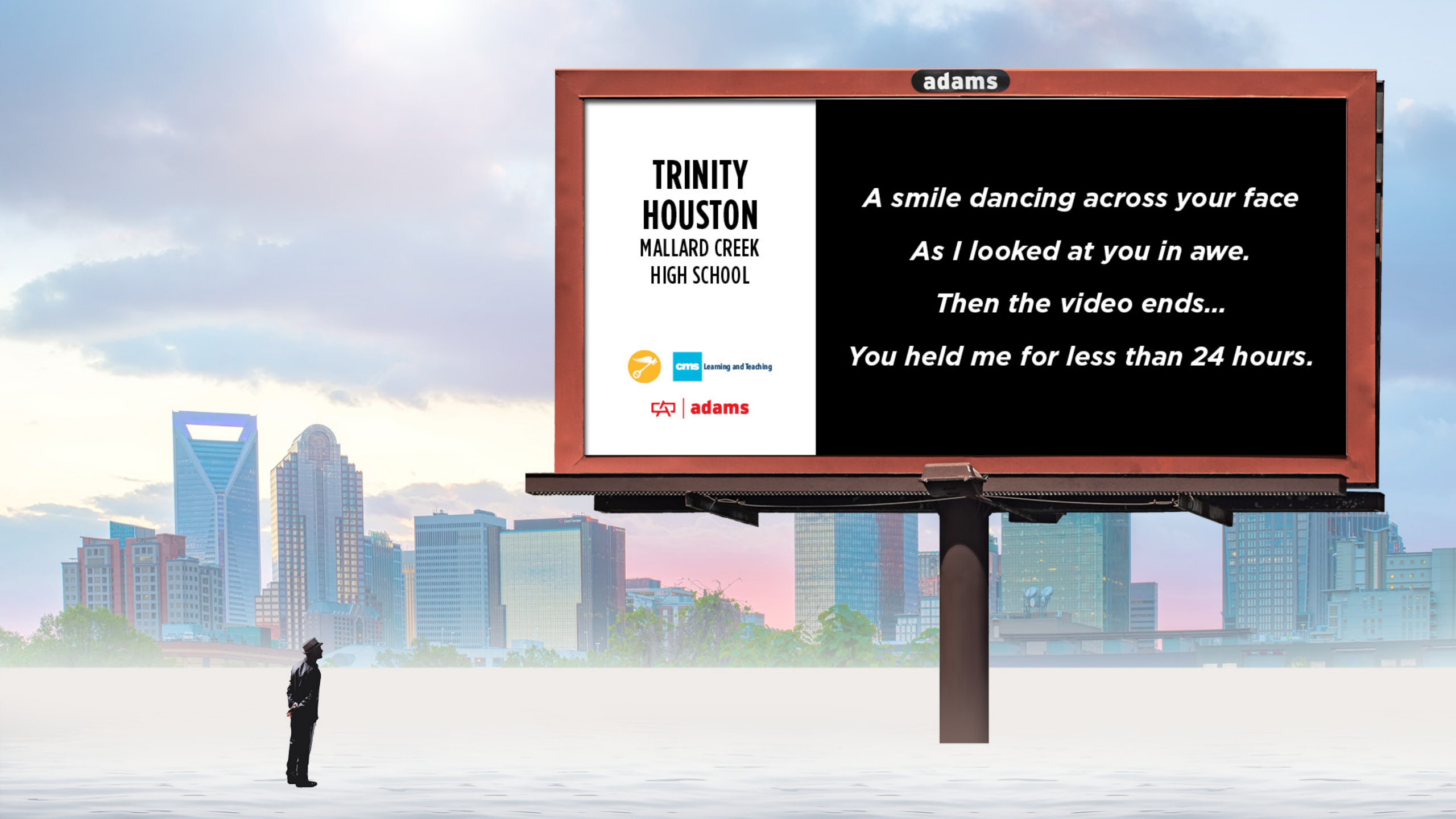


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**TRINITY
HOUSTON**
MALLARD CREEK
HIGH SCHOOL



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CHRIST THE KING
CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL



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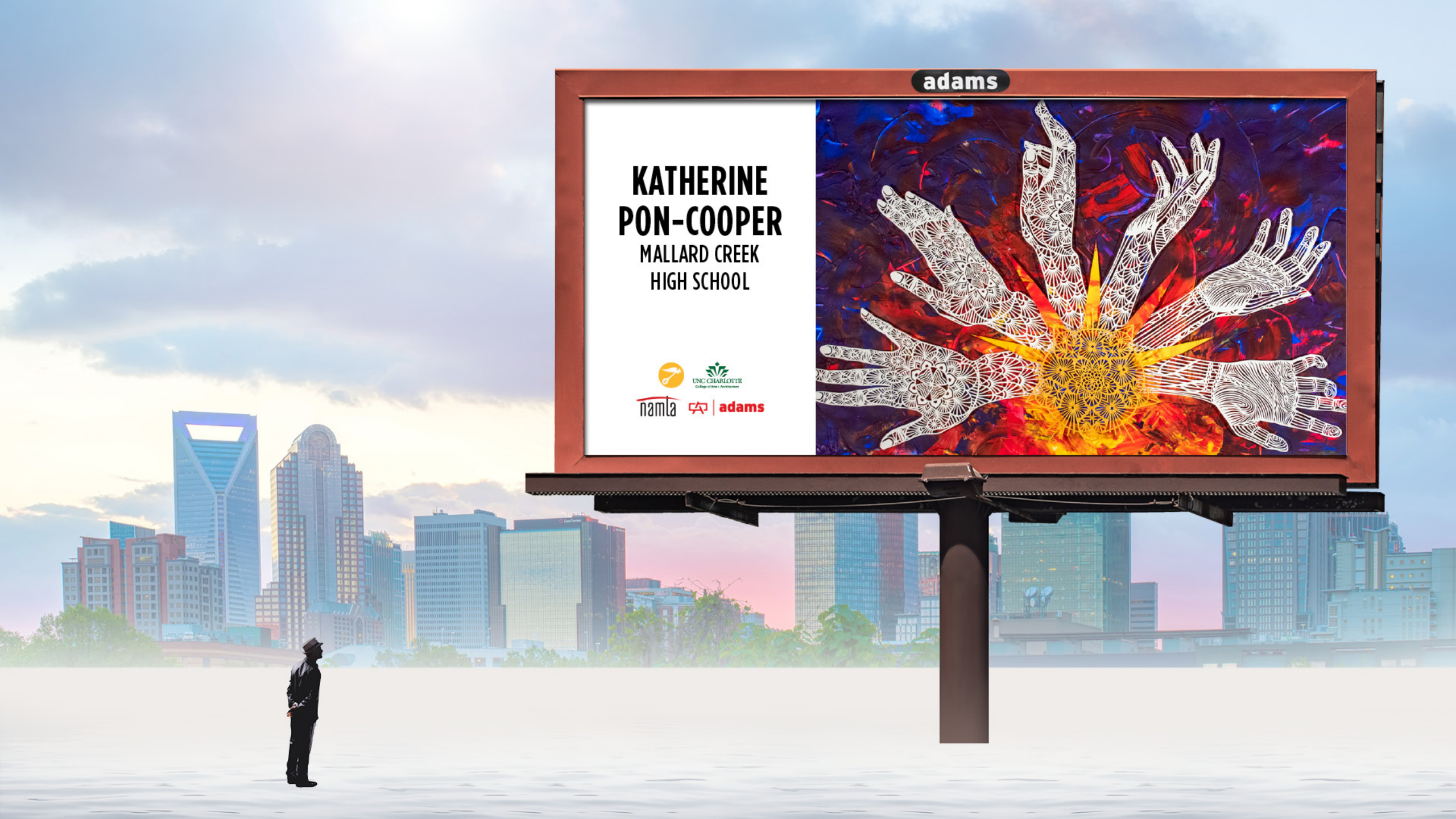
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PON-COOPER**
MALLARD CREEK
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ELISE ZHANG
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HIGH SCHOOL

