

Independence Update

FEBRUARY 10, 2017



*Inspire to Learn.
Empower to Excel.*

The Knights Code

Integrity

Unity

Loyalty

Courage

Perseverance

Service



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IHS IS STATE BOUND!!!

*Congratulations to all our hard working
Knights and Good Luck at State!!*

Upcoming Dates

Saturday, February 11th

Debate UIL
7:30 a.m. @ Prosper HS.

Wrestling District/Tournament
8:00/9:30 a.m. @ CHS

Dunamis Track Meet
8:00 a.m. @ Ford Center

Monday, February 13th

FISD Board Meeting
7:30 @ FISD Admin

Tuesday, February 14th

Happy Valentine's Day

Boys Basketball vs. HHS
9/4:45, JV/6, V/7:15 @ IHS

Girls Soccer vs. HHS
JV/5:30, V/7 @ HHS

Boys Soccer vs. HHS
JV/5:30, V/6:30 @ HHS

Softball vs. Newman Smith
JV/5:30, V/7 @ IHS

Wednesday, February 15th

JV Tennis Frisco Tournament
8:00 a.m. @ FISD

Varsity Tennis vs. Flower Mound
4:00 @ Flower Mound HS

Thursday, February 16th

Powerlifting District Meet
TBD @ FHS

Varsity Softball Tournament
TBD

Friday, February 17th

Region 2 Wrestling Championship
7:00 a.m. @ IHS

Boys Soccer vs. WHS
JV/5:00, V/6:30 @ IHS

Swimming State Prelims
4:30 @ UT Austin

Varsity/JV Softball Tournament
8:00 a.m. @ Forney

HOSA Competition
5:00 @ CHS

Saturday, February 18th

Region 2 Wrestling Championship
8:00 a.m. @ WHS

Swimming State Finals
3:30 @ UT Austin

Varsity Softball Tournament
8:00 a.m. @ Forney

Trojan Relays Track Meet
8:00 a.m. @ Standridge Stadium

Color Guard Competition
4:00 @ Saginaw HS



What is a Notable Knight?

Students and staff who demonstrate one of the six core IHS traits are nominated by their peers and featured in the school as well as the newsletter each week.

Notable Knights

Perseverance

Jamison Woolford

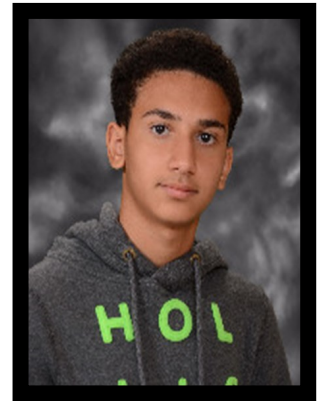
James exemplifies the Perseverance trait of The Knight's Code. I was struggling in math and I asked him for help. He tutored me until I got better. I didn't know anything and am a slow learner so it was probably very frustrating for him. But he stuck by me and didn't give up.



Integrity

George Girgis

George exemplifies the Integrity trait of The Knight's Code. George had received his quiz back and noticed that the grade he got did not match what was on HAC. He immediately brought it to his teacher's attention so that it could be corrected to the right grade. He could have not said anything about it and kept the higher grade, but instead he did what was right and made sure it was fixed on the gradebook.



Unity

Brooke Friedman

Brooke exemplifies the Unity trait of The Knight's Code. Brooke is always being positive and is constantly sharing her happiness with others. She's one of the kindest students I know at Independence and she always dedicates her day to making someone smile.





Notable Knights

Service

Allison Larrea

Allison exemplifies the Service trait of The Knight's Code. Allison is part of the student Partners PE team and takes her role on that team seriously. She is devoted to our students who participate in Partners PE and is always enthusiastic and has a great attitude. Recently we had two students who became distracted as we were leaving the cafeteria on our way to Partners PE and who were following the other students away from our group. Allison saw them and immediately got over to them and directed them to stop. She then signaled us that they were safe and stayed with them until we could redirect their path. This is only a small example of her dedication and focus on service towards our students and we are proud she is on the team.



Courage

Meghan Walla

Meghan exemplifies the Courage trait of The Knight's Code. Last year, Meghan was a manager for the Royals, but it was her goal to eventually be a line member. I watched her work her tail off all of last year to prepare for tryouts in the spring, and I was so proud of her when she made the team! This year she continues to impress me. She knows that it is a privilege to be a part of our organization, and she takes it very seriously. She is willing to practice on her own time if there is something that she needs work on and manages to keep a positive attitude no matter what. I think it took a great deal of bravery for Meghan to audition for Royals last year, and I am so happy that she did. Our team wouldn't be the same without her!



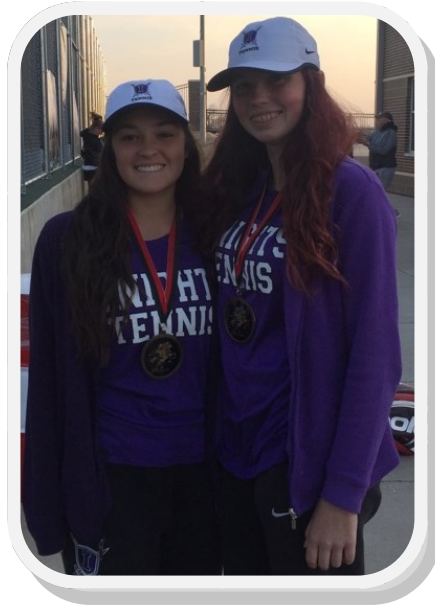


Knights in Action

TENNIS

The Varsity tennis team played in the Marcus Invitational Tennis tournament last Friday. **Trinity Vivona** and **Katie Strand** won 1st place in Girls A Doubles. **Sophia Quiroz** and **Shannon Connelly** continue their tournament medal streak by placing 3rd in Girls B Doubles.

Way to Go Knights!



SWIMMING

Noah Levine, Tehya Morgan, Lauren Raube, Tiana Knott and Ashley Chu are all headed to State for Swimming!
Congratulations Knights and Good Luck!



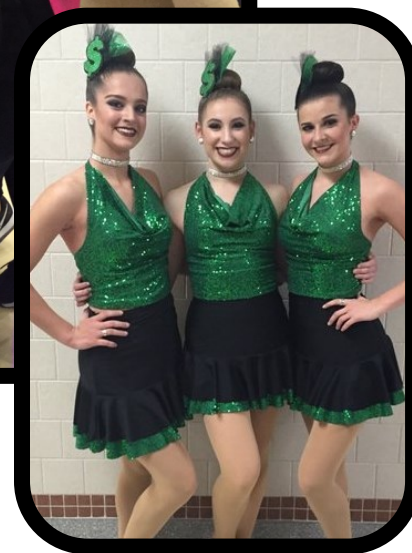


Knights in Action

ROYALS

Royals competed at their first contest of the season last weekend at Rockwall Heath High School. Elite placed 1st in the elite category and 4th overall. Officers received 2nd place and the Sergeant's routine placed 1st. Also, **Shayna Ambers** came in 2nd for her solo!

Way to go ladies!



WRESTLING

JV Wrestling finished up their wrestling season last weekend at Wakeland High School. **Alex Fisherov** placed 2nd, **Ethan Sides** and **Isaac Berger** both placed 4th.

Congrats Knights!



Knights in Action

CHOIR

This past Saturday students from Region 24 (Frisco, Plano, Little Elm, and Prosper) competed at UIL Vocal Solo and Ensemble contest at Prosper HS. Students from IHS earned 60 first division (Superior) medals and 13 of our singers were certified to compete at State!

Congratulations Knights and Good Luck!

ART

The following art students competed at the VASE competition this past weekend. Not only did 76 out of 78 pieces entered score a 4 (the highest score), 26 of the students are advancing to State!! Their wonderful artwork can be seen on the last page of the newsletter. The following students are advancing to state:

Amazing job Knights!

Navya Adipudi
Anushya Alandur
Monali Ardesna
Megan Close
Katherine Golden
Shivani Gollapudi
Hamza Kayani
Kaitlyn Liu
Jingyi Ma

Siena Marek (2 Pieces)
Matthew Melendez
Lily Neilsen
Monserrat Patino
Cecilia Rodriguez
Meghna Sahoo
Noor Sayed
Ryan Schone
Katherine Strand

Katie Todd (2 Pieces)
Katie Torres
Natalia Vega-munguia
Melissa Wang
Angela Wang
Ann Woodard
Morgan Wooley
Emma Zhang

SPECIAL OLYMPICS

Junior **DayMar Walker** competed in the Special Olympics State Winter games where he placed 2nd, bringing home the silver in bowling!

Way to go DayMar!





Knights in Action

SCIENCE CLUB

Science Club helped out again at Norris Elementary Science Night. The students were thrilled with the “specimens” IHS brought!

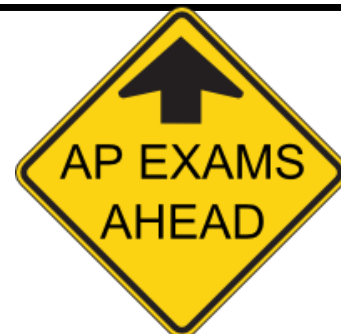




From Counseling

AP Exam Registration

AP Exam Registration for the May 2017 testing will go live on Tuesday, February 21st! MyPaymentsPlus, the same site used by families in FISD to handle lunch money for their students, will be used again to pay and register for AP exams.



Please visit this [link](#) for information on how to access MyPaymentsPlus in order to register and pay for exams. Online registration will run February 21st through March 22nd (late fees will be assessed after this date. The last day to sign up for an exam is April 12th). Please see the attachments for registration instructions, deadlines, and cost of exams. The cost of each AP exam is \$93 (for students on the free or reduced lunch program, the cost of each exam is \$15 for the first 2 exams and free for any additional exams). *****Students who are on the lunch program who are taking more than 2 AP exams will need to see Mrs. Mayfield or Mr. Ford in the counseling office. MyPaymentsPlus will not calculate the correct fee for more than 2 exams.*****

IMPORTANT! Parents, please visit with your student and make plans for which AP exams your student is planning on taking this year! There are no refunds, so please discuss with your student before registering for anything. It is also a good idea to verify with your student the exact name of the course of which AP subject they will be testing in to avoid incorrect test registrations!

Parents who do not have an account with MyPaymentsPlus will need to set up an account with their student's school ID number. (If you currently utilize MyPaymentsPlus for your student's lunch account, you do not need to create an additional account.) Once logged in, you will be able to select your student, and then select the AP exam(s) which your student will be taking. MyPaymentsPlus will accept payment from checking, savings, and debit or credit card.

Please email Heather Mayfield at mayfieldhe@friscoisd.org or Mr. Ford at fordra@friscoisd.org with any additional questions regarding AP exam registration!



Announcements



Please remember no
Valentine
deliveries will be
accepted.



**PLEASE SUPPORT THE
INDEPENDENCE HIGH SCHOOL
BASEBALL TEAM**

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15TH
RAISING CANE'S
CUSTER ROAD AT HIGHWAY 121
(DON'T FORGET TO MENTION
YOU ARE WITH IHS)**



Seniors

Powder Puff

What is it? The girls play flag football while the boys cheerlead & coach

When is it? March 29th @ 6:00 pm

Where is it? Bacchus Park

Who plays? Junior Girls vs. Senior Girls only

Who Coaches? Junior Boys & Senior Boys only

Who Cheers? Junior Boys & Senior Boys only

How can I play? Sign up in the AP Office with Ms. Hardy

Uniform? Powder Puff T-shirt \$20 for Juniors and \$20 for Seniors who have not paid their \$90 Senior Fees.

Do I have to buy a T-shirt to play? YES, it is your uniform

Can I buy a T-shirt if I am not playing? YES, support your team!



Have you ordered your cap and gown?

If not, go to www.jostens.com ASAP to order!

Wondering about graduation tickets?

Everyone will receive at least 10 and the opportunity to request more. As soon as we get more info from the district we will let you know!



[Class of 2017 Facebook Page](#)

BLOOD DRIVE



Independence High School

Friday, March 3, 2017

9:00AM – 3:30PM

In the Flex Lab Room A202

[CLICK HERE TO SIGN UP!](#)



< OR SCAN W/SMARTPHONE TO SIGN UP!

- All 17 & 16-year-old donors must present with the new Zika permission form [Click here to download the Zika permission form \(English and Spanish\)](#)
- 16-year-olds also need signed parental permission forms to donate - separate from Zika form. Click English or Spanish to download the permission form [\(English\)](#) [\(Spanish\)](#)

Contact Nurse Lalanía Richard at RichardL@friscoisd.org for information.
Volunteer Drive Coordinator

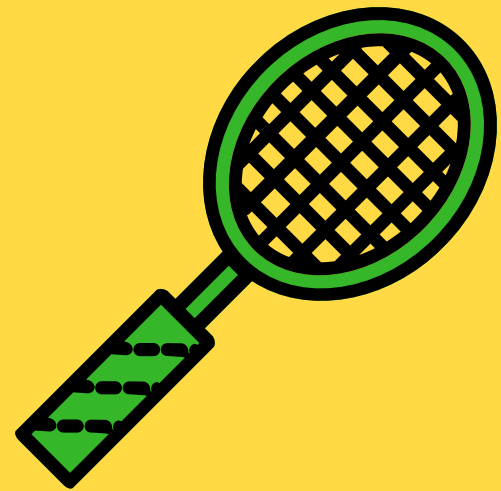
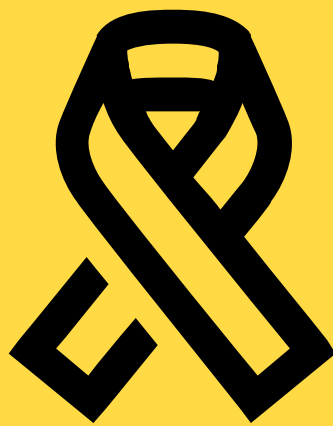
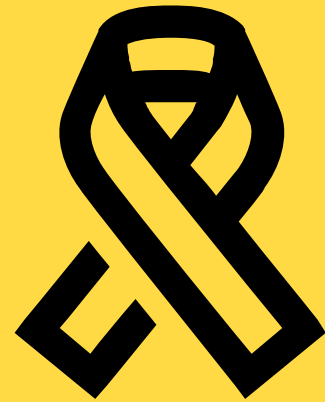
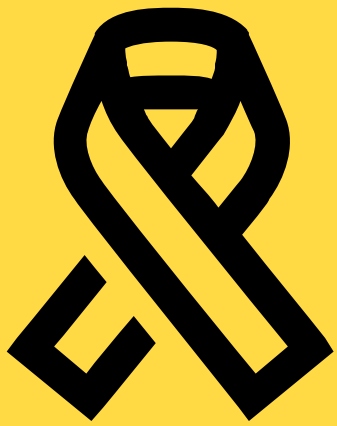
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ACCO CHARITY DOUBLES TENNIS TOURNAMENT



tennis 4 *childhood cancer*

10-14 YEAR OLDS

15-18 YEAR OLDS

18+ ADULTS



\$15 PER PERSON

T-shirts available for **\$15!**

Prizes awarded for participants & winners!

Online Registration:

<http://give.acco.org/charitytennis>

Mail-in Application:

Applications are on the back of the flyers!

Register by **February 21st!**

FEBRUARY 25TH.

9AM.

FISD TENNIS COURTS.

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They NEED our help..... *The FASTPacs mission is simple. They want to ensure that no child in Frisco has to endure hunger when school is not in session. Caring for kids, one pack at a time. Every week throughout the school year, they deliver individual pre-packed bags to Fisd schools that include enough food for 7 meals for each qualifying child for them to eat over the weekend at home.*

As caring members of Frisco ISD, *Independence High School soccer teams will be collecting food to help our fellow students in need. Please help!*



When: February 13th through 24th

Donations will be delivered to Frisco FastPacs on Monday February 27th

Please donate only items listed below during our food drive:

Dry snacks (pretzels, crackers, Cheez-its, Goldfish, raisins)

Individual desserts (Rice Krispy treats, cookies, gummies)

15 oz. canned fruit

Individual pastas (Easy-Mac, Ramen)

15 oz. canned veggies

15 oz. canned pasta/sauce (ravioli, spaghetti, lasagna)

Canned meats (chicken, tuna, chili, sausages)

Individual oatmeal packets

*****NO PEANUT PRODUCTS PLEASE*****

Bring donated food during the two week collection period to the labeled boxes at the field house. Participating players will receive one hour of community service credit



CONGRATULATIONS 2017 VASE STATE QUALIFIERS



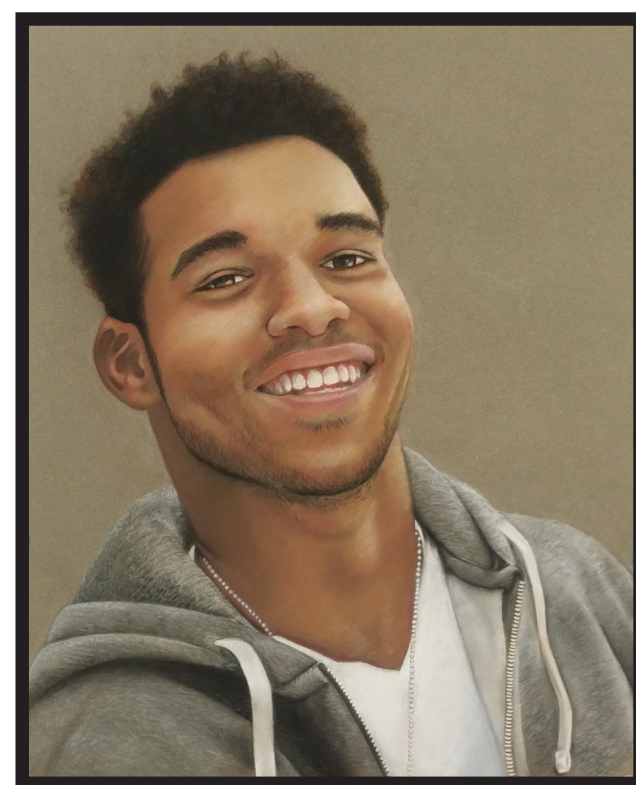
We are proud to announce that **26 students** and **28 pieces of art** are going to state!!!!
To give perspective, last year we broke the school district record of 7 students going to state with 9 students and 9 pieces going to state.

We also had 76 medal winners who scored a the highest score of a 4, with a total of 78 artworks entered.

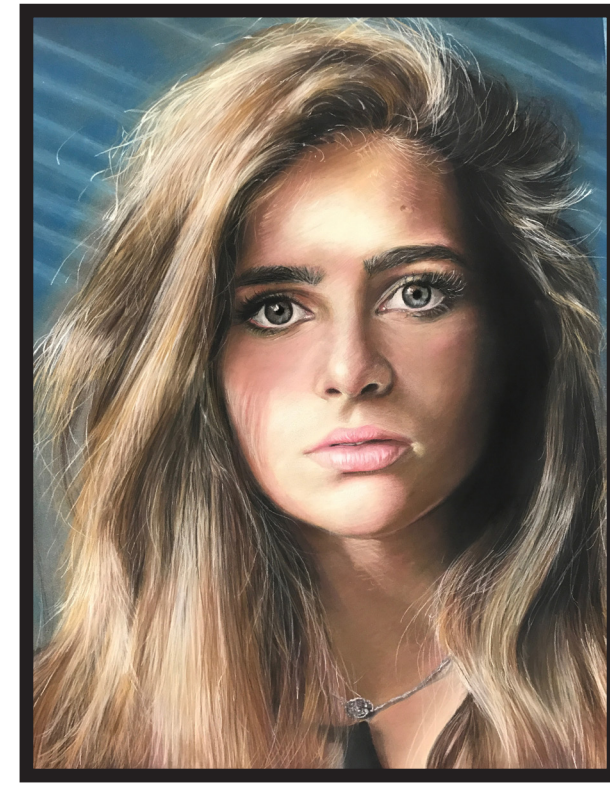
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Anushya Alandur, Pastel



Ann Woodard, Pastel



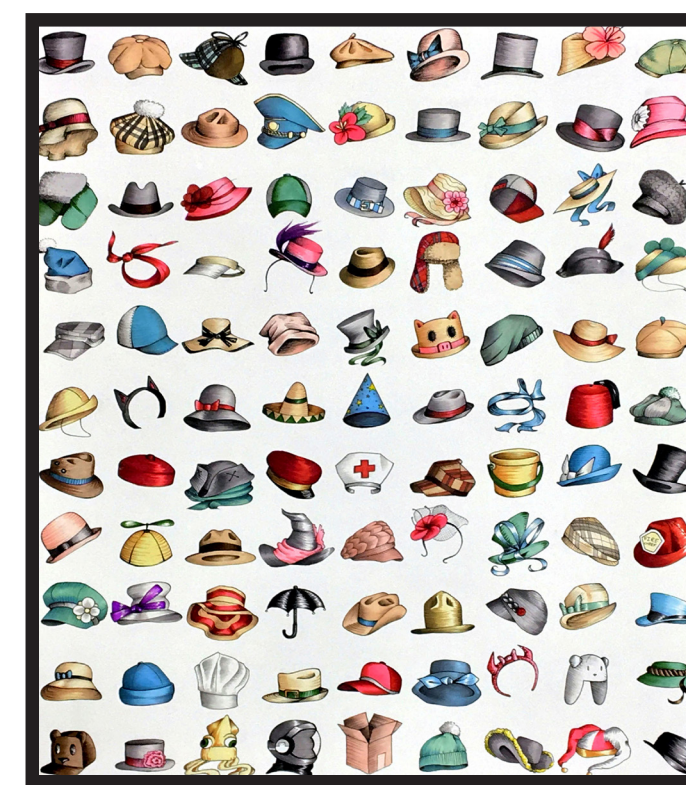
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Katie Todd, Pastel



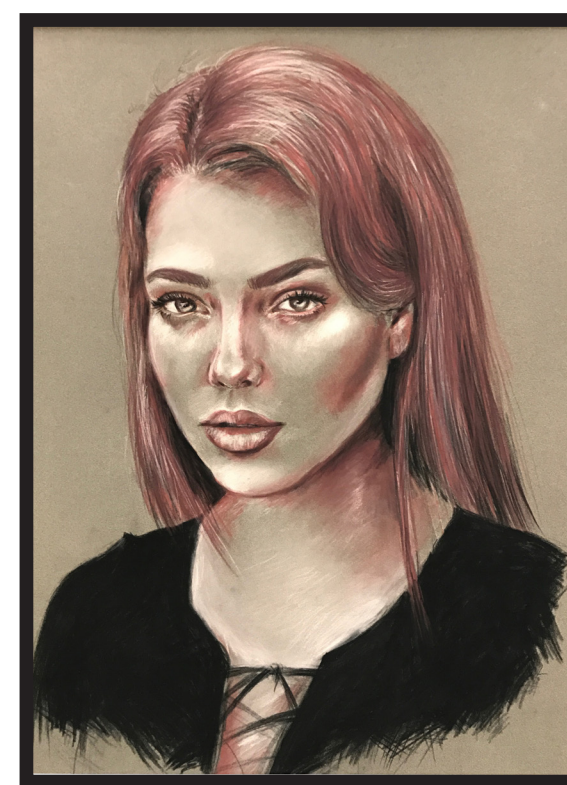
Katie Todd, Watercolor



Montserra Patino, Colored Pencil



Siena_Marek, Pan and Ink



Siena_Marek, Pastel



Emma Zhang, Sculpture



Katie Strand, Pastel



Meghna Sahoo, Pastel



Angela Wang, Pastel



Katie Golden, Photography



Natalia Vega-Munguia, Charcoal



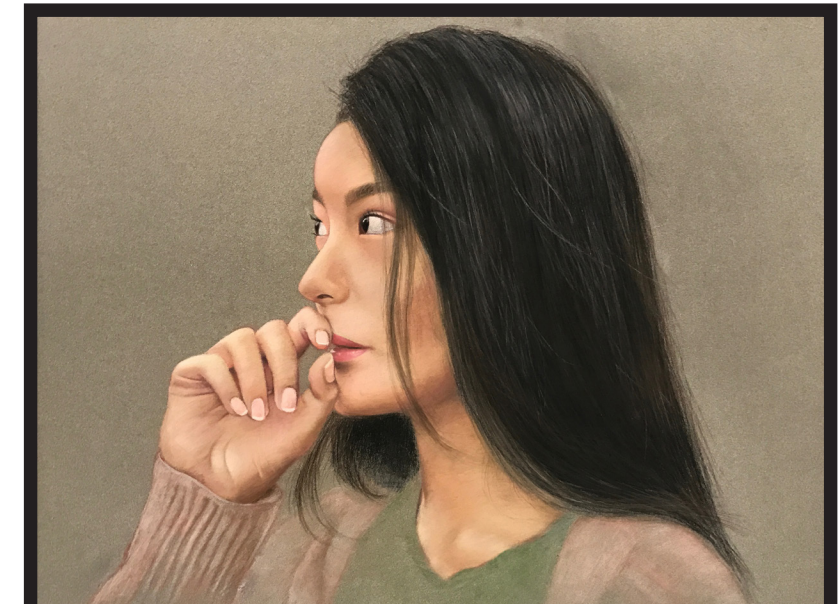
Melissa Wang, Charcoal



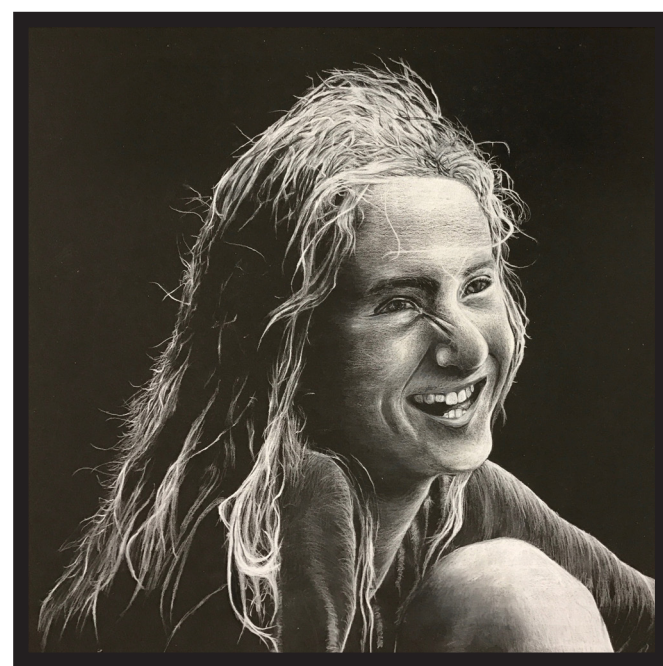
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Kaitte Torres, Pastel



Jingyi Ma, Pastel



Megan Close, Charcoal



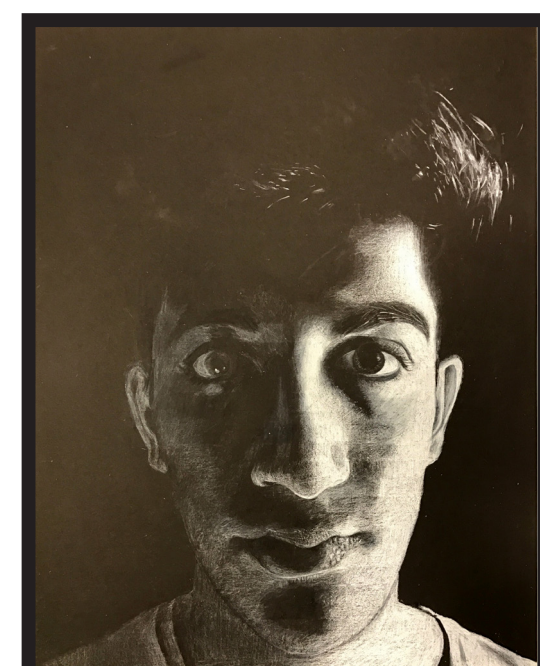
Morgan Wooley, Pencil



Lily Neilsen, Colored Pencil



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Hamza Kayani, Colored Pencil



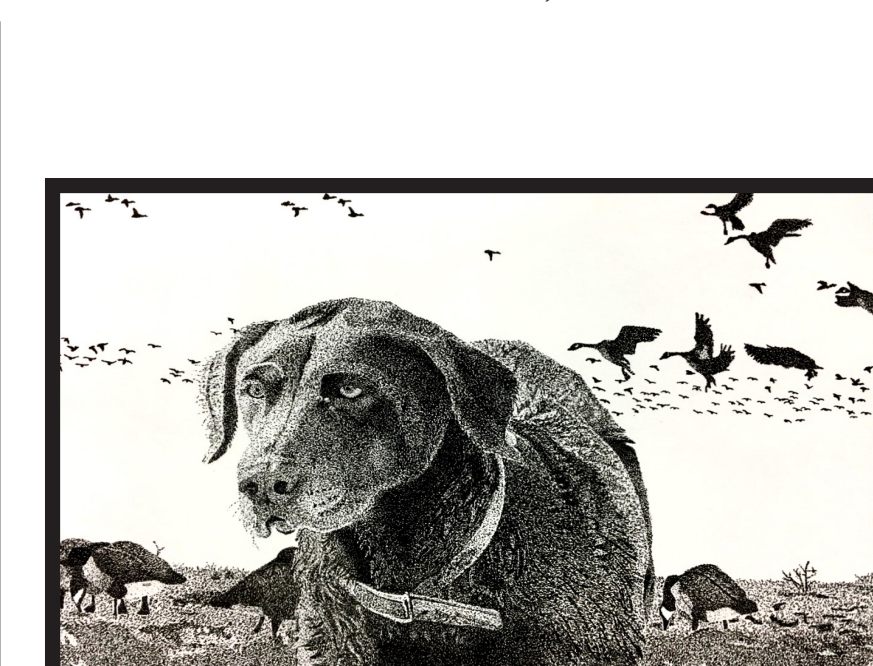
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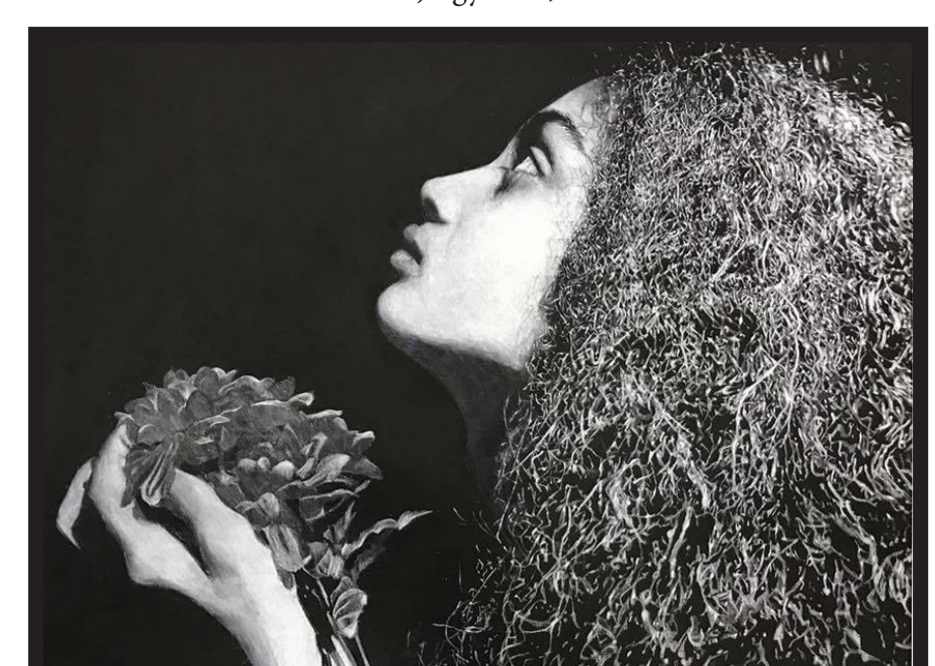
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