



# 2025 Art Portfolio Contest for High School Senior

Florida State Fairgrounds

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# 32 student portfolios accepted

The Art Portfolio Contest for High School Seniors is the highlight of the Fair's Youth Art Competitions. **Out of 360 students from 96 schools in 31 counties that entered their portfolios, only 32 student portfolios were chosen by our panel of jurors to exhibit their work at the 2025 Florida State Fair.**

We are fortunate to have the Florida Dairy Farmers as our sponsor. Florida's dairy farmers work daily to provide delicious and nutritious dairy products like milk, cheese, and yogurt that fuel creative young minds.

**\$10,000 in scholarship money will be awarded this year!**

First Place: \$3000 • Second Place: \$2000  
10 Awards of Merit: \$500 each



# Words from our judges

What an honor it is to serve as a judge for this exhibition! As someone who looks at art all day (mostly by adults), it's a breath of fresh air to view the work of these high school seniors. There is so much energy and creativity in these portfolios, making it incredibly difficult to narrow down my choices to fit the parameters of the final exhibition. The participants in this show each demonstrate a singularity of vision and their work forms a cohesive whole and evokes emotion, whether it be joy, angst, discomfort, or humor.

The two top award winners both render familial scenes with skill and sensitivity, adding a completely modern twist to traditional portraits and snapshots of family life. With a vibrant yet soothing palette of pinks and purples, Rowan Pan brings their childhood memories to life while grappling with what it means to grow older and break away from family traditions and expectations.

Leighton Wyatt also paints scenes of daily life but uses non-traditional surfaces to tell her visual stories, such as those found China plates and charcuterie boards. This brings not only an interesting physical dimension to her work but also adds to her narrative as well, bringing these common objects to life.

Congratulations to all the award winners and the participants in this exhibition. Your exceptional work will stay with me for a long time, and I look forward to seeing what the future holds for you as you continue to excel in your artistic practice.





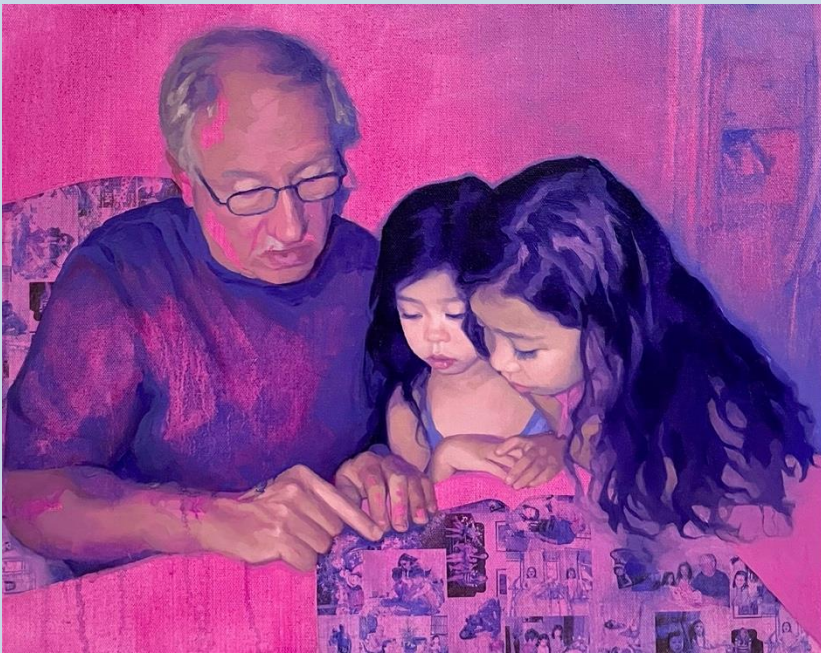
**1st Place**  
**\$3000 scholarship**

**Rowan Pan**

**School:** St. Augustine High School

**County:** St. Johns    **Teacher:** Matthew Mittelstadt

**Media:** 2D Mixed Media



**Title:** Papa



**Title:** Sundays



# 2nd Place

## \$2000 scholarship

**Leighton Wyatt**

**School:** Harrison School for the Arts

**County:** Polk     **Teacher:** Rocky Bridges

**Media:** Painting



**Title:** Harvesting Bait



**Title:** Imprinted



# Award of Merit

## \$500 scholarship

**Kamilla Alasgarova**

**School:** South Broward High School

**County:** Broward    **Teacher:** Jennifer Shapiro

**Media:** 2D Mixed Media



**Title:** Quiet  
Contemplation

**Title:** The Mischief





# Award of Merit

## \$500 scholarship

**Leala T. Campbell**

**School:** Miami Arts Charter School

**County:** Miami-Dade

**Teacher:** Gussie Danches

**Media:** Photography

**Title:** 8 Blocks



**Title:** 12 Blocks





# Award of Merit

## \$500 scholarship

**Janae Crespo**

**School:** New World School of the Arts

**County:** Miami-Dade      **Teacher:** Nabila Santa-Cristo

**Media:** 3D Mixed Media



**Title:** Violetta



**Title:** Love, Edric



# Award of Merit

## \$500 scholarship

**Thomas Diaz**

**School:** A. W. Dreyfoos School of the Arts

**County:** Palm Beach **Teacher:** Lacey Van Reeth

**Media:** Painting



**Title:** At  
the Table



**Title:** Abuela, Hermano, Mama



# Award of Merit

## \$500 scholarship

**Natalie Galan**

**School:** Gibbs High School

**County:** Pinellas     **Teacher:** Brian McAllister

**Media:** Drawing



**Title:** Compassion's  
Oxymoron

**Title:** Trench  
of Regrets





# Award of Merit

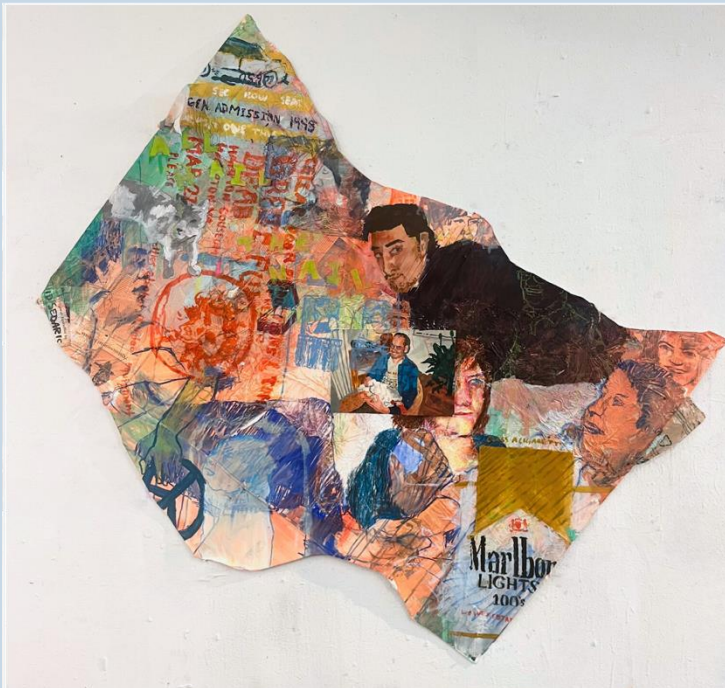
## \$500 scholarship

# Layla E. Hanfland

**School:** New World School of the Arts

**County:** Miami-Dade    **Teacher:** Jennifer Gifford

## Media: Painting





# Award of Merit

## \$500 scholarship

**Sophia Lataczewski**

**School:** New World School of the Arts

**County:** Miami-Dade      **Teacher:** Nabila Santa-Cristo

**Media:** 2D Mixed Media



**Title:** Meshed



**Title:**  
Fisherman



# Award of Merit

## \$500 scholarship

**Kierra Reese**

**School:** Douglas Anderson School of the Arts

**County:** Duval

**Teacher:** Hillary Hogue

**Media:** 2D Mixed Media

**Title:** Disquietude



**Title:** Upkeep



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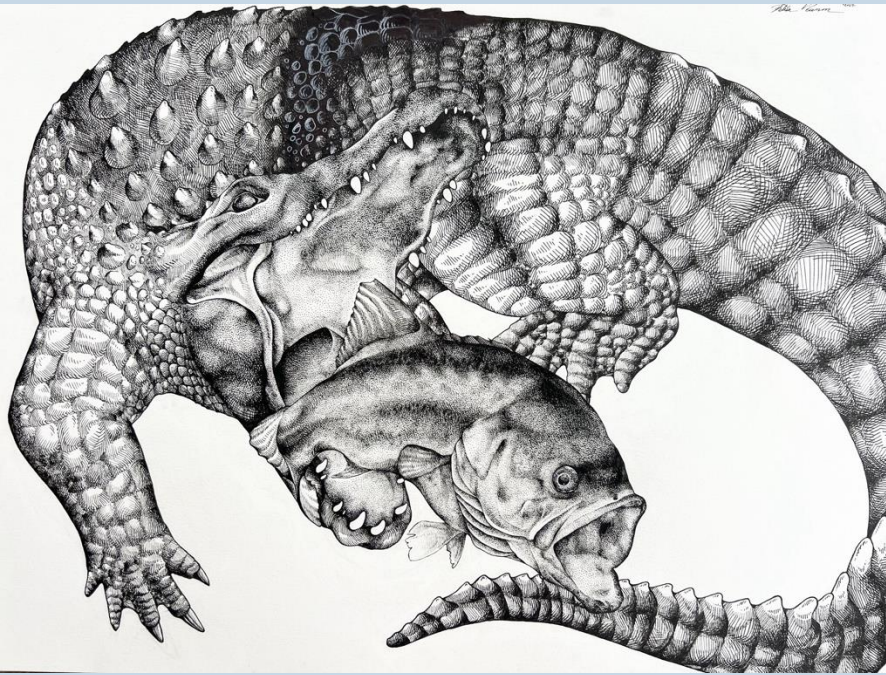
## \$500 scholarship

**Petra Ivy Venum**

**School:** North Fort Myers High School

**County:** Lee      **Teacher:** Joy Williams

**Media:** Drawing



**Title:** A  
Necessary  
Kill

**Title:** Scavenge



# Award of Merit

## \$500 scholarship

**Emma Winget**

**School:** Riverview High School

**County:** Sarasota      **Teacher:** Ellen Millar

**Media:** Digital Art



**Title:** Love

**Title:** Identity

You Are my  
Sunshine





# Taniyah Aris

**School:** A.W Dreyfoos School of the Arts

**County:** Palm Beach    **Teacher:** Nicolas Angulo

**Media:** 2D Mixed Media



**Title:** All Thugs  
Have Eternal  
Hearts



**Title:** Back to  
tha Junkyard



# Avery Burns

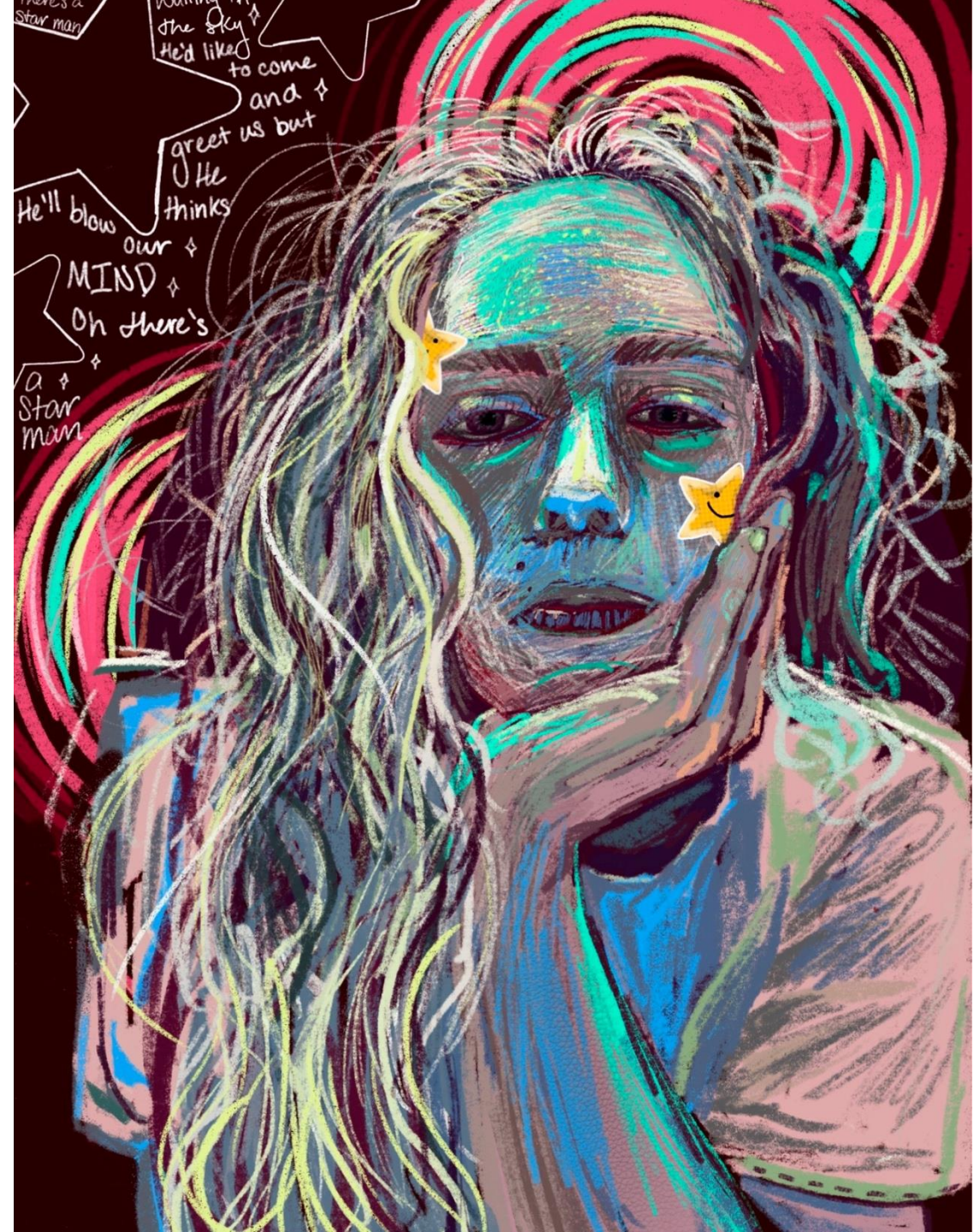
**School:** Tampa Preparatory School

**County:** Hillsborough **Teacher:** Martha DeAmbrose

**Media:** 2D Mixed Media



**Title:** Kitty Cat



**Title:** Child of the Stars



# Helena Carreno

**School:** New World School of the Arts

**County:** Miami-Dade **Teacher:** Nabila Santa-Cristo

**Media:** 2D Mixed Media

**Title:** Globalized



**Title:** Germinate



# Amanda Carvajal

**School:** New World School of the Arts

**County:** Miami-Dade    **Teacher:** Jenny Gifford

**Media:** 2D Mixed Media



**Title:** The Dolls  
We Carry



**Title:** Art of Lost Love



**McKayla M. Carwile**

**Title:** Roadkill

**School:** East Lake High School

**County:** Pinellas    **Teacher:** Nathan Greenwood

**Media:** 2D Mixed Media



**Title:** Hey ma,  
they are getting in  
the trash again!





**Natalie A. Cea**

**Title:** Which Channel

**School:** South Broward High School

**County:** Broward    **Teacher:** Jennifer Shapiro

**Media:** 2D Mixed Media



**Title:** Wandered Too Far



# Rebecca Chen

**School:** A.W Dreyfoos School of the Arts

**County:** Palm Beach

**Teacher:** Marcela Ramos Castillo

**Media:** 2D Mixed Media



**Title:** Food Nostalgia

**Title:** Chopsticks at an American Diner



**David L. Combs**

**Title:** Towering Totem

**School:** Edgewater High School

**County:** Orange      **Teacher:** Martinis McDuffie

**Media:** Ceramics



**Title:** Key Lime Goblin





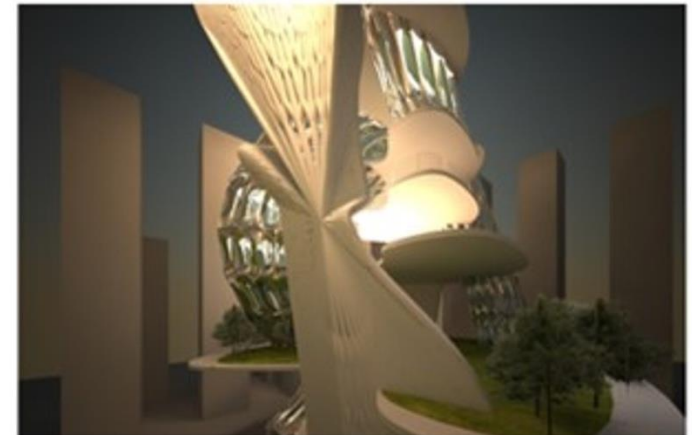
# Alexa Diaz

**School:** Booker T. Washington Senior High School

**County:** Miami-Dade

**Teacher:** Raydeivis Soguero Gonzalez

**Media:** Architectural



**Title:** Folding Facade

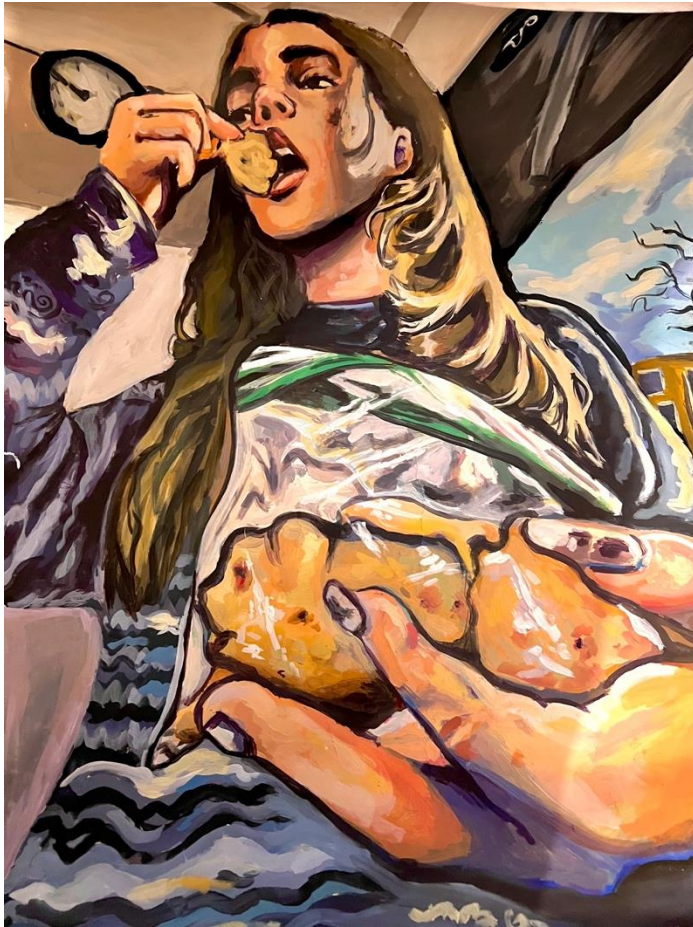


# Ciara J. Dunn

**School:** Douglas Anderson School of the Arts

**County:** Duval    **Teacher:** Hilary Hogue

**Media:** Painting



**Title:** Chips

**Title:** The Lovely  
Beach Saturday



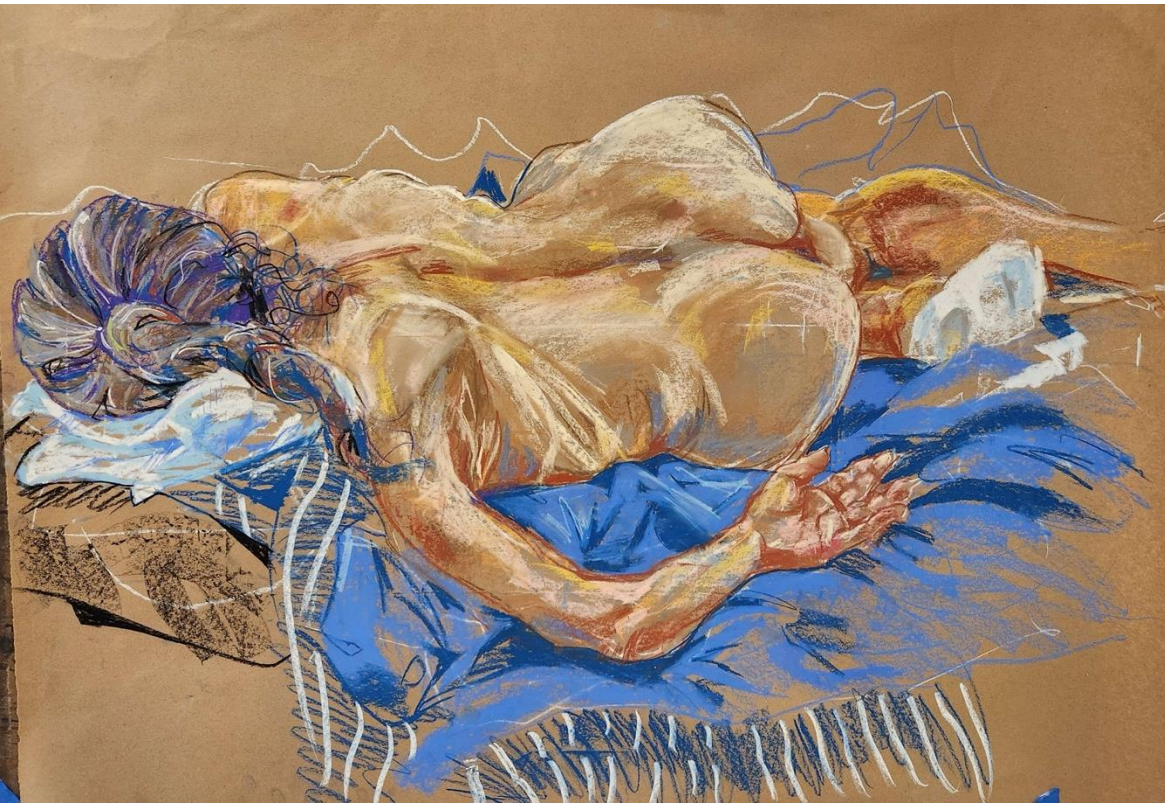


# Finn Fielding

**School:** A.W Dreyfoos School of the Arts

**County:** Palm Beach    **Teacher:** Lacey Van Reeth

**Media:** 2D Mixed Media



**Title:** Lying Women



**Title:** Rest and Rebirth



**Kayla Guzman**

**Title:** Backstage at an  
Empty Show

**School:** Gibbs High School

**County:** Pinellas      **Teacher:** Brian McAllister

**Media:** 2D Mixed Media



**Title:** Rarely  
as it seems





# Diver Jane-Ternay

**School:** Booker High School

**County:** Sarasota     **Teacher:** Jeffery Cornwell

**Media:** 2D Mixed Media



**Title:** Baked



**Title:** Illuminated  
Perspective



**Sophia Li**

**Title:** Chasing Circles

**School:** West Boca Raton Community High School

**County:** Palm Beach    **Teacher:** Thomas Bruckner

**Media:** 2D Mixed Media



**Title:** The Secret Shelf





# Hadley Martinez

**School:** Timber Creek High School

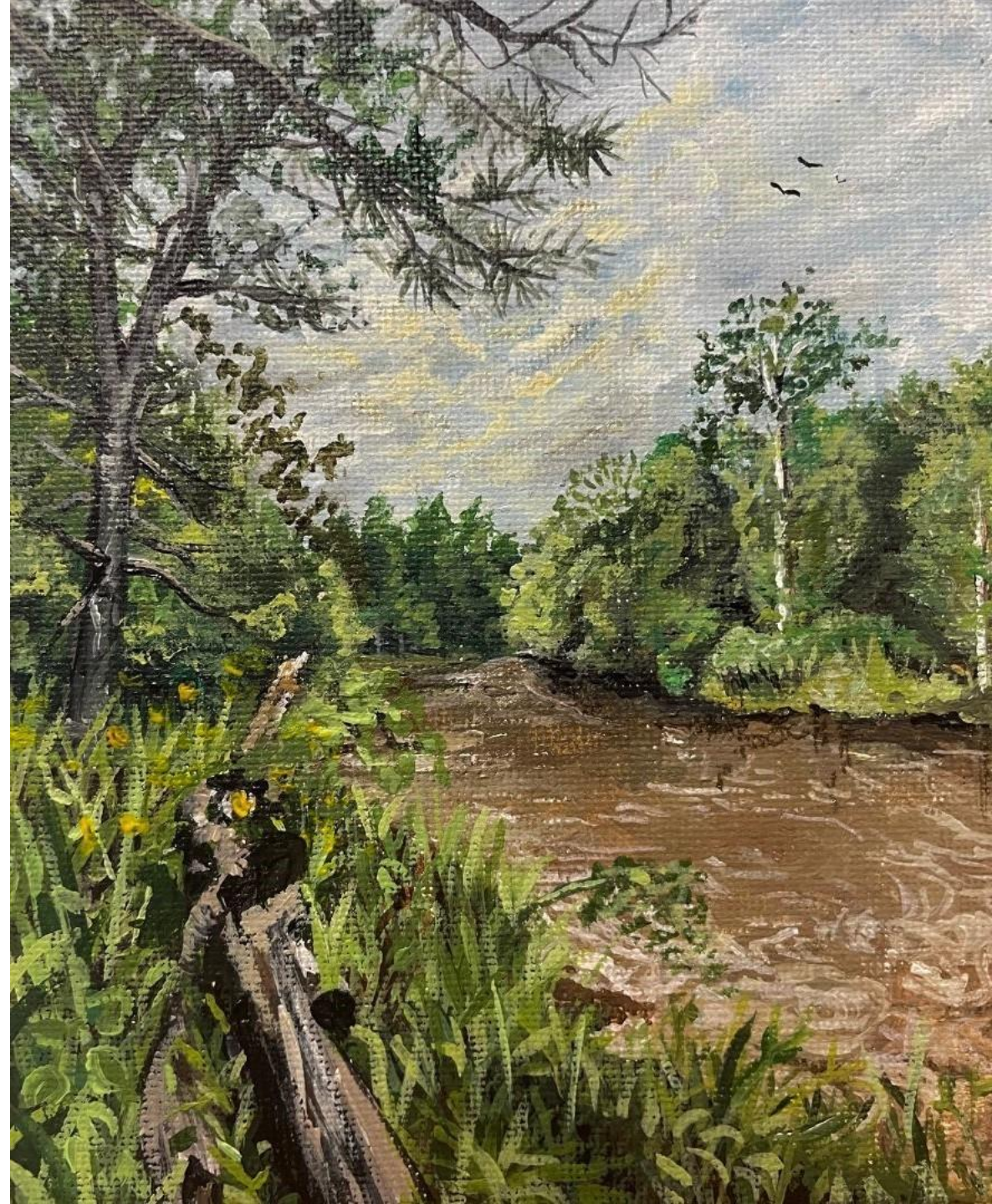
**County:** Orange      **Teacher:** Zorashka Cestero

**Media:** Painting

**Title:**  
New River



**Title:** Best  
Cousin Ever





# Sophia Pineda

**School:** Miami Arts Charter School

**County:** Miami-Dade      **Teacher:** Gussie Danches

**Media:** Photography



**Title:** Acuérdate de Mi

**Title:** Aqui?





# Azalea Schneider

**School:** Miami Arts Charter School

**County:** Miami-Dade     **Teacher:** Gussie Danches

**Media:** 3D Mixed Media



**Title:** Particia  
Duncan



**Title:** Rubber and  
Celluloid

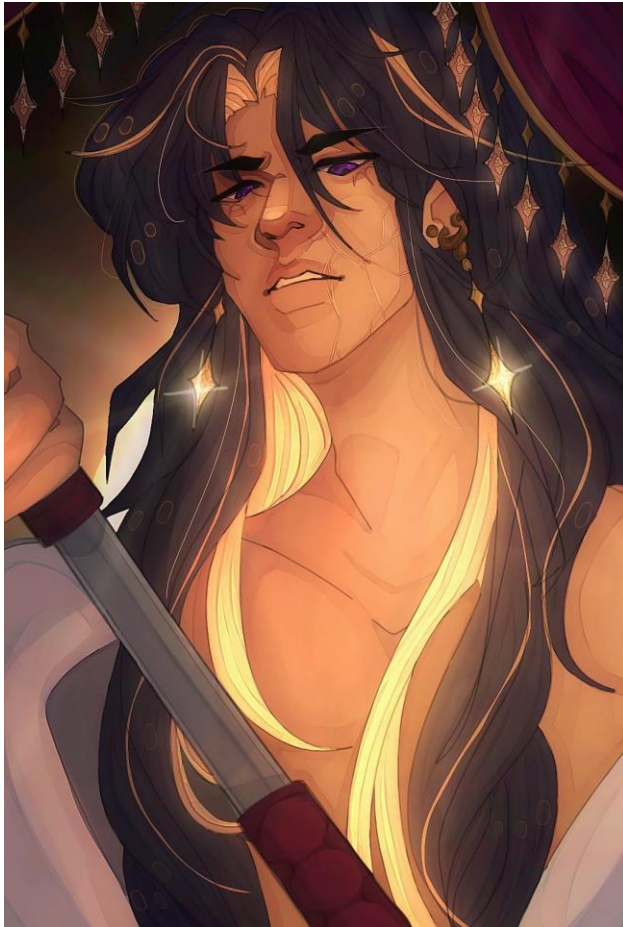


# Alany Rose Seda

**School:** Edgewater High School

**County:** Orange    **Teacher:** Julie Leisher

**Media:** Digital Art



**Title:**  
Asmos



**Title:** 9 of Pentacles



# Alana J. Smith

**School:** St. Petersburg High School

**County:** Pinellas **Teacher:** Rachel Koral

**Media:** Drawing



**Title:** Alice

**Title:** Digital Witness



# Maurico Zumbado Rios

**School:** New World School of the Arts

**County:** Miami-Dade

**Teacher:** Jenny Gifford

**Media:** Drawing



**Title:** A Portrait  
of Rain



**Title:** An  
Artist's  
Portrait