# Participating Student Artists' Biographical Statements



#### **Hailey Brammer, Grade 11**

Hailey is in 11th grade. This year is her last year in high school since she's graduating early. She took photography because she enjoys taking pictures and knew the class was enjoyable. Photography has let her experience taking pictures with both film and digital. She finds the class interesting because it allows her to see the difference between the types of photography, for example the difference in the process of film and digital.



## **Brayden Collins, Grade 10**

Brayden is a sophomore and has taken Art I: Foundations, Studio Art, and Photography. Next year he plans to enroll in AP Studio Art, and as a senior take AP Studio Art 2 and Fibers. His hobbies include creating string bracelets and painting henna. Aesthetically, he is drawn to detailed, beautiful images that simultaneously have a sense of simplicity. When thinking about art, Braden believes it is amazing to draw realistically and enjoys the challenge of using references from life.



#### D'Antrae Crews, Grade 11

D'Antrae is a junior and has taken Art I: Foundations, Studio Art, and AP Studio Art. He plans to take AP Studio Art 2 and Digital Media next year. He is interested in careers related to animation, logo design, art education, and fashion. Through his work he attempts to develop imagery that expresses his personality combined with a creepy aesthetic.



#### Laila Douglas, Grade 10

Laila is in 10<sup>th</sup> grade and is a student at Battle. In the past she took Art I: Foundations, but has always been interested in photography, so was excited to see this was a class. Her work has a range of subject matter, but all her images explore the use of values and textures and how she can use those elements to express her ideas. The whole process of taking pictures is relaxing but developing in the darkroom is her favorite.



### Jason Gillespie, Grade 11

Jason is a Junior at Battle High School. As a transfer student, this is his first year at Battle. He is currently taking Art 2: Studio Art. Jason's favorite medium to work in is marker; especially Alcohol Markers and Sharpies. He is inspired by graffiti art, and he excels in creating culturally relevant stylizations. Jason uses his art to express himself and to keep himself away from the negative experiences that can sometimes happen in life. Jason plans to continue taking more art class here at Battle in order to further improve his artistic skills.



Isaiah Johnson, Grade 11

Isaiah is a junior and has taken Art I: Foundations, Studio Art and Photography. He appreciates all types of art materials and takes art classes because they are enjoyable. Isaiah plays football and basketball and is currently on Battle's Varsity Basketball team.



#### **Amariah Woodson, Grade 11**

Amariah Woodson is a junior at Battle High School, currently taking AP Studio Art 2. She plans to continue her art career by taking AP Studio Art 3 next year and going to an art institute for college, most likely the Kansas City Art Institute. She has a passion for both traditional and digital drawing, as well as animation. Most of her pieces are in some way a representation of herself or a facet of her personality.



#### Sandra Velazco-Medina, Grade 12

Sandra is a senior. She has taken nearly every art course Battle has to offer, starting with Art I: Foundations and advancing to AP Studio Art Drawing 1 & 2, Photography 1 & 2 and Independent Study, AP Studio 3D, and Fibers. Her work relies of the exploration of color and utilizes this element for cultural expression. Additionally, her concepts often depict issues related to mental health and the investigation into personal identity. Her future plans include attending MACC and Columbia College to major in Forensics and minor in Photography.