

2016 Ohio Watercolor Society
Hodnett-Hacker Memorial High School Student Scholarship



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During my high school years, I participated in so many things ranging from sports like swimming and track, to Ohio Model United Nations, National Honor Society, and student council. The one thing that has always spoken to me, however, is art. Since eighth grade, I've been fortunate enough to have the same art teacher, Mr. Andrew Kirtland, who has really helped me to develop my passion for the visual arts. As I look back on my high school years, I can see a progression of my emotions, thoughts, ideas, and actions through my art, and each piece contains a new depth and perspective than the piece before it. Through taking many art classes throughout the past five years, I have discovered a love for watercolor painting and ink drawing, and that I love to create portraits of myself or people whom I have a personal relationship with because it gives me a deeper, richer connection to my work, enhancing the final product.

The artwork that I chose to submit is "Discovery", which is a watercolor painting on cardboard, and contains my younger brother and I looking at something in the grass in our front yard. My mom was the one that originally took the picture, and because it's so personal to me, I had so much motivation to create the vibrant colors and precious facial expressions that made it a complete work. I really love the way that the cardboard enhances the skin tones on my brother's and my face, and how the yellow and pink in the raincoats really stand out and contrast against the rest of the work. The fact that it is a family photo really allowed me to connect with the piece and fueled my passion to create something beautiful even more.



Next year, I will attend The Ohio State University where I will major in biology on a pre-medicine track, but definitely plan to keep practicing and creating art.