

**Comet Chronicles** 

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### Thank you, and congratulations!

As the 2020-2021 school year draws to a close, we want to wish each and every member of the Class of 2021 success and happiness in all your future endeavors! It is especially difficult this year because of the pandemic and all of the safety concerns involved in planning the graduation ceremonies.

Congratulations to all students for getting through this mostly virtual year. Looking forward to the well deserved summer break away from electronic devices is a good way to end the school year.

As we move into the summer with hope for the future, please take a few moments to enjoy the last edition of the year that we have put together for you. Several of our editorial staff are graduating this year... special thanks to you for being a part of the Comet Chronicles. We appreciate you!

We would love to hear from you about what you would like to see in your paper! You can get in touch with any Chronicles student staff member listed below or by e-mailing the paper's advisor: LMoriarty@fallsburgcsd.net. If you attend a school event and take pictures, why not send them to us to review for publication? Want us to cover an upcoming dance, fundraiser, or other event? Just let us know! Thank you for supporting the Fallsburg Jr./Sr. High School's paper, the Comet Chronicles!

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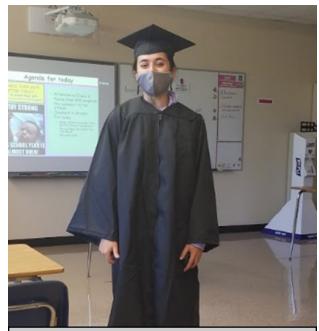




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# **SURPRISE!**



One never knows who is going to stop by just to say hi! Students picked up their caps and gowns for graduation and couldn't resist stopping by to show off. We are so proud of you. WE LOVE IT!



He may have graduated last year, but that didn't stop him from visiting his former teachers in the JSHS. We got caught up on what he is up to now as well as his what he is continuing to do for his future. WE LOVE IT!

# **UPCOMING DATES**

# Important Dates for 2021-2022 Athletics

### Fall 2021

JV/Varsity - Monday, August 23, 2021

Modified - Wednesday, September 1, 2021

### Winter 2021-22

JV/Varsity - Monday, November 15, 2021

Modified - Monday, November 29, 2021

### Spring 2022

JV/Varsity - Monday, March 14, 2022

Modified - Monday, March 21, 2022

# 2020-2021 SGA Representatives



#### SGA Officers

President: Emily Collura Vice President: N/A Secretary: Tamia Caston

Treasurer: N/A

Chief Justice: Cindy Granados (Advisers: Elisa Baum & Isabel Mejia)

### 12th Grade - Class of 2021

President: Haddy Gai
Vice President: Gianna Matthews
Secretary: Dolce McPherson
Treasurer: Shayla Dunston
Adviser: Victoria Alzate

### 11th Grade - Class of 2022

President: Tamia Caston Vice President: Emily Collurai Secretary: Santiago Cordero Treasurer: Jonathan Espinoza Adviser: Jeanette Espinoza

### 10th Grade - Class of 2023

President: Mikalah Ballard Vice President: Isabella Frunzi Secretary: Genesis Zelaya Treasurer: Allison Perna Advisers: Elisa Baum & Isabel Mejia

### 9th Grade - Class of 2024

Get Involved!

President: Arianna Gonzalez
Vice President: N/A
Secretary: Alexandra Ruiz
Treasurer: N/A
Advisers: Kristen Meyer
& Shari Mednick
& Julia Levner

### 8th Grade - Class of 2025

President: Nancy Martinez Cadena
Vice President: Arslyn Cantave
Secretary: Maya Ballard
Treasurer: Ashley Ingrassia
Advisers: Penny Esposito
& Carlye Bertholf

### 7th Grade - Class of 2026

President: Adam Frunzi Vice President: Jacob Espinoza Secretary: Amarey Armour Adviser: Michael Ballard







### 2021 OCIAA Scholar Athlete



### CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations on being inducted into the National Honor Society

Mateo Scanna Nicholas Muscia Andrew Rein Maritza Rivas Joya Gisella King Mikalah Balard Isabella Frunzi Iyanna Smith Isaias Argueta Melki Argueta Flores Edwin Morales Hunder Doty Michael Storms Carla Granados Aisha Darboe Jasmine Jackson Najuwa Laden Tahjane Coakley Odelmis Pavon Nabiha Shah Jahan

Congratulations on being inducted into the National Junior Honor Society

> Angelina Alvarado **Xzavier Berrios** Alexia Clark Bintou Darboe Jacob Espinoza Brian Ingber Jaxon Ingber Johnarris Landaverde-Lopez Noelle Varner Maya Ballard Arslyn Cantave Kolbie Damms Kenya Escalante Luciano Esposito Evyonna Gillard Prissila Hernandez Palacios Nicole Jimenez Hannah Johnson Erli Alessandro Maldonado Mayline Maldonado Nancy Martinez Cadena Rachel Montenegro Sandoval Jennifer Murillo Bella Muscia Keyla Otero-Deras Kaitlyn Pederson Jennifer Rios Nunez Ioannis Vernezos Jordyn Wall-Carty

NHS Advisors: Penny Esposito & Kasey Conrow

# Did you know...

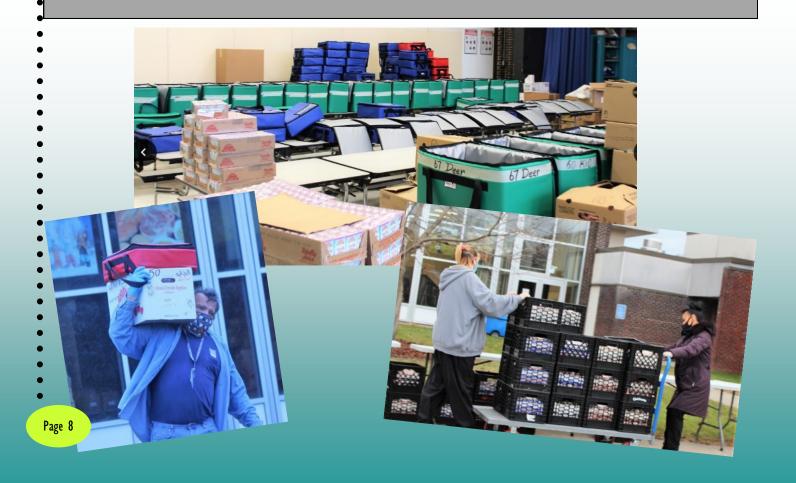
### FCSD Provided 13,000 Meals to Students over Winter Break

Ever since the "normal" school day had to be altered because of the Covid-19 pandemic last March, Fallsburg Central School District has ensured that school children received breakfast and lunch every Monday through Friday when school was in session and over the past summer as well.

This great effort was possible because the District's Food Services staff, with the help of custodial staff, worked early morning shifts and late in the day to prepare the meals and all the packaging. All boxes were filled and labeled according to each bus route and carted to waiting buses. Rolling V Bus Company was the essential partner for FCSD. Drivers and monitors picked up at Benjamin Cosor Elementary School (BCES) each morning no matter what the weather was.

When families were still struggling in the throes of Covid-19 and its disruption in the community, Fallsburg CSD will be served 13,000 meals to students over the winter break. The Food Services Department along with Rolling V will be packaged and delivered.

"We realize that the holiday season, amid a difficult and challenging pandemic, can and does cause strife for many families," said FCSD School Superintendent Dr. Ivan Katz. "Our hope is that by providing meals to our students, families have one less thing to worry about and our kids will get fed."





# SENIOR BASEBALL











# Have you heard...



# Al Rasnick Do the Right Thing Award Resumes at FCSD

Fallsburg Central School District (FCSD) and the Rasnick Family are happy to announce that they will be giving out Al Rasnick Do the Right Thing Awards (DTRT) this semester after a hiatus of a few years. Superintendent Dr. Ivan Katz and Bart Rasnick are very happy to offer these awards during a time of great challenges in the community. New Principal Kyle Roddey at the Jr/Sr High School will become the coordinator for this outstanding program.

The original award came as an effort from the Fallsburg PBA when the FCSD School Resource Officer in 2003-2004 was Ed Liotard. He went to Miami, Florida where the DTRT Award was based as a partnership between the Miami PD and Miami School District. Officer Liotard enrolled the district in the program.

Public Relations Director Larry Schafman coordinated with the staff and set up the first awards and ceremonies to honor the students. Funds came from the school and the Fallsburg PBA. They were limited amounts. A year later, Mr. Schafman was at the funeral of Judge Bart Rasnick's father Al, and he heard several eulogies about him, especially about his service in World War II.

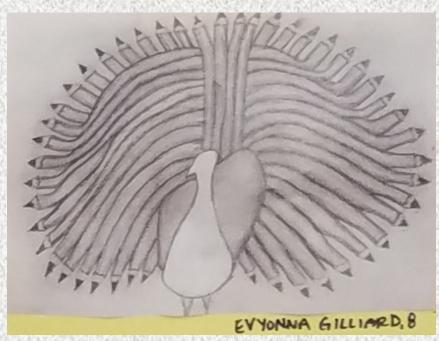
With the approval of the School Superintendent and PBA, Mr. Schafman approached Judge Rasnick about his family donating money for the award to be renamed in honor of his late father, the Al Rasnick DTRT Award. The Family was happy to accept this honor and supported the award throughout the years until 2017. One of the reasons for the lapse in the program was changes in the high school administration. Mr. Roddey was happy to hear about the program and is eager to champion it for the school and the Rasnick Family.

Mr. Roddey will be sending out a flyer announcing the resumption of DTRT and welcoming nominations from the teachers and the staff. As Dr. Katz said to Bart Rasnick recently, "As superintendent I am proud and honored about what this program meant for our kids in the past and what it could mean for them in the future."











# Congratulations To Our Scholarship Recipients!

On May 13, Mrs. Sonja Ferreira, Faculty Guidance Counselor for the Class of 2021, announced the recipients of the Samuel Beytin Community Scholarships and several other awards named in honor and memory of former FCSD staff members, to the FCSD Community. If you would like to make a donation in support of these scholarships, checks made payable to SBFCCSF should be ailed to Renee Kates, SBFCCSF Treasurer, PO Box 372,

# The Community Community Scholarship Awards

Neema Darboe

Haddy Gai

Cody Harvey

Dolce McPherson

Jamie Rein

Nevaeh Valree

The Blossom Cohen Award

Enni Li

The Candy Gold Memorial Scholarship

Gianna Matthews

The Esthyr Mintz Flanagan Award

Janelly Santos Lopez

The Edward Bryan Award

Daniel Milov

Hertz-LaRuffa Scholarship Award

Ava Anderman

Tamia Caston

Kayla Millas

Maddy Moran

Gabby Pantel

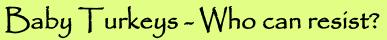
# Baby Turkeys - Who can resist?

### Fallsburg High School Environmental Science Class

Baby Turkeys- Ms. Putnam, Ms. Cecchini, and Mr. Galvan started a unit on animal agriculture in the 10th-12th grade high school Environmental Science classes. Recently, they have been discussing the controversy over labeling GMOs and knowing where, exactly, our food comes from. They have many visitors throughout the day checking on the little guys. Who can resist!











### **Varsity Boys Cross Country**

2021 Award Winners

#### MOST VALUABLE PLAYER

Josie Galeas Iraheta

#### MOST IMPROVED PLAYER

Hunter Doty

#### "ROLAND ALLEN" SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD

Cyrus Navas

### Varsity Girls Cross Country

#### 2021 Award Winners MOST VALUABLE PLAYER

Ava Anderman and Jamie Rein

#### MOST IMPROVED PLAYERS

Arianna Gonzalez

#### "ROLAND ALLEN" SPORTSMANSHIP AWARDS

Velkys Canales

### Varsity Volleyball

2021 Award Winners

#### MOST VALUABLE PLAYER

Ceci Mancia

#### MOST IMPROVED PLAYER

Rugiatu Sesay

#### "ROLAND ALLEN" SPORTSMANSHIP AWARDS

Sierra Kaplan

# Varsity Boys Soccer

2021 Award Winners

#### MOST VALUABLE PLAYER

Melki Argueta Flores

#### MOST IMPROVED PLAYER

Diego Bonilla

### "ROLAND ALLEN"

SPORTSMANSHIP AWARDS
Cristhofer Hernandez Moreno

### Varsity Girls Soccer

2021 Award Winners

#### MOST VALUABLE PLAYER

Keterin Ortiz Perna

#### MOST IMPROVED PLAYERS

Jennifer Santos

#### "ROLAND ALLEN" SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD

Emily Collura

### Varsity Football

2021 Award Winners

#### MOST VALUABLE PLAYER

Athan Zeno

#### MOST IMPROVED PLAYER

Mateo Scanna

#### "ROLAND ALLEN" SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD

Nick Fraser

### Varsity Alpine Skiing

2021 Award Winners

#### IOST IMPROVED PLAYER

Steven Magill

#### "ROLAND ALLEN" SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD

Sierra Kaplan

#### MOST VALUABLE PLAYER

Gabrielle Pantel

### Varsity Boys Basketball

2021 Award Winners

#### MOST IMPROVED PLAYER

Mark Rodriguez

#### MOST VALUABLE PLAYERS

Noah Moody

#### "ROLAND ALLEN"

#### \*PORTSMANSHIP AWARDS

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Nick Fraser

### Varsity Girls Basketball

2021 Award Winners

#### MOST VALUABLE PLAYERS

Allison Perna

#### MOST IMPROVED PLAYER

Kaitlyn Cross

#### "ROLAND ALLEN" SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD

Mia Irlbacher and Jordan Batista

### Wrestling

2021 Award Winners

#### MOST IMPROVED PLAYER

Allie Wiener

#### MOST VALUABLE PLAYERS

Luke Oefelein

### "ROLAND ALLEN"

SPORTSMANSHIP AWARDS

Gianna Valen

Girls Golf

2021 Award Winners

MOST VALUABLE PLAYERS

Angelina Levner

MOST IMPROVED PLAYER

Emma Degraw

Girls Track and Field

2021 Award Winners

MOST VALUABLE PLAYERS

Ava Anderman

MOST IMPROVED PLAYER

Velkys Canales

"ROLAND ALLEN" SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD

Meredith Anderman



COACHING

"Behind every fearless player is a fearless coach who refused to let them be anything but the best they can be."

**Boys Track and Field** 

2021 Award Winners

MOST VALUABLE PLAYERS

Elmin Grandos

MOST IMPROVED PLAYER

Cyrus Navas

"ROLAND ALLEN" SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD

Hunter Doty

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The Fallsburg Police Department

Larry Schafman

DJ Lisa Love

The Board of Education

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Athletic Event Staff

Dara Smith and Staff (Cafeteria Staff)

Edgar Espinosa and the Rolling "V" Bus Company

Amber Smith

Elisa Baum

Fallsburg \$GA

Baseball

2021 Award Winners

MOST IMPROVED PLAYER

Andrew Rein and Carlos Alvarado

"ROLAND ALLEN" SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD

Om Patel and Kyle Tremper

### 2021 Senior Perseverance Award

Jamie Rein and Nicholas Fraser

2021 Top Senior Athletes

Dolce McPherson and Athan Zeno

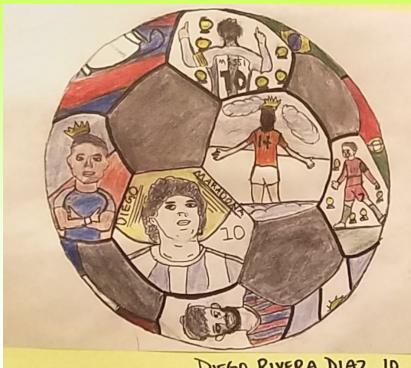
2021 Fallsburg Comet Senior Sportmanship Award

Elmin Granados and Ava Anderman

### Coach Mike Weiner Scholarship

#### Dolce McPherson

This award is presented to Dolce McPherson, a key player on the varsity Cheerleading, Indoor track & field, Outdoor track & field, and Volleyball teams. She served as a member of the following organizations: Student Government Association (SGA), National Honors Society (NHS), Today's Students Tomorrow's Teachers (TSTT), Interact Club, Future Problem Solvers (FPS), Senior Math Team (Team A), National Technical Honor's Society (NTHS), Science Olympiad, Concert Band, Concert Chorus, Chamber Chorus and was a Section IX representative for the New York State Public High School Athletic Association Student Athlete Advisory Committee (NYSPHSAA SAAC)





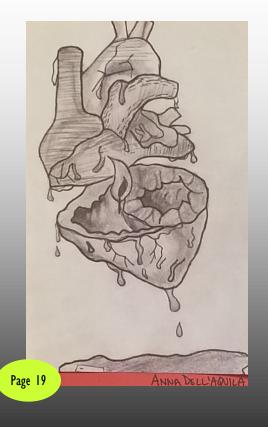


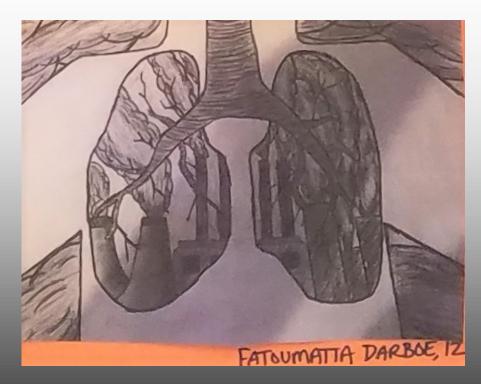




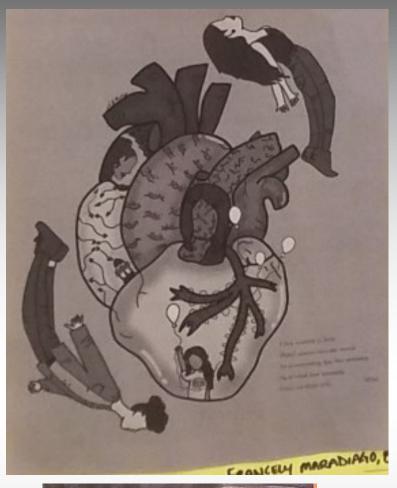










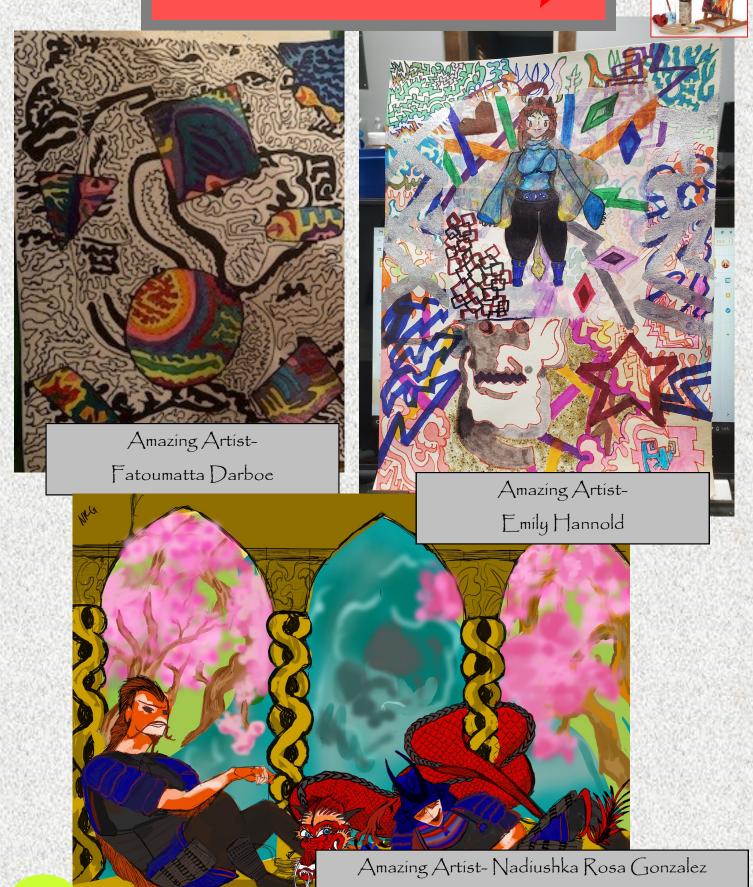




















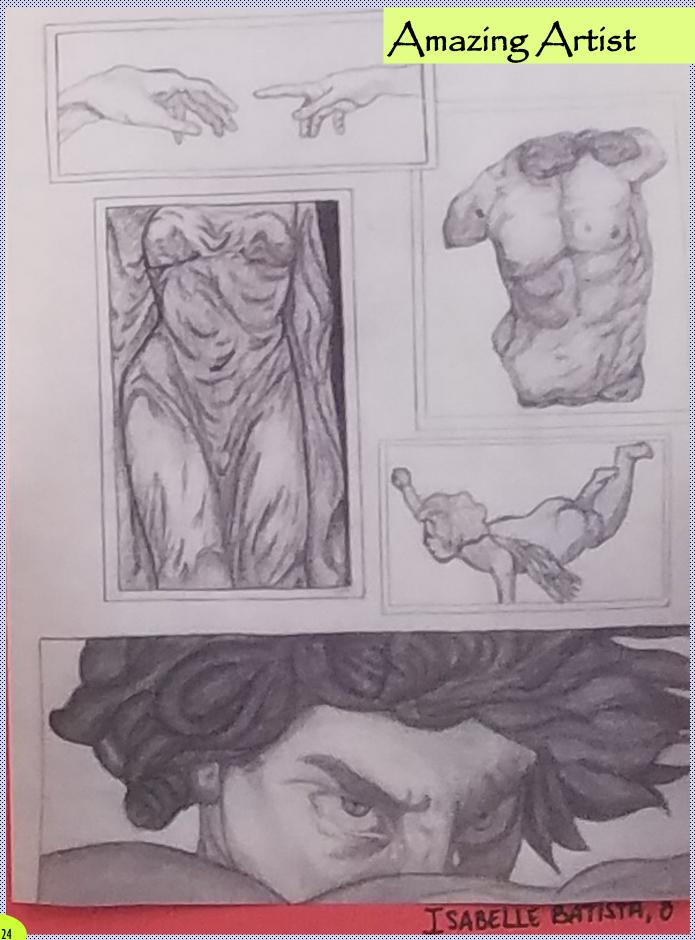


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Amazing Artist-Emily Hannold Emily's artwork is featured on our back cover!





# **Modified Football**













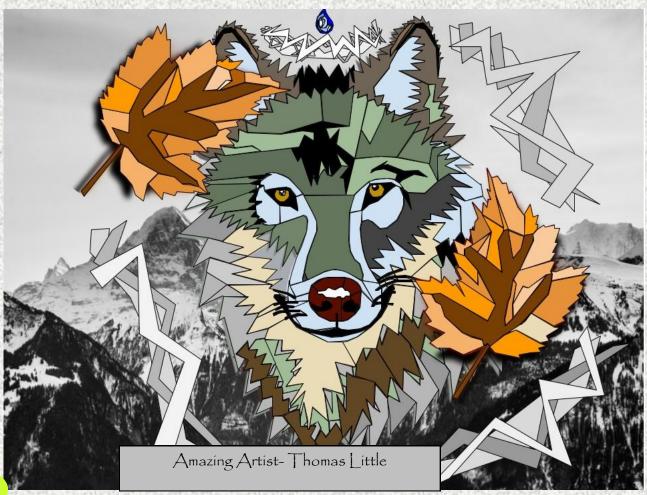
Amazing Artist-Jaiden Brenner





















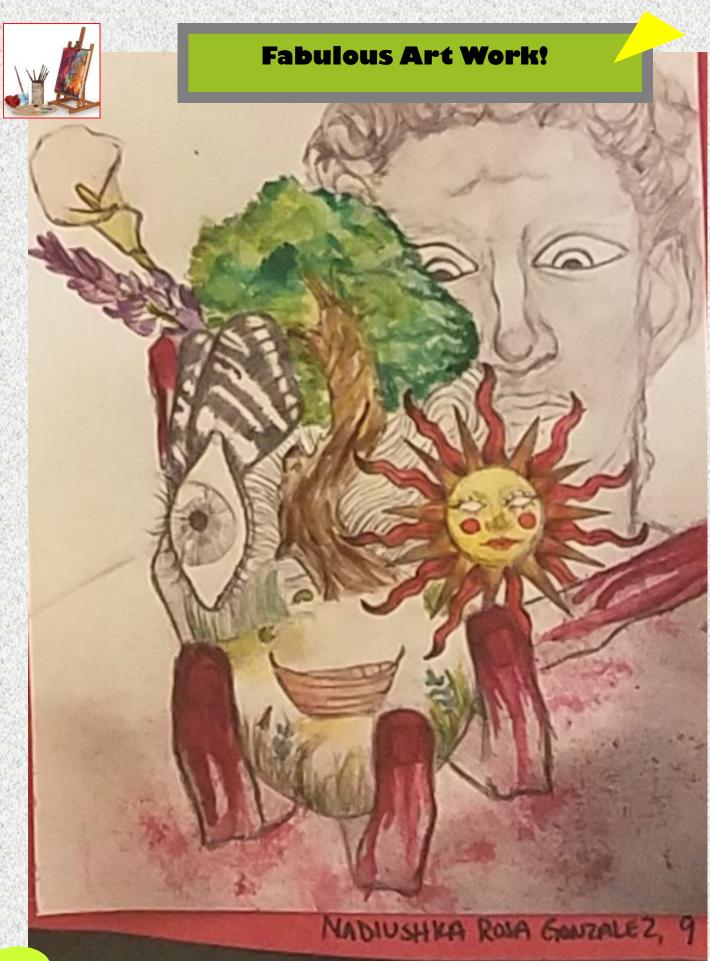


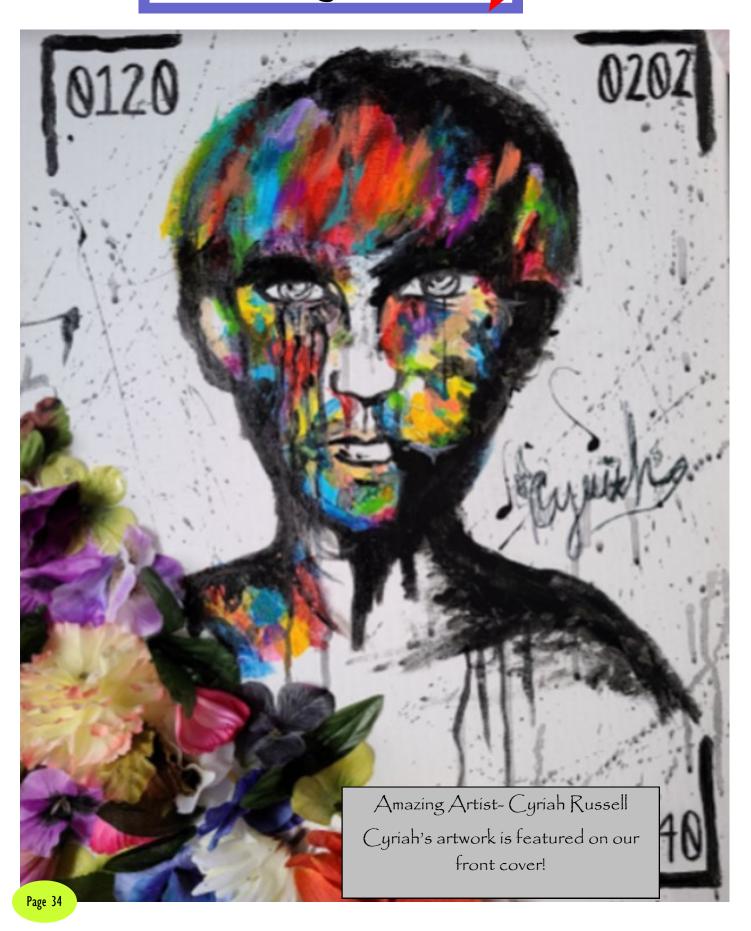




Amazing Artist-Yahaira Garcia

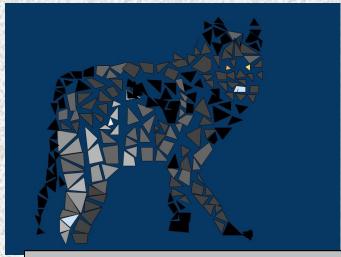












Amazing Artist-Steve Snihura



