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Arts4All is pleased to announce a new sculptor for their Student of the Month Recognition Program! This program strives to increase public awareness of the impact arts make on students with disabilities. These students are recognized with a one-of-a-kind trophy that is literally a work of art. Arts4All recently commissioned Carmen Rojas Gínes, a sculptor from Ocala, Florida to create the trophies for this year's recipients.



Carmen Rojas Gínes is a sculptor, painter and art teacher, whose artwork has been displayed at various museums across the nation with the traveling group "La Diáspora". She has also showcased her large mobile work in Outdoor Sculpture Exhibitions in both North Carolina and South Carolina. Carmen has a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Puerto Rico and a master's in Administration of Education from the University of Phoenix. She has taught art in various public schools in Puerto Rico, and even opened her own Art School where she taught art to children and adults. While in Ocala, Carmen taught in the private school setting and has been working at The Appleton Museum of Art with projects like Adult/Child art education, and various community programs. Presently, Carmen works in her studio located in Ocala, Florida, where she is developing new expressions in sculpture, painting and glass work.

Carmen writes in reference to her trophy creations: "Human flowering, like that of flowers, is not visible in the short term. Sometimes we think we are not moving when in reality we are. We advance discreetly and unfold like the petals of a flower, barely perceptible but spectacular when we observe with the perspective of time. Think about the trajectory of learning, days of work and effort prior to reaching her flowering, an elite athlete who breaks a new record, a cook who prepares an exquisite menu. The perspective of time makes us value the abilities and talents that, with daily effort and the right conditions, end up flourishing." These trophies are colorful and truly "bloom" with growth and beauty. We can't wait to present them to our deserving students.



To learn more about the Student of the Month program, please visit our website at-
<https://arts4allflorida.org/Student%20of%20the%20Month.html>

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