

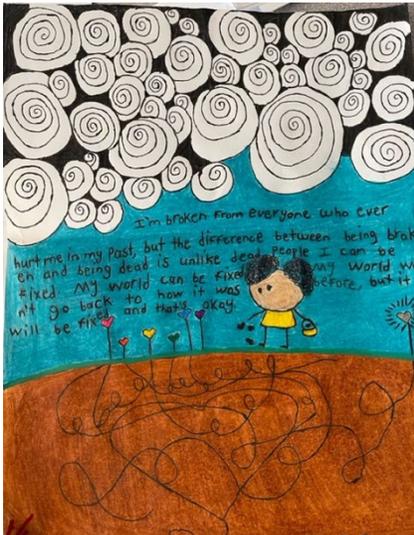
Arts4All Florida Student of the Month – February 2022



19-year-old **Anne Moore** from Cape Coral High School in Lee County was nominated by her art teacher, Miss Melissa Heinemann. She shared how “[Anne] is highly motivated and loves to try different mediums and techniques.” Anne began her art journey during her elementary school years when she was enrolled at the Academy of the Arts. While there, she worked with an instructor who was amazed at the level of detail Anne was able to put in her work. He stated, “I have been all over - from Germany to Mexico and the detail that she has taken years, if not a lifetime, to develop.”

Miss Heinemann shared with us how socially, art has been a huge boost for Anne. She carries her sketchbook everywhere and is eager to share with her peers in Cape Coral’s inclusion art education class. Anne is a student on the Autism Spectrum who has benefitted from the arts in a beautiful way! She has even expressed interest in joining her high school’s art club. This will surely be another positive

outlet for Anne as she continues to grow in her artistic practice and meet other novices such as herself. We asked Anne’s mom, Nicole Fitzpatrick, to share with us some additional insight: “Annie states that when she draws, she feels like she is in Heaven. She has so much passion!”



18-year-old, Xyanne Jackson was nominated by Nicole Newman, her academic coach, who is the founder of [Newman Educational Services](#) in Tallahassee. She writes, “Xyanne is one of the most gifted differently-abled artists I have worked with in the past two decades. She paints emotional abstracts in different mediums, writes poetry, and is always expanding her skills into other areas of art (she also makes beautifully designed scented soaps).”

Xyanne gravitated to the arts at an early age, first with drawing in elementary school. She then moved on to making her own coloring pages which she would share with her classmates. Since this past year, Xyanne started acrylic painting and has even tried her hand at oil painting. Xyanne’s artistic gift and dedication to connecting with others in her community impressed Arts4All Florida very much. This young artist not only dabbles in visual and craft arts but is now working to publish her very own book! Xyanne is writing a book for students on the Autism Spectrum and neuro-typical kids to explore topics on mental health. Miss Newman shared how “[Xyanne] wants to give insight into a different mind in order to help others feel understood and for the rest of us to understand.” Xyanne has cited Shel Silverstein as an inspiration for her contour drawings. “Xyanne is motivated and has so much to express! Her written work is poetic, descriptive and powerfully insightful,” said Miss Newman.