

Student of the Month
Arts4All Florida
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18-year-old **Alyssa Plaza** was nominated by Paul Nichols from the Lighthouse of Broward County. He proudly shares Alyssa's accomplishments as a student who has developed into a professional artist and accomplished musician, in spite of being vision impaired.

Alyssa has been involved with the arts since early childhood and is now coming into her own. She's recently been able to participate with ARTSERVE, a professional art museum in Broward County, giving her the opportunity to exhibit and share her talents. She produces original pieces as well as reproductions and most recently has been awarded for her work on an Earth Day project she participated in through a local radio station.

Additionally, Alyssa participates in her high school band and orchestra and is involved in Latinos in Action and Florida Future Educators Association. Growing up as a client of the Lighthouse of Broward has also given this motivated young lady a chance to volunteer for the organization and participate in paid work/study programs.



15-year-old **Zane Holz** was nominated by art teacher, Deborah Knispel at Pace Brantley in Longwood, Florida for her outstanding work in music and the visual arts. Ms. Knispel writes, "Zane is a multi-talented artist and works hard to achieve excellence in her craft."

Zane is enrolled at The Music Box music school where she works with a voice coach. She performs with a band at various local events such as the Taste of Oviedo and Oviedo's Artoberfest. "Despite her disabilities she puts herself in front of large crowds and loses herself in her performance", writes Ms. Knispel. "I have witnessed her acapella performances and am amazed at her ability."

Not only is Zane is an accomplished ukulele player and singer, she has visual art talent as well. In art class she presents as a meticulous student, spending copious time honing her skills by practicing daily. This young lady doesn't settle for mediocracy and strives for perfection before submitting her assignments. Zane is also an outstanding writer.

Zane participates in the youth group at her church, enjoys henna tattooing and devotes time working on her dad's classic cars. Furthermore, her obvious zest for life includes skateboarding, surfing and horseback riding.