

## Arts4All Florida Student of the Month January 2023



15-year-old **Candace Loban** attends J.W. Mitchell High School in Land O' Lakes. She was nominated by her mom, Shawna Loban. Mrs. Loban shared how "Candace has thrived in J.W. Mitchell's Marching Band as the only female trombone player. She has adapted to her sensory processing and vision disabilities while winning top awards in state competitions with her brass/wind bandmates." Candace has been playing piano and interested in music since she was 10 years old.

Arts4All Florida was impressed at her accomplished musicality and how she maintains a 4.2 GPA. Beyond her musical pursuits, last Summer Candace participated in USF's CodebreakHERS (a cybersecurity camp) and Arts4All Florida's Animation Gets Real Camp. "She loves attending Grace Chapel Youth Group and volunteers with her sibling's little league teams" – Mrs. Loban. Candace plans to pursue a technology and engineering track in college.



13-year-old **Jose Bolanos** attends Jose de Diego Middle School in Miami. He was nominated by Dr. Renata Novak, the ELL SPED Teacher. She shared how "Jose Bolanos is one of my students in my Access Visual Arts class. He is extremely talented in [the] arts."

Arts4All Florida was impressed by Jose's understanding of shadow and space, as shown in his drawing top right, and his

cityscape on left. Though the buildings may be cramped, Jose's rendering of the buildings' structure alludes to their place in a realistic space. Dr. Novak informed us that Jose is working on a Code-Art Self Portrait in her class. "It is an extra activity we are doing which involves coding an image of the student self-portrait" – Dr. Novak. While these may be early exercises in his artistic journey, we are sure Jose will continue to develop his skills!