

Arts4All Florida
Student of the Month
March 2023



16-year-old **Cherubin Louise** was nominated by Sarah Kocses the Music Teacher at Golden Gate Highschool in Collier County. Sarah writes, "His love of drums is evident every time he plays."

Arts4All Florida was impressed by Cherubin talent as a drummer. He is a member of the Golden Gate High School Jazz Band, where he is a fulltime member. He was the only drummer for the FBA Jazz Music Performance

Assessment in February where the Jazz Band earned an overall Superior rating and qualified to perform for the State Jazz MPA in March.



13-year-old Kayla Barnes was nominated by her mother, Elyza Barnes. Kayla is in the 7th grade, and attends Holy Spirit Catholic School. Overcoming a very complex medical history, Kayla had many successes throughout her life. She has even exceeded the Doctor's expectations. No matter what life throws at her, she continues to stand strong. She really worked thru hardships and was able to push through. Kayla just had to take time and worked harder to try to keep up. Despite all of these challenges, Kayla manages to continue to rise up, stay strong, and she never gives up. Kayla has a welcoming personality and a contagious smile. She is strong willed and has the constant drive to achieve her goals no matter what it may be. She is filled with

determination. Not only that Kayla makes straight A's, but she also has the passion for the Arts. Through her art, it brings a smile to people's faces and make them happy. Ms. Miller, English teacher said "A well-deserved accomplishment! With her focus and determination on doing well academically, she has a bright future ahead of her!"

Kayla has participated in three different Art shows. First, she competed for the "Earth Day" Competition. The second exhibit was themed "Behind the Mask". On both

occasions of these exhibits, Kayla's art was put into World Revolt Art Gallery in Atlantic Beach, FL. Kayla won an award in the Earth Day Competition. Over 80 applicants applied and only 20 artists were selected and one of them was her. Kayla was also selected to be featured on their website. Thirdly, Kayla's art was put in a mural at MOCA (Museum of Contemporary Art) in Jacksonville, FL. The theme was titled "What Lifts You Up?". Her art was also put on their website along with AWAHIH (Art with A Heart in Healthcare) website and was featured as well in the Arbus magazine. In addition, Kayla's art will be in rotation to travel in different places from MOCA, FSCJ college, St. Augustine library, different hospitals, and JAX (Jacksonville International Airport).