



**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

Arts4All Florida  
University of South Florida  
[www.arts4allflorida.org](http://www.arts4allflorida.org)

**CONTACT:** Wendy Finklea,  
Director of Programs  
[wfinklea@usf.edu](mailto:wfinklea@usf.edu)  
813.974.0715

**Hillsborough County Student Named  
Arts4All Florida October 2019 Student of the Month**

*(Tampa, FL) October 11, 2019*

Arts4All Florida is pleased to announce 14-year-old Nathan Linton as one of their October 2019 Students of the Month. Nathan, who attends Burns Middle School in Brandon, Florida, was nominated by Art Teacher, Pamela Reeves for his dedication to the art making process and sharing his new found passion with others. She writes, “[Nathan] spoke to me the other day and said he feels like choosing art was a ‘perfect fit’ for him.”

Nathan has always loved creating...mostly with Legos and constructing objects. But this year Nathan went out on a limb and chose art as one of his middle school electives. Initially he found it difficult to ask questions and accept constructive criticism. “Then one day something happened”, Ms. Reeves shares. “Nathan chose to take all the feedback and used it to create a value drawing of a dragon’s eye.” The feeling of success and pride has spilled over into Nathan’s personal life; his father reports noticing his increased verbal and social skills as he shares his art process to his family and friends.

Nathan has had some tough circumstances to deal with over the years along with needing reading, written language and math support to accommodate his learning disability. Although when art is a component of any of his class assignments, his teachers report, Nathan shines!

Arts4All Florida looks forward to recognizing Nathan and presenting him with a personalized trophy at an awards ceremony in the coming weeks. The Arts4All Florida Student of the Month Program is designed to increase public awareness and recognize the impact arts make on students with disabilities statewide. Students who participate in the arts develop creativity, have increased self-confidence, understand teamwork, have increased language and math skills and are generally more engaged. For more information about the Student of the Month program and others, please visit [www.arts4allflorida.org](http://www.arts4allflorida.org).

#####

