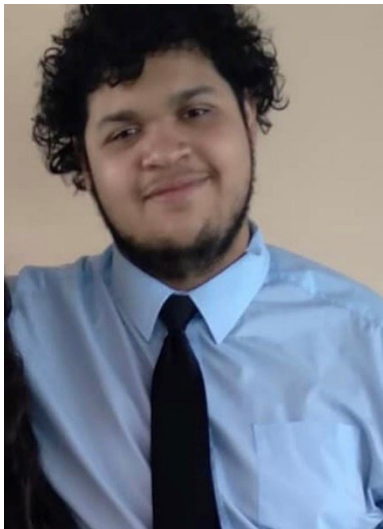


**Arts4All Florida**  
**Student of the Month**  
**November, 2022**



6-year-old **Alayah Fisher** attends Chocachatti Elementary in Brooksville, Florida. She was nominated by her mom, Krista Fisher. She shared how Alayah is a straight-A student who dreams of becoming a veterinarian. “[She] pours her heart into dance two days a week at a local dance academy” – Mrs. Fisher. Not only is she involved in a variety of activities in and out of school, but she is also very compassionate caring for those around her.

Last year, Alayah participated in her very first competition season, with a solo! She placed in several of the competitions in both team and solo performances. “She lights up and blooms on the stage. She can connect on stage in a way that shows her heart and soul.” – Mrs. Fisher. We hope Alayah continues to grow in her studies and as a dancer!



18-year-old **Nathaniel Valdes Regueira** was nominated by his mom, Joanna Regueira. She shared that “although he has faced many adversities from his disabilities, he has made a lot of changes and focused on what he loves - music.” Nathaniel is involved in the arts through a program called Florida Studio where he experiments with music production and songwriting.

Nathaniel started as a self-taught musician at age 15 reading an audio engineer book and researching producers on YouTube. Arts4All Florida was impressed by his original composition and lyrics that reflect his personal experiences. His song titled *Life isn't Fair (Ruff)* begins with a soft melodic piano before introducing heavier basses that compliment his lyrical delivery. Part homage to his mother part reflection of his adolescence, Nathaniel expresses his pain through each verse. He discusses family dynamics, loss, and trust issues. Despite this, Nathaniel is able to express himself through his music instead of holding on to everything inside. He performs regularly at competitions and has won several recognitions for his talent. “Because of the arts, he is more outgoing, confident, and does not give up easily anymore. He has a new found resilience that I didn't see him have before.” – Joanna Regueira. Nathaniel's journey is emblematic of the positive impacts the arts can have on students with disabilities. We are ready to support his journey as he continues working on his music and hopes for opening his own business!