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Charlotte County Student Named Arts4All Florida
February 2024 Student of the Month
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Arts4All Florida is pleased to announce 15-year-old Elizabeth Sweetland February 2024 Student of the Month. She attends The Lotus Center School In Port Charlotte, FL. Elizabeth was nominated by her teacher Jodi Schwarzenbach

Ms. Schwarzenbach shared “Elizabeth is a wonderful artist and student who happens to be on the autism spectrum. We have a dedicated art area to display Elizabeth's creations because they bring so much joy to our students and staff. Whereas many of our students are non-verbal, art drawings by Elizabeth transcend the need for words as all can enjoy her creativity.”

Elizabeth created a “lotus” logo for her school that was printed on t-shirts and used as a fundraiser for the school’s Winter Ball. When students began wearing the shirts Elizabeth said, “Hey I drew that!” Ms. Schwarzenbach said it was so wonderful to see her beam with simple confidence. Elizabeth also ran an art booth at the spring event where she presented her art along with other students.



Arts4All Florida was impressed with her outstanding work ethic and looks forward to recognizing Elizabeth in our newsletter, highlighting her on our website, and sending her a personalized trophy. 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.

