

**Arts4All Florida
Student of the Month
January 2021**



13-year old **Aniston Reynolds** was nominated by Jennifer Bryant of Tinker K-8 School in Tampa, FL. She writes, “Aniston always has gravitated toward drawing and the visual arts as a means of self-expression...her love of creating artwork (especially anime related artwork) and sharing that artwork with others has been her means of trying to build and maintain connections and helps tremendously with her self-confidence.”

Aniston uses her art as a way to connect with others, akin to students on the autistic spectrum often do. Arts4All Florida was delighted to view some of her work that included a poster used to decorate her school for “Start With Hello Week.” The 2D work reflects the budding young artist’s talent as well as Aniston’s ability to inspire her peers. Furthermore, her response to a school-wide program amidst the changes due to the Covid-19 pandemic demonstrates her commitment to improving her skills as well as the importance of art as a tool for bringing people together.

In 2019, Aniston received an Honorable Mention recognition from Sandy Hook Promise for their Student Voices Contest. Most recently, she has adapted to an online learning environment by using new digital platforms to create her work. Aniston has been able to share her work digitally reaching a broader audience than was previously possible.



16-year old **Lindsey Arzonico** was nominated by Coach Evan Starcher at Pace Brantley School in Longwood, Florida. Coach Starcher writes, “Lindsey was dedicated to the process of improving and learning about herself as a documentarian and editor. Her finished product and dedication to the artistic process is well-deserving of recognition beyond the classroom.”

Arts4All Florida was wowed by Lindsey’s documentary video, *Beyond the Bench*. Written, directed, filmed, and edited by Lindsey herself, this project gives viewers an in-depth look at the Pace Brantley basketball team. The 19-mins video focuses on Coach Starcher’s role as the team’s leader and mentor, both on and off the court. Over the course of a year, Lindsey interviewed players, Coach Starcher, and shot footage of the basketball

games. This project not only reflects the talent of the aspiring documentarian and editor but also the collaborative nature of sports and media production.

Lindsey is a sophomore and dedicated member of the TV Productions program at Pace Brantley School. She serves as an anchor on the school morning announcements, is the lead editor for the show, and is part of her school's National Honor Society. Although Lindsey has a specific learning disability and language impairment, this has not stopped the talented producer from pushing her abilities to new heights for the betterment of those around her. As Coach Starcher has said, "Lindsey does not let her disability hold her back from being active in school and outside of school. Lindsey is consistently working hard to better our campus, school and TV production program."