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**Leon County Student Named Arts4All Florida
May 2024 Student of the Month
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Arts4All Florida is pleased to announce 21-year-old Kanan Pigott May 2024 Student of the Month. He attends IMPACT Academy in Tallahassee, FL. Kanan was nominated by teacher Janie Register.

She shares that Kanan was diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder at age 4. He first discovered his love of art when he was introduced to Play-Doh around the same time. He began molding characters from his favorite children's television shows, such as Barney and Bob the Builder. Within a few years, he transitioned from Play-Doh to oil-based clay, and he expanded his craft to include animals, business logos and other cartoon characters. By the time he moved on to middle school, he was working with lightweight compound, most commonly known as Crayola Model Magic.

During his middle school years, Kanan mastered his craft of three-dimensional figures and began making the figures out of card stock or paper and packing or office tape. Since then, he has made certain figures that have become his trademark; such as elephants, various tractors, and full size construction vests and hard hats.



In 2021, Kanan's mother decided to take a leap of faith and start a business to showcase Kanan's talent. Pieces of HeART by Kanan Pigott was founded on the premise of promoting acceptance, involvement, and inclusion of those individuals on the spectrum within our community.

Kanan has participated in some local craft shows, and has created business pages on Facebook and Instagram. He has also partnered with MPAC and Obsessions Gifts, located in Railroad Square, to display and sell his art pieces.

Arts4All Florida was impressed with his outstanding work ethic and looks forward to recognizing Kanan in our newsletter, highlighting him on our website, and sending him 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.

