

Sample Evidence Reflections

Arts & Design (portfolio entry: two business cards created by the student)

Create - to develop from nothing, an artistic piece from the imagination. My future dream career that I have been working so hard towards in the past few years is Fashion Design. I enjoy everything about art whether it is sketching, portraiture, painting photography or just putting together designs in my scrapbook. Just this past year I have been lucky enough to once again expand my knowledge in the arts through a skill that in this day and age will benefit me greatly, technology. I chose to include business cards that I designed and created for myself. For a free project I decided that making business cards would be the perfect opportunity for me to immediately benefit from this design. This year I began networking with people in the fashion industry, and I thought a strong way to make an impression at such a young age, and have them remember my name, was to stick it in front of them on something they could refer to in the future. The process I went through to design my cards began by searching through numerous pictures and selecting a few which I thought best put forth what I want my name to represent, classic, funky, fun and alive! I kept all ideas I had on file to refer to and in my final project I chose two different cards one to target the more classic sexy, wild audience and one for the more bubbly audience. I believe I have an eye to put together wonderful color schemes, and stretch the imagination with abstract fun pieces to create art others may not have thought of. In working with Corel Draw this program enables me to explore my ideas using all tools available on the program to present different ideas by experimenting with colors, textures, fonts, depths, and shapes to capture the perfect "look" for the piece. This process of art by technology allows me to easily and quickly save, and recreate the image to quickly assess all the different options and select the perfect finish. Another strength of mine is to look at images and select components of it that I find powerful to the art and to pair it with others to create a whole new creation. One of my keys to success is to explore fellow artist's pieces and be inspired by their ideas and recreate the images with my own ideas to create a new masterpiece. A favorite hobby is to cut feature items from fashion magazines and paste these pieces together to create a whole image, a technique I refer to as fashion design scrapbooking. Anytime I see something that inspires I rely on my sketchbook and digital camera to retain ideas for future use. I have had the opportunity to use my cards and every time I get the chance to exchange one I feel a certain pang of pride, and confidence. I know showing my eagerness and design skills through a strong piece of artwork a person can keep and refer back to me with, will help me along the path of my dream career in arts and design.

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Information Technology (Portfolio entry: a small full colour poster created in a Visual Arts Media Technology class)

This Project was done in Visual Arts and demonstrates my ability to use computer programs. This poster was made in a program called Corel Draw 11 to advertise for sailing lessons offered by a resort..... I chose this software because it allowed me to make things piece by piece which allows for creation of intricate designs such as the crab or the seagull. Corel also allowed me to fill an object with multiple colours which creates a blending effect as seen in the sun and the sails. This type of design is appropriate for the viewing audience because you want to attract people and the bright colours and simple shapes would be very effective at doing this. I showed this poster to several friends and asked for an honest opinion:

Ted – “I like the use of colours, it makes it pleasing to the eye”

Melissa – “The torn edge effect looks great!”

Caitlin – “I like the crab”

These responses help me in a variety of ways, by telling me what an observer notices first and commits to memory. I now know that the use of colours can greatly affect the quality of a picture and the inclusion of unique designs such as the crab are very pleasing to the eye. The technology used in creating this poster allows me to effectively communicate with my audience by offering something that gives all of the important information while remaining pleasing to the eye.....

Choice Organizer: Oral communication & confidence via drama (Portfolio entry: the program containing credits for the theatrical performance Overdrive)

I can be a shy person. I like giving speeches and I like acting, but sometimes I feel socially inadequate because I am so coy and reserved. My goal in going into Overdrive was to further develop my acting skills and be able to just “be out there”. I didn’t audition for anybody specifically..... ended up landing the part of Harper. It wasn’t a big role, but it was an ideal character for me. I love playing the bad guys because I get to be out of character, I get to be loud and rude. During this play, I got to hang out with my friends and met new people. It was a worthwhile experience. I hope to continue being in plays..... and maybe even once I’m out of high school. I think I would enjoy directing a play as well. That would be a way of encouraging me to be outgoing and social. Being in Overdrive was a good way of rejuvenating my extroverted self.