

2017 Ohio Watercolor Society  
Hodnett-Hacker Memorial High School Student Scholarship



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My love for art began very young with my parents who always made sure to encourage my creativity. I remember making coil pots with my dad during the summer and then painting them. In the ninth grade, I took Painting 1, which I immediately loved. For the past four years I continued to expand my abilities and strengthen my skills with the help of my teacher Mrs. Kulick-Brown. From there I have completed several commissioned pieces for teachers and their families.

Painting has taught me a lot about color and composition. During High School, I also was involved in ceramics where I competed in the annual “Feats of Clay” competition. I have begun to value how all the art disciplines can interconnect and make something great. I love the focus and serenity I experience when I paint; it is unlike anything else I do. As I continue in my life’s journey, I am confident that painting will come with me.

My painting Succulents is an acrylic painting on canvas board. With most of my paintings, I like to distort colors to either enhance the original or completely change the composition. I use this image as a reference for my painting. I did not

have a clear vision for this painting at first, but I created an image that was intriguing. I really like brushing on the shades and highlights of the painting. What was really fun was using the two different shades of green in a way that effectively portrays my vision. The succulent plants come together in a perplexing petal arrangement.

