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Art has been a part of my life ever since I could remember. After discovering my drawing abilities, I fell in love with it. It's a privilege to be blessed with the ability to convert your thoughts, dreams and plans into a visual masterpiece to share with the world. Art is the most vital part of my life and I couldn't imagine my life without it. Life is never easy, and growing up I've dealt with numerous ups and downs—pain, failure, triumph, disappointment and learning the ways of life by myself. I always turned to art no matter what I was going through. Whatever I was feeling or thinking I would draw or paint it out. Art is a reflection of who I am. With my growth and development I soared not only as an artist but as a person.



Possessing such a natural talent made my vision of a future career inevitable. I am going to work in the field of illustration when I graduate. I want to share with others and to help give back to my community as well. They say a picture tells a thousand



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words, and that's what I intend on doing by using my art to help voice opinions and personal experiences of everyday topics such as issues in the media, politics, race, the economy, entertainment and technology. I'm going to share my visual insight and give people a different aspect of looking at the world through art.

I am going to use my illustration to make it easier for the community at large to understand what is going on. Most individuals are misinformed or completely unaware of what's going on in our political system. Not many people enjoy reading articles or books that cover such a heavy topic. People tend to learn and respond positively with visual images rather than text. So I will use my art to tell and explain political changes, making it easier and more visually appealing for the community at large to understand political changes.

I will use humor to expose what's really going on—whether it's poking fun at new changes in laws, candidates running for office or political scandals—by placing them in comic strips, bulletin boards, magazines, etc. Art is a freedom of creativity. One of the most beautiful aspects of it is that it is direct communication. You can view it any way you want. It broadens your visual and mental horizons which is what the community needs. If I can send that message to the world or even just a select number of individuals, it will help make the world that much better and will inspire a whole new generation of creative thinkers.

