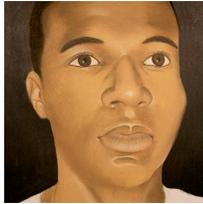
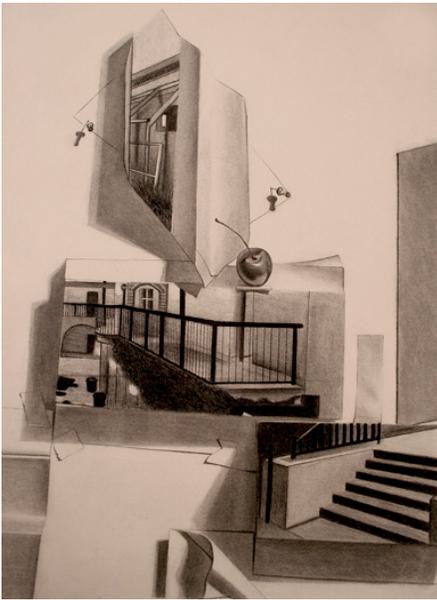


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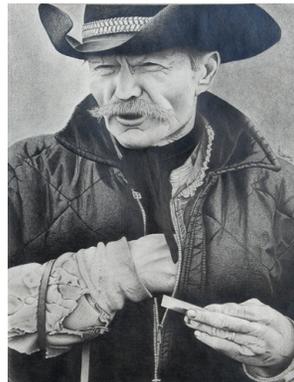
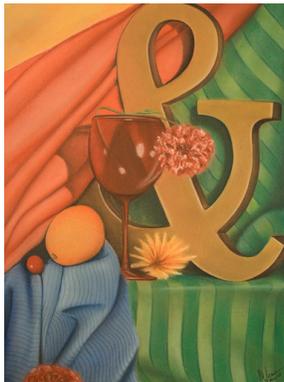
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My current goals are to apply for scholarships so I am able to continue my aspirations of achieving a higher education and maintain a high GPA. I intend to utilize my education and creative skills to help solve problems for cultural interventions, charities, and educational systems so I can aid in national prosperity. In the future I intend to use my graphic design skills to solve social problems within the teenage community. I intend to use my creative skills to create a campaign of awareness posters for sex, drugs, and gang violence. I would like to create positive but intensely emotional posters in order to make an impact on preteens. I hope to aid in the development of productive leaders of the future generation of young adults.

My experiences growing up have greatly influenced me to pursue this challenge. As I grew up I noticed how some of my fellow friends and classmates were led down negative paths. They were not as focused or goal-oriented. I always considered myself as one of the lucky ones growing up as a preteen, because whenever I had difficult questions about life I always had my parents wisdom to guide me toward a successful path. Others were not so lucky; they didn't have anyone to talk to, or guide them towards a correct path at that tender age when they are just beginning to find their identities.



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Socially, some preteens become curious and excited about sex, some begin experiments with drugs, and worst, some pre-teens become affiliated with gangs. These types of negative activities can become very detrimental to the course of a pre-teens life. Negative activities such as those are what I would like to stop, or at least decrease as much as I can. I am willing to give a life's worth of work just to save at least one teenager's life.

The reason why I feel so committed to doing something like this is because of my life experiences, seeing my friends live their lives on the wrong path, and because of a motion picture film entitled, *Kids* (1995), which I saw as a senior in high school. The film made a huge impact on me because I could relate to the characters like Telly and others in the movie, I grew up with kids just like him, kids who were sexually promiscuous, girls who were naive and who abused drugs, and kids who became juvenile delinquents. I believe that the present generation of kids are growing up too fast and because of that they are losing their childhood. Lack of role models and lack of education are part of this problem. This is more of a reason for me to pursue the challenge of creating a campaign of various images about the inevitable consequences of kids who choose to pursue that lifestyle. I hope to show kids that path isn't so cool and not as exciting as they may think.

Some kids need a wake-up call and I intend to deliver that one day. I believe that my ideas have the potential to save lives and create a better generation of productive leaders and role models to future generations.

