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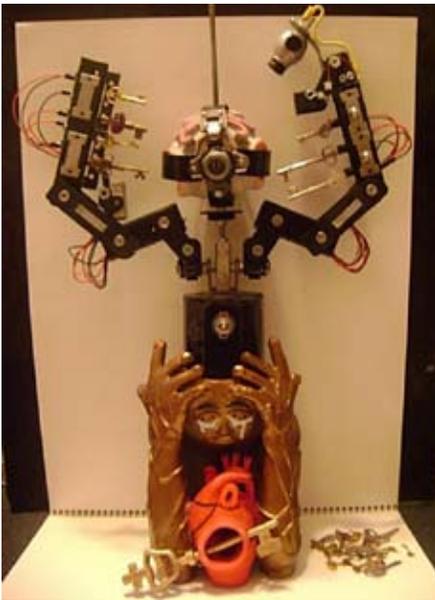


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The only reason that I even thought of trying to get into college was to better myself, create a future for me, and escape poverty. I asked myself when I graduate where I would be five years from now. In the area where I live one has high chance of falling victim to the streets, or even getting arrested. So I got a job, worked very hard and finally saved up enough money to escape the horrible situation I was in. Doing so gave me peace of mind, so that I may concentrate and fully focus on my education. I am still in the working process. It takes hard work and dedication when you want something in life. For most people opportunities don't happen very often. But in my case the opportunity for me getting in to Ringling College is the opportunity of a lifetime.



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All my life I've had the talent to draw. It's something I have a great deal of interest in. With eight brothers and sisters and me, my dad knew it would be a financial challenge. All I need is an inch in life and from that point on I would be persistent in taking the extra mile, in creating a better life for me and my family.

When I graduate I want to go further and beyond – the sky is the limit. I want to spread the way I view art to the world. In my artistic view, I express emotion, in a manner of complete visual and physical understanding. I believe my art has the power to target and heal emotions in an inspiring way. I am starting school with a very high value of imagination. I have the talent to be a great artist, because I've been accepted to the greatest art school in the country. That is the school that I am most confident will lead me into the direction I need to go in order to be the one that will make a difference.

People who know the way but don't walk the path are bound to go in the wrong direction. But for those who know the way and make certain sacrifices to go in the right direction, they are going to succeed in life. I have the courage to stand up and fight for what I believe in. When I set my mind to it, I am going to be one of the greatest. When I leave this earth I want to leave behind a legacy of greatness. In every challenge that I face I strive with every effort I possess to become successful.

The most important and inspiring part of art to me is the way it communicates. It generates admiration within someone. It allows them to appreciate art in such profound way. Illustration is where I can develop the most of my ability to communicate. I always knew when I put my mind to something I am destined to pursue it.

