

INTRODUCING...
The 2022
International
Interdependence
Hexagon Project
Themes
Please join us!

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Technology and Identity

Celina Grade 10 Sullivan Sr. High School Sullivan, MO

What is the **Interdependence Hexagon Project?**

- Students and Communities create in **any media** using a downloadable hexagonal template metaphor for Interconnectedness
- Participants respond to a relevant **theme** and do research
- Students work **collaboratively or alone** on one or multiple hexagons
- **Deadline** for participation is **June 30**
- **Online registration** is ongoing on **Artsonia.com**
- **Exhibit: Virtually, in your school or regionally.**

www.hexagonproject.org

Announcing the 2022 Theme

But...

Any themes of
Interdependence
are always
Welcome...



2022 Special Theme: KINDNESS



<https://ggsc.berkeley.edu/>
Berkeley, CA

[Pennsylvania Humanities Council](https://pahumanities.org/conversations/2021/05/19/kindnessspreads)

#PAKindnessPoem Project

<https://pahumanities.org/conversations/2021/05/19/kindnessspreads>

The Kindness Cloud Foundation: “Do an Act of Kindness Every Day” <https://kindnesscloud.org/>

Look for more resources on www.hexagonproject.org



Ann-Mary Okechukwu Nigeria



In the midst of the on-going pandemic and heated political divisions, the Pennsylvania Humanities Council (PHC) has partnered with Philadelphia poet laureate **Trapeta B. Mayson** on a mission to help spread kindness throughout the state.

Called the **PA Kindness Poem Project**, this year-long initiative invites residents to [share messages on social media that promote generosity, healing, reconciliation, and peace.](#)

Mayson will use these messages as inspiration for an original poem to be released on World Kindness Day on November 13th.



#PAKindness Poem

“Be kind
whenever
possible. It is
always possible.”

— Dalai Lama
Highest spiritual leader of Tibet

Share Your Kindness!
PAHumanities.org/kindness

 #PAKindnessPoem



Write and/or illustrate a KINDNESS Poem!

kindness lives here

Crowd-Sourced Poem written by

Trapeta B. Mayson

kindness lives here
in this vast and tangled land
we know its good and steady bones
its grip and heavy hand
when storms move through us and our town
like boisterous visitors
leveling homes
scattering photos and memories and kin
kindness sprawls out on the ground with us
right there among our remaining things
sheltering us from despair and emptiness
gives drink and meal
brings the nails and plank
boards up shattered pieces
puts us back together again
when shoulders cave at lonesome burial sites
and masked and muffled cries haunt the grief filled air
when bellies pine for a hearty meal
and once filled cupboards are bare
we know kindness lives here
when paychecks won't make the stretch
we've come to know grace too
we know its awesome limber reach
fluid
flowing alongside us and our blossoming dreams
lifting and holding us up when we fall
pointing us toward the new plan ahead

Kindness lives here
when we call out to a stranger
or flash a smile or give a nod to lift haggard spirits
when we step aside and let another take the shine
when we let bygones go and cross the dividing line
to listen
to stand with
to stand up
to say I don't agree
and I honor your humanity
we know kindness lives here, lives within us
we dab tear-streaked faces
make bread and covered dishes
lend a dollar, give a ride
stand in when someone couldn't
just do it when others wouldn't
Kindness
seeks no return, no fanfare
no grand gestures
in its elegant silence
it moves the needle
it makes a mark
it's a small ax
chipping away
It's our salve
It mends and heals
It's our confetti
heaping bright handfuls
tossed into the air
landing on us
weightlessly
coloring our vast and tangled world
landing on us softly
so gentle that we hardly notice
but leading us to a trail, a path, a way
to do better, to do more, to just do

<https://pahumanities.org/project/pa-kindness-poem-project/>



#WorldKindnessDay

Kindness Lives Here

By Trapeta B. Mayson



<https://youtu.be/Teb6DVrX5A0>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Teb6DVrX5A0>

2022 Special Theme: *Kindness*

- “How do we engage those who differ from our point of view with KINDNESS?”
- “Is it our responsibility in an interdependent world, to be kind?”
- “What words can we use to deescalate, calm down, make peace?”
- “How and where can we practice kindness every day?”



Cheyenne A_Everett Regional HS, MA

Check our website for latest KINDNESS Resources



Sample Template

The object is to illustrate creatively your ideas about, and interpretation of, the meaning of the 2021 theme of your choice or any Interdependence theme. Do research. You may use text, storytelling, collage, poetry, paint, drawing materials and 3-D materials, digital or video. Download full size template on website.

Deadline: **JUNE 30.**

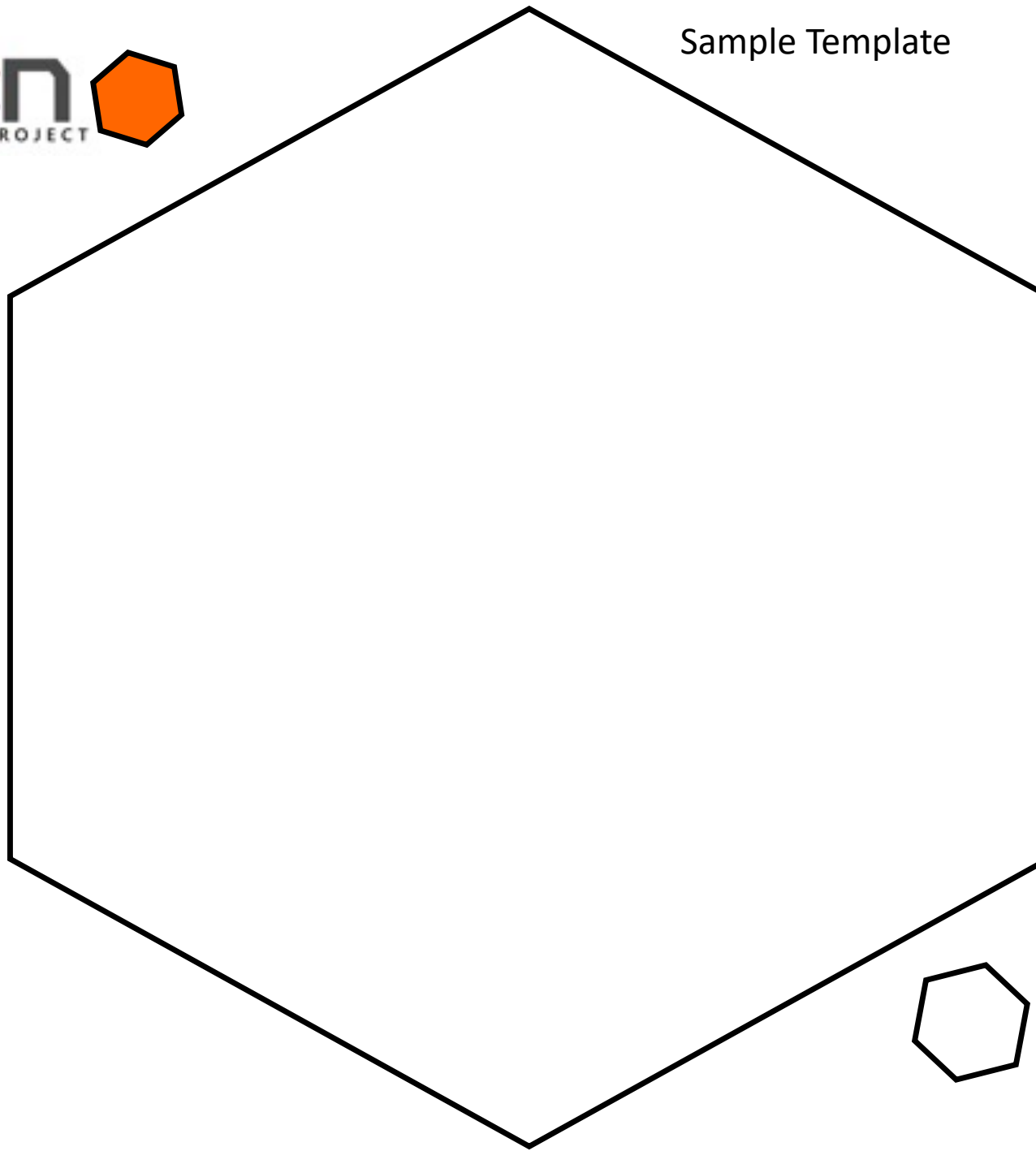
Go to

www.hexagonproject.org

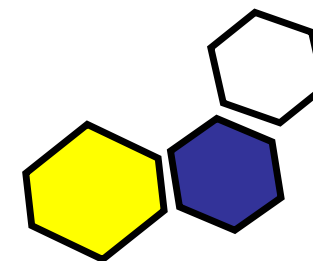
for complete details, registration on Artsonia.com, inspiration, curriculum resources, etc.

Contact

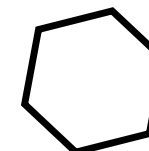
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“...we recognize our responsibilities to the common goods and liberties of humankind as a whole.” *Declaration of Interdependence*



...[W]e must either learn to live together as brothers or we are going to perish together as fools.... [A]s nations and individuals, we are interdependent. *Martin Luther King, Jr.*



Please register and upload on www.Artsonia.com – our digital gallery space. For REGINAL shows, attach paper entry form to BACK of entry. Form available on www.hexagonproject.org

The 2022 Interdependence
Hexagon Project XVI

Paper Entry Form – also upload on ARTSONIA.COM!

Please PRINT CLEARLY BELOW **Indicate TOP of**
work on back of work

***STUDENT Name or Names**

***Student Grade** ***Age**

***SCHOOLNAME:**

SCHOOL ADDRESS:

(Street):

(City,State,zip)

Country:

***TEACHER NAME:**

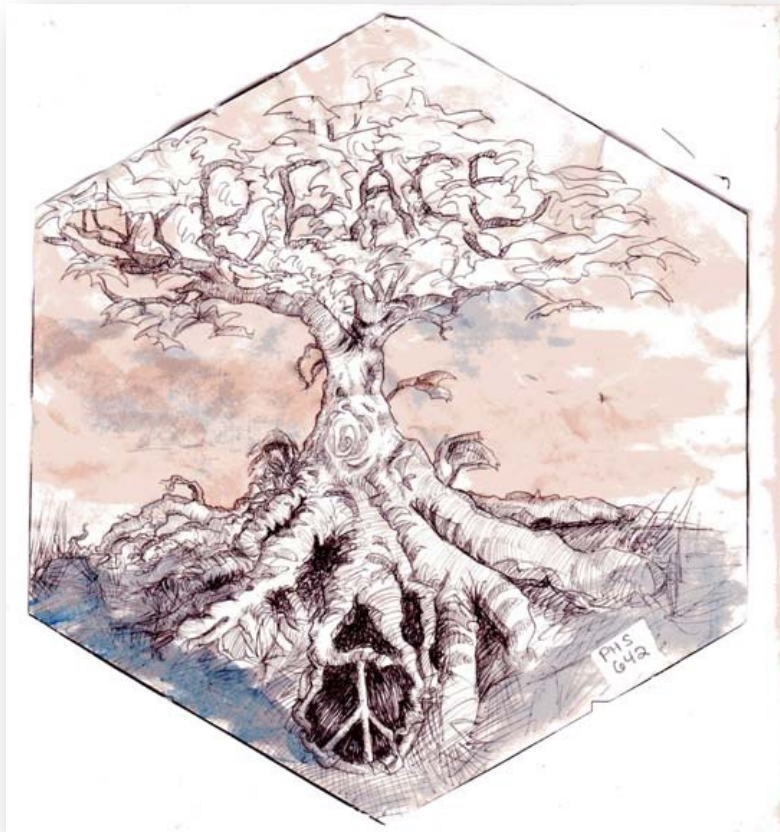
• Teacher E-mail: (VERY IMPORTANT!) _____

• _____

***Title of work:** _____

***Medium:** _____

***Artist’s Statement:** : [print **legibly** in space below-may use back also] _____



Art by Student from Provo HS, Utah

Interdependence Day History

Interdependence Day was launched in Philadelphia on **September 12, 2003** as a post 9/11 symbol of regeneration, as a time to reflect on the tragedy of the incidents of terror in the US and worldwide, and to ask, **“What Next?”**

It seemed critically important to acknowledge the inevitability and significance of interdependence in our time, and set out to build constructively, and civilly, and culturally, a global civil society.

...the need for global cooperation and democracy...citizens without borders.....



Interdependence Founders:

Dr. Benjamin Barber, 2003, Walt Whitman

Professor of Political Science, Emeritus,
Rutgers University and Senior Research Scholar, **Center on Philanthropy and Civil
Society, CUNY Graduate Center, NYC**
www.interdependencemovement.org



Mrs. Sondra Myers

Senior Fellow for
International Civic and Cultural
Projects
University of
Scranton



Hexagon Project Founder:

Beth Burkhauser, Hexagon Project, 2006

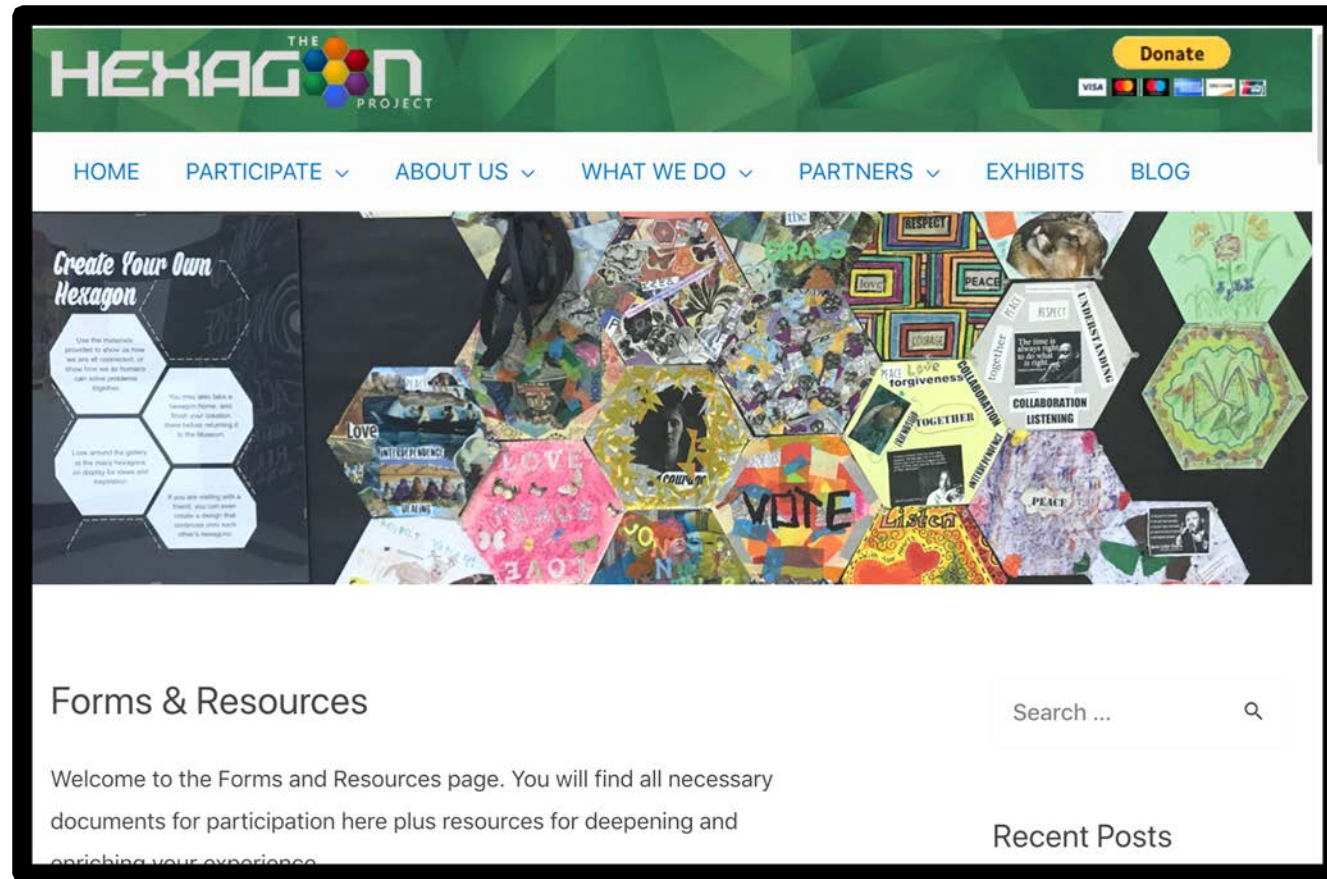
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**Our mission is to spread the idea
of interdependence through
student- and community-created
hexagons, metaphors for
interdependence. Themes of
peace, social justice the
environment and more are
expressed through the power of
the arts.**

A 501[c][3] Non-Profit since 2013



Website as Resource: <http://www.hexagonproject.org>

- Call for Entries
- All Templates, release forms, registration information
- Lesson Plans, Blog
- Research bibliography, PowerPoints, Examples
- Social Media: Facebook, Instagram

More about
the Hexagon
Project:
examples,
projects, etc



Searching Artsonia for Hexagon Project [change search](#)

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grade level:

[All](#)

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[High 9-12](#)



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Project: Hexagon Project 2021 ,Egypt,brave...
Jadenli Organization (Cairo, Egypt)



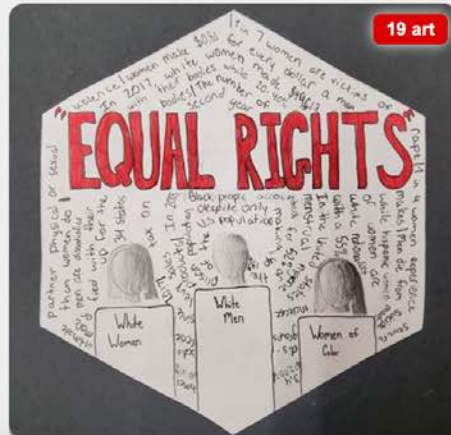
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Project: Hexagon Project 2021
San Francisco Catholic College High School (Ejigb...



28 art

Project: Hexagon Project 2021
Art Studio Creatio - Mdk (Rybnik, Poland)



19 art



15 art



9 art

artsonia

Create and account and add a project called
Hexagon Project 2022

Global Recognition Events and Exhibits



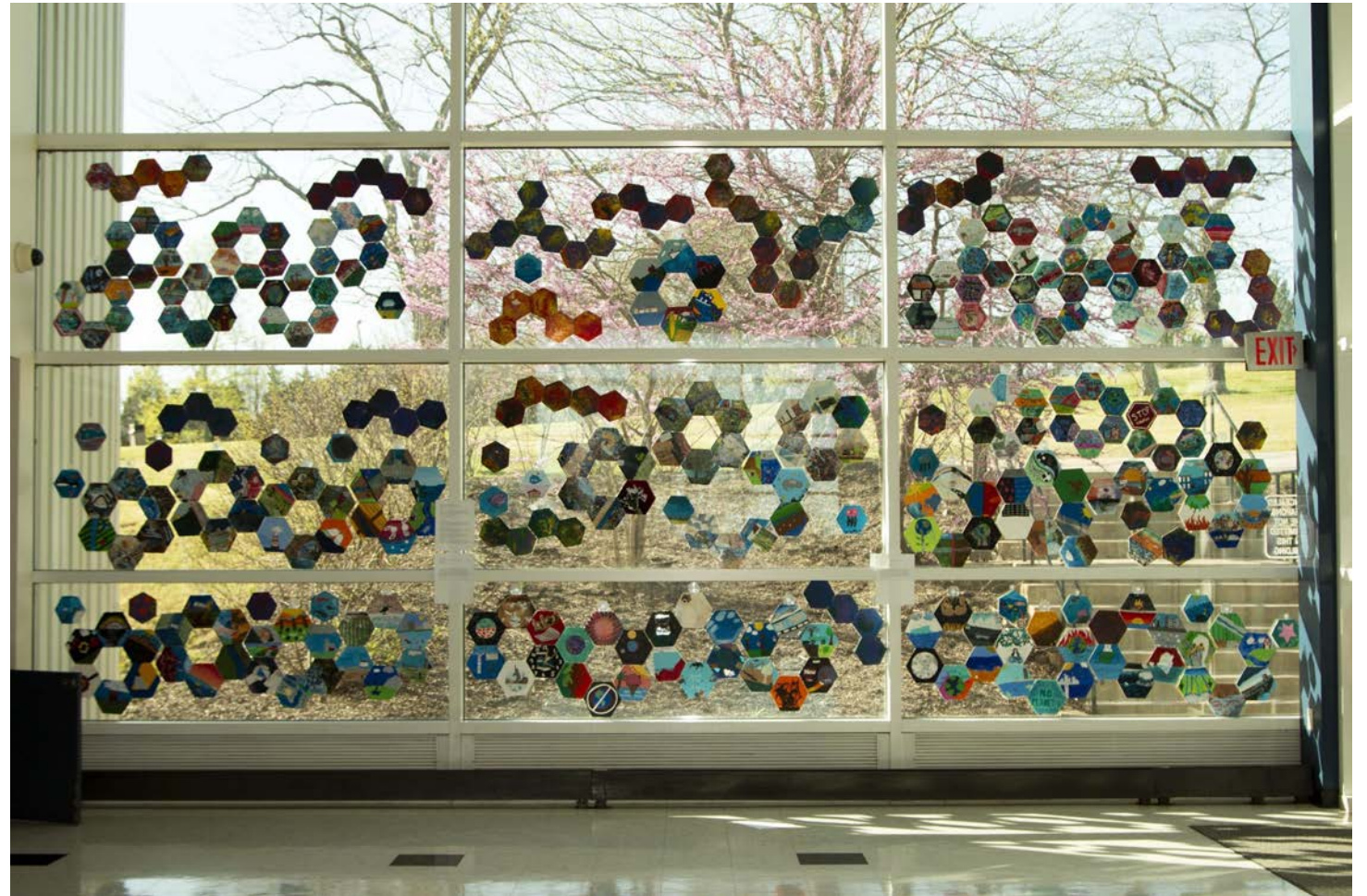
Scranton, PA



Butwal, Nepal

Exhibits/Collaborations

- Sullivan , Missouri, 2019
5 schools,
- Valerie McEuen, Art
Teacher Leader
- 346 Book Covers recycled
for “River to Ocean”





Eileen Healey at Abington Heights Annual Art Show in June, 2019 in which she had her local Hexagon Project Exhibit. Photos show as selection of both her Creative Expressions class' 2-D work and her ceramic class' 3-D sculptural pieces.



Elsik High School Alief, Texas
Collaborative Clay Sculpture:

“Interdependence”

“We may build our own unique lifestyles, careers, or businesses, but those ‘towers’ of success come from cooperation and interdependence with others in our social and professional lives. “



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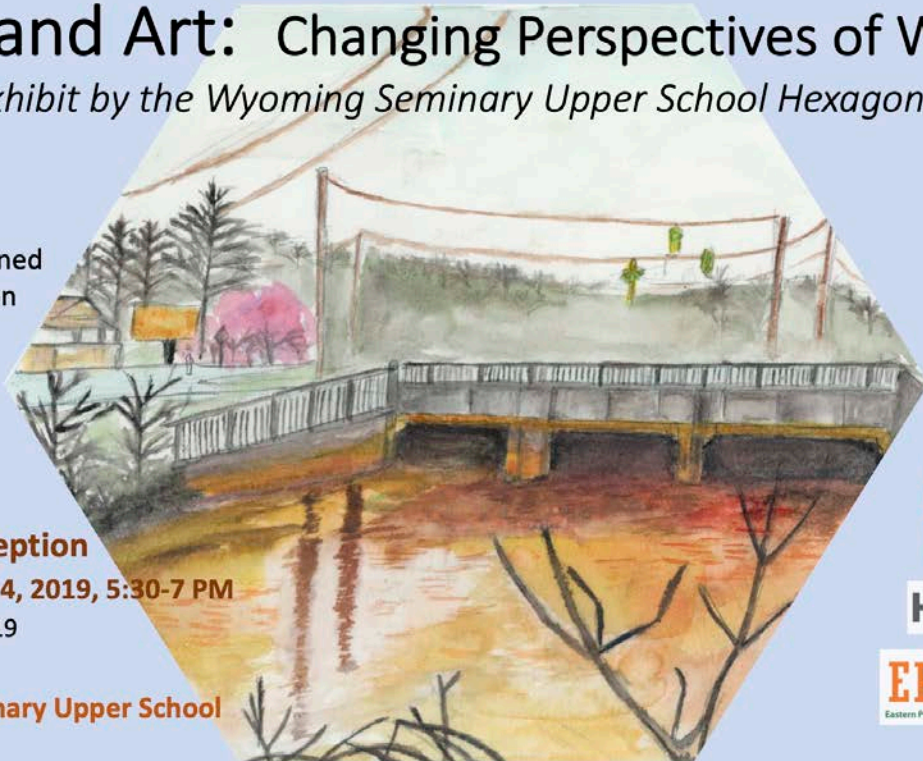
- Wyoming Seminary KCCA Art Gallery
- Month-long Exhibit

STEM and Art: Changing Perspectives of Waterways

An exhibit by the Wyoming Seminary Upper School Hexagon Project

Community
Partnership to
Support abandoned
mine reclamation

Opening Reception
Friday, October 4, 2019, 5:30-7 PM
October 11/19 to 11/4/19
KCCA Gallery
Wyoming Seminary Upper School



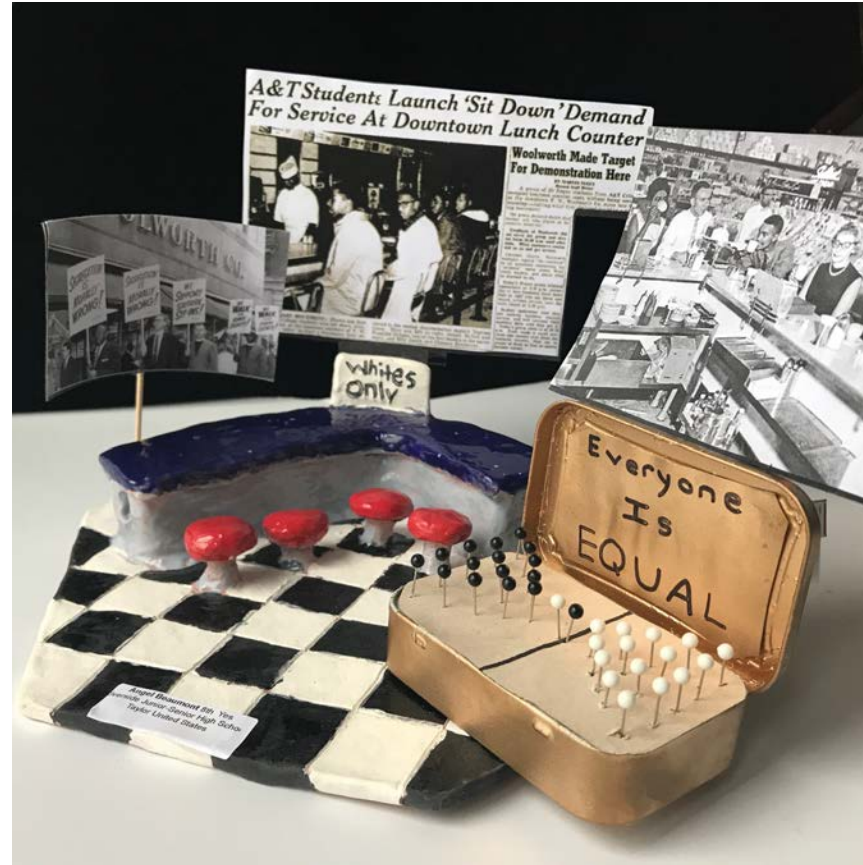
Tracey's Hope @ Riverside Jr-Sr High School

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"The idea of my hexagon is that many people have a cause they feel passionate about, but often times they never put actions to their words, so not much actually gets done. Words by themselves often do not fix large problems. It can be easy to feel overwhelmed by everything around you." *Grade 8 Student Statement*



ACTING.....



Historic Lunch Counter Sit-in, Greensboro NC

1960

Gr8_Riverside Jr-Sr High PA



Collaborative Solutions Book
Gr8_MMI Middle School, PA



Community Mural: Hexagon Blow-Up



Cairo, Egypt:
Jada Kadry's Jadenli
Start-up: Designs by
at-risk students used
on leather bags



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