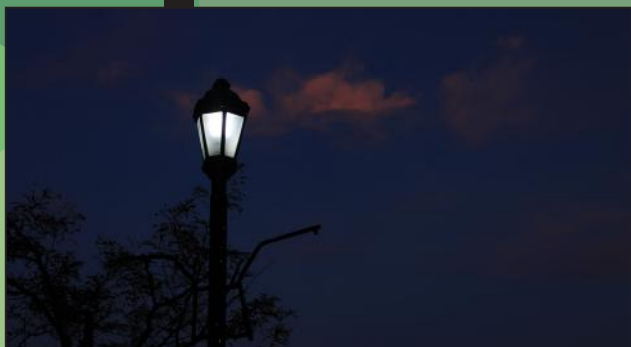
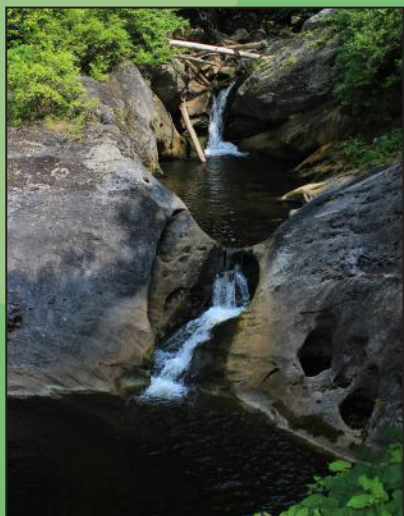




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Created by Nahndi Ali and
the SNAP Photography
Class of 2025



SNAP! Photography 2025

“What does the word landscape mean to you? Many of us immediately envision a wide, horizontal vista—lush fields, blooming flowers, dramatic treelines, or mountains that seem to bridge earth and sky. Yet landscape is far more expansive. It can describe the urban skylines that dominate our daily routines as much as it can the quiet pockets of untouched nature. It can also exist beyond geography, speaking to the political, cultural, and social terrains that shape our lives.”

This year the Amistad Center for Art & Culture presents *Landscape*. Teenage artists-in-residence from the Greater Hartford area and surrounding towns participated in the Amistad Center’s *Snap! Photography*. Within this program Joel Cintron, the Teaching Artist and Curator of this year’s exhibition, challenged students with the idea of what a landscape means to them, breaking away from the typical image of a landscape. He encouraged the artists-in-residence to think deeper about their environments which you will see presented in the works on display for the exhibition.

This zine publication showcases the work produced by each artist in the 4 weeks of the program.

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JOEL

Teaching Artist

Cintron



JOEL's Timeline

- Newington High School (Class of 2009)
- UCONN in Paris - Study Abroad (Fall 2011)
- UCONN - B.A. International Relations (2013)
- Teaching Assistant Prog. In France (2015)
- Goodwin Univ. - M.S. Org. Leadership (2020)
- Artist of Color Accelerator Fellow (2023)
- Digital Photo Professor (2023 - Present)

I am honored to return as the Teaching Artist of the SNAP! Photography Teen Residency for the second year in a row and the opportunity to work with this new cohort of talented artists.

The beauty of teaching an artistic medium such as photography is the privilege of seeing each student's perspective, talent, and growth.

Every time I teach, I find myself learning more about my craft and the world around me from the students.

So it's fitting that this year's theme is landscape...

I want to thank the Amistad Center of Arts and Culture, the Wadsworth Atheneum, Nahndi Ali, and the various sponsors for making SNAP! possible.

P.S. Never stop believing in your creative gifts.



Crashing Out, 2025

Co-Writer and Joint Bookkeeper



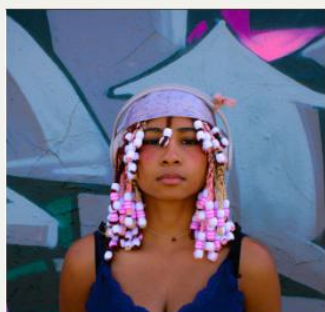
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RAVEN BELL



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Raven Bell, is an Afro-Puerto Rican artist born in Hartford, Connecticut. She is currently attending the University of Connecticut as a rising freshman, majoring in Journalism and Political Science. Raven graduated from East Hartford High School and The Greater Hartford Academy of the Arts Half Day Program. Within the Visual Arts department, she was honored with an excellence in photography award. Additionally, she received recognition for her creative writing through East Hartford High School, as well as a Certificate of Completion for Human Rights through a program sponsored by UCONN.

Raven's work draws inspiration from the past. Growing up, she was infatuated with the vibrant world of pop culture between the years 2013 to 2020. Watching her older sister, Ayannah Brown, experience her teenage years during this era, Raven found herself captivated by the colorful life her sister lived. Her work captures moments of coming age, the celebration of youth, and the complexities of identity. Her primary mediums include photography, painting, oil pastels, and creative writing. By exploring vulnerable themes both in her writing and art work, Raven's work aims to evoke feelings of nostalgia and relatability, in order to create a sense of belonging for those who feel lost.



julia han

GOLDEN
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julia han's photography



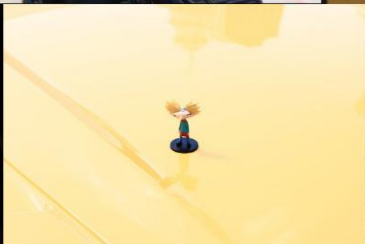
Julia Han is a Korean-American teen artist with a strong affinity for the arts and technology—including drawing, painting, music, digital music, graphic design, photography, and videography. She currently attends Miss Porter's High School in Connecticut. Among the many exciting career options, she is exploring architecture in addition to combining art and technology in unique ways.



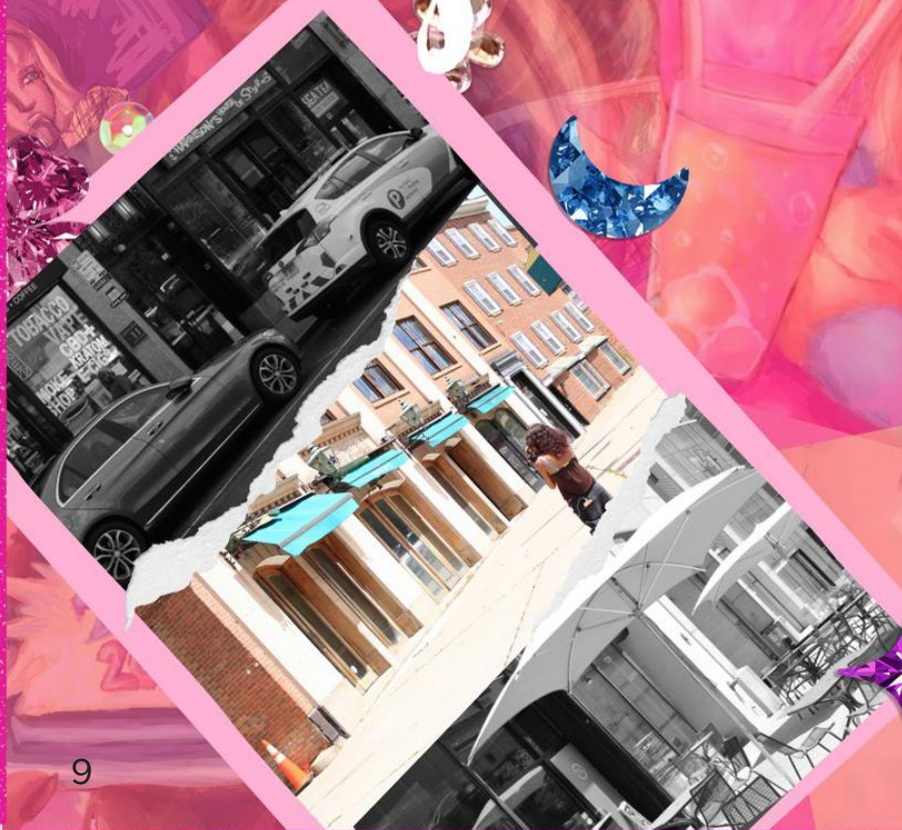
Chance Clarke is a student with a strong interest in graphic design and photography. Over the summer of 2024, he took a graphic design course at Quinnipiac University where he learned the basics of Photoshop and Premiere Pro, though he was already familiar due to his experience with similar software. He found that taking the class at Quinnipiac and doing *SNAP! Photography* would be a great experience and open options for him.

Outside of design and photography, Chance enjoys gaming and occasionally streams or posts videos on YouTube under the name **@lmgarbo12**— a video video, posted a while ago, gained 1.2k views. He's also a music enthusiast, with a taste for classic rap artists like Biggie and 2Pac, as well as more modern artists such as Drake and Kanye West. His current favorite album is IGOR by Tyler The Creator. In addition to his creative interests, Chance plays as a goalie on his school's soccer team.

CHANCE CLARKE



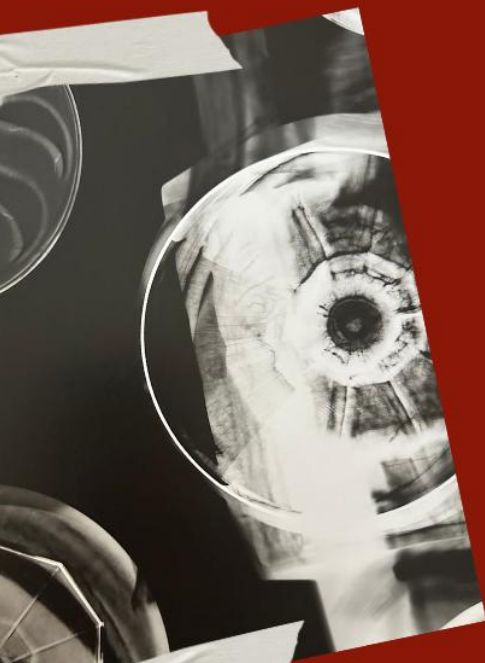
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Yaretzy Vazquez is a Puerto Rican-American artist born in New Britain, Connecticut. She's a recent graduate of the Arts Half-Day High School and Greater Hartford Academy of the Arts Studio Art. In the fall she'll attend the University of Hartford for Studio Art. Her interests include digital art, coloring, and listening to music. Additionally, Yaretzy competed in the Hartford in the Hartford Art School 2025 full tuition competition, won the yearbook cover contest at GHAA in 2025, and had art displayed in New Britain City Hall in 2023.

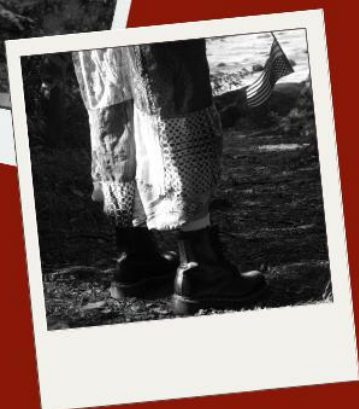
Yaretzy seeks to photograph peaceful moments within life and broaden her abilities outside of illustration.



JACKIE



Jackie Peña is an American artist residing in New Britain, Connecticut. They are a rising senior at New Britain High School and GHAA Half Day. Their interests include zinemaking, writing, and music. Much of their art is shaped by their LGBTQ identity. One of their biggest inspirations is the Riot Grrrl movement, which promotes the idea that people of any gender identity can make their voices heard through the arts.



Quaren Joyce

Quaren Joyce is an 18 year old American artist who was born in Davenport, FL, and currently lives in Middletown, CT. While attending classes at Middletown High School, they also attended and graduated from Greater Hartford Academy of the Arts Half-Day. While enrolled they were recognized with 3 awards; **Excellence in Photography**, **The Sylvia Davis Scholarship Award**, and the **Love Wins Scholarhsip Award**. Quaren is talented in many forms of art and when it comes creating art or composing the perfect shot, they let their surrounding emotions take the lead. They take inspiration from games, books, or the scenes and things happening around them.

In addition in 2025 they were accepted into the *SNAP! Photography* program at the Amistad Center for Art & Culture.






PEARL

I write songs, play guitar in my band **isawvenus!**, and document the world around me through music, photography and poetry.





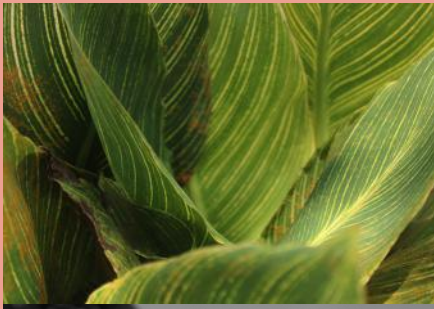
Art has always been how I process what I feel and who I am. I'm drawn to themes of identity, mental health, love, and resistance. A lot of what I create is personal, but I share it hoping someone else might see themselves in it too. I'm big on doing things myself, learning as I go, and staying true to my voice.

Laila Skyy Williamson



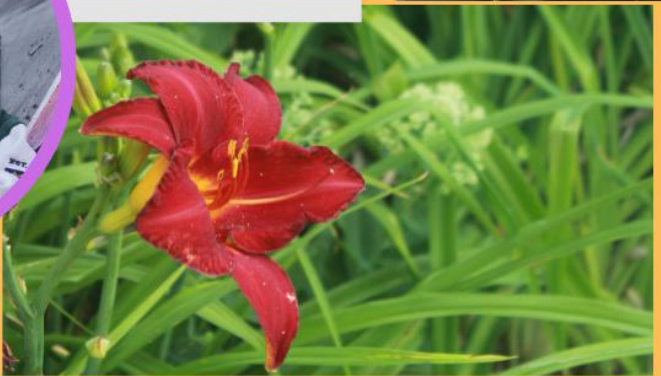
Laila Skyy Williamson is a 16-year-old Black American girl from Philadelphia, PA, currently residing in Hartford, CT where she is a junior at Hall High School and the Greater Hartford Academy of Arts Half-day. Her hobbies include singing, dancing, and writing and she is involved in Musical Theater at Hartford Stage and Musical Theater at GHAA Half Day. Some of her greatest accomplishments are winning two **Wony's (West Hartford Tony Awards)** in two consecutive years, studying Musical Theatre at Marymount Manhattan College in Manhattan, New York, and being this year's **Hartford Girls' Rock Honoree 2025**.

She learned about the Amistad's *SNAP! Photography* program as a scholar through the The Legacy Foundation of Hartford for two years. In this program, she used a professional camera for the first time and learned the basics of photography, including rules, elements, and composition. Through her recent travels to New York City, Brooklyn, and Philadelphia she came to realize how precious memories truly are and that every moment is unique, especially in large cities where the culture, people, and landscape aren't what you'd usually see in Connecticut. Her photos are a reflection of her love for big cities, as well as her affection for her community. She's come to love black and white photography, because sometimes you don't need color to tell a story, just a compelling view. She is so excited for everyone to see her photos!



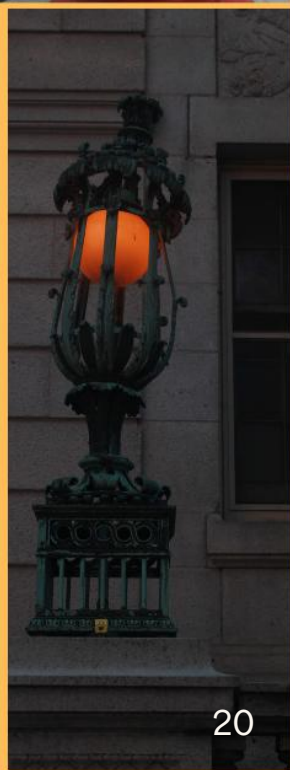
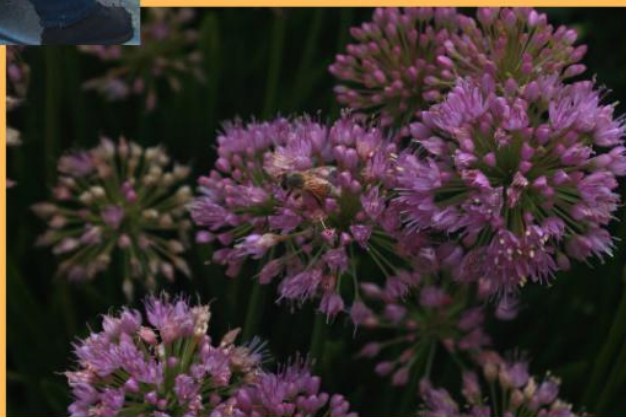


Nybol Bona
grade 11





Nybol's passion for photography bloomed at a young age. Since she was a toddler, she enjoyed taking pictures at the park using her mom's phone. Later on, she got her first camera: a Discovery Kids digital. From then, photography and visual documentation simply became a part of her everyday life. Photography for Nybol is now something, among many other things, that she hopes to make a name for herself in.



i dreamt of a camera /
pointing out from inside the television /
and the aperture yawning and blinking /

ARADHANA CHETNANI

first took an interest in photography when she recognized its power to offer a feeling of control and agency against the passage of time. With photography, ARADHANA hopes to bring some semblance of permanence to the everyday, to the mundane, and to the aspects of life we only recognize by their absence.

ARADHANA began her photography career in the year 2024 with a twice-handed-me-down iPhone 8 while living with family in Malaysia.

In 2025, she entered a photograph taken with this phone to the Scholastic Art Awards, and was awarded a Silver Key in the state of Connecticut.

Later that year, she was accepted to be a teen artist-in-residence at the Wadsworth Atheneum Museum of Art, finally achieving access to a professional camera and furthering her path.

She enters her senior year of high school in autumn 2025, planning to study biomedical research and literature in university. ARADHANA's literary writing, her passion, is complemented by her inking, photography, and music composition.

Only time will tell what sights ARADHANA will capture next. She believes every subject has the power to take the stage, if only given a spotlight.





LOLA BENNETT



Lola Benoit is an 18 year old Polish American artist born in Danbury, Connecticut; Living in various areas of Connecticut throughout childhood while attending CREC integration magnet schools, getting a dual perspective within the schooling systems in the suburbs of Hebron vs. the urban capital of Hartford. Lola attended the Greater Hartford Academy of the Arts throughout middle to high school. Transitioning from the Greater Hartford Academy of the Arts- Full Day program to the Half Day program during her Junior year, while taking academic classes at RHAM High school in Hebron, Connecticut. Ultimately, earning a Certificate of Honor for Engagement in the Fields of English, Reading, and Composition.

In addition to photography, Lola practices various forms of drawing, painting, mixed media, and digital artwork; As well as jewelry making. Selling her own jewelry and artwork during an open studio event at GHAA in 2024.

Lola graduated from GHAA and RHAM in June, 2025; A month prior to participating in the Wadsworth Amistad Center's annual SNAP Photography program. She plans to attend Manchester Community College for her Associates Degree in the Spring of 2026, then transferring to Lesley University in Cambridge, Massachusetts, for her Bachelor's degree. After college she intends to be an art therapist, studying both psychology and art. Her ultimate goal is to help others embody their emotions and experiences through the artwork they create, as she does in her own practices.

Analiz Rodriguez C

Analiz Rodriguez Campos is a Puerto Rican artist born in Aibonito, Puerto Rico. They currently live in New Britain, CT and have graduated from New Britain High School and the Greater Hartford Academy of the Arts Half-Day. Being part of the visual arts has brought great opportunities such as receiving two scholarships at the University of Hartford and the Academy Award. They also are a recipient of the Connecticut Seal of Biliteracy; a great achievement!



Since they were young, they have been involved in the arts which started with dance. Their artistic loves include drawing, painting, and dancing. Analiz wants to continue in the medium of photography and illustration.

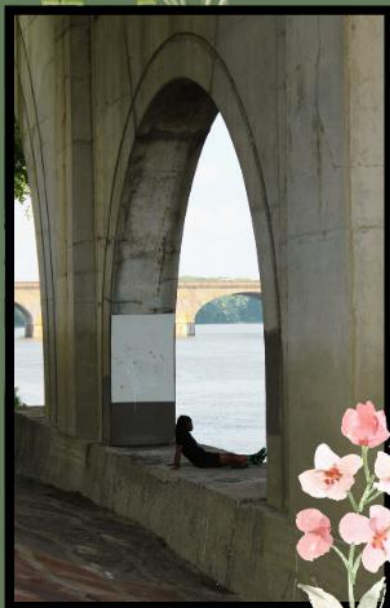
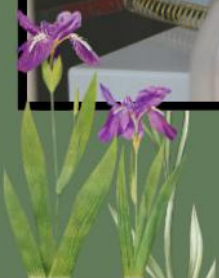
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Stella Rojas



Stella Rojas is a 17 year old photographer from East Hartford, CT. Joining the East Hartford High School Yearbook Club her freshman year, Stella began her photography career by taking candid shots of students and action shots at football games. Now a senior, Stella's skills have flourished over the past three years. She will take those skills to college where she plans to study mathematics next year. In her free time, Stella enjoys reading, playing badminton, baking, and, of course, taking photos.



Lorenzo Wilson is an emerging Vincentian photographer with a passion for capturing authentic moments through the lens.

A VERY dedicated basketball player, Lorenzo discovered his love for photography after taking a class that sparked his creative eye. Blending the discipline of sports with a growing artistic vision, his work reflects a fresh perspective shaped by movement, emotion, and everyday life.

LORENZO

