

# Laura Grant & Kacie Mills

## Laura Grant, Teacher

As an art teacher, I find satisfaction in sharing my knowledge and skills with my students. Seeing them grow artistically is very rewarding, and I find that I grow with them.

Recently, my favorite medium has been oil paint. There is so much to be explored with this traditional and versatile tool. In these pieces, I hope to improve my skills

as I explore form, composition, and concept. My art centers on my goal of always trying to grow in various media and forms of expression. In the end, my paintings are really just the result of the process—my real passion in art.

*Laura Grant is an art teacher at West Bloomfield High School in West Bloomfield, Michigan.*



## Kacie Mills, Student

I analyze the world around me and am fascinated by the human condition—specifically by our tendency to be shortsighted and irresponsible. The people of the twenty-first century have lost touch with themselves and their relationship with the Earth. This issue is very important to me, and I convey it through my art. Many of my pieces deal with the connection between man, nature, and our perception of the world. I leave the story open for interpretation, but hope that those who see my art will begin to view themselves in a different way, and ultimately be inspired to work for a better world.

*Kacie Mills is a senior at West Bloomfield High School in West Bloomfield, Michigan.*



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