

## Patrick Crouch, Teacher

Patrick Crouch expresses the essential organic qualities of African-American heritage. Though a trained and educated artist, Crouch prefers a primitive style to convey innocence and honesty. With the use of vibrant colors, stylized patterns, and shapes, his work displays a connection between the realistic realms of life and the resurrection of historic encounters, undiscovered experiences, and earthly emotions.

Patrick Crouch adopts vibrant and bright colors as a trademark for his paintings and pottery. These surfaces have also attracted various additions such as buttons, metallic papers, exotic fabrics, and other textures. His work has expanded to the arenas of painted murals, painted furniture, illustrations for apparel, and the writing and illustrations for a series of children's books.



*Patrick Crouch is an AP art teacher at Skyline Center in Dallas, Texas. [pcrouch@dallasisd.org](mailto:pcrouch@dallasisd.org)*



## Daniel Kanu, Student

Daniel Kanu, born in Sierra Leone, uses expressive pencil strokes to captivate the human form and brings his portraits to life with a profound three-dimensionality. Highly ambitious, Daniel Kanu will never forget the two years of schooling he missed due to the lasting civil wars on the streets of Sierra Leone. This chapter in his life serves as his direct purpose and motivation to succeed.

Kanu studied AP art for three years while attending Skyline Center High School in Dallas, Texas. He plans to attend the University of Texas at Tyler to continue his passion and major in art and minor in biology. Along with a successful art career, Daniel has had a successful academic showing. Last summer he was selected to participate in a summer internship at Baylor College of Dentistry.



*Daniel Kanu is a student at Skyline Center in Dallas, Texas.*



### Call for Entries:

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