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**A COLLECTION OF  
VIRTUAL SUMMER  
ACADEMY STUDENT  
WORK AND PHOTOS  
FROM 2020.**

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# LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS

Since March, the COVID-19 Pandemic has changed the way the world operates, including KSU TRIO Programs. Traditionally, the TRIO Summer Component entailed a face-to-face instruction program that was to be held at Kennesaw State University's Marietta Campus. Due to the rapidly evolving nature of the COVID-19 Pandemic, the KSU TRIO Programs adapted to make the best out of a dark situation, and continue to spread the light of learning online.

It is because of our amazing staff, faculty, and students that this year was an astounding success. The remarkable dedication shown from our KSU TRIO Family has been an incredibly encouraging glimpse at the future amid all the worries.



**IT HAS ALWAYS BEEN THE GOAL OF KENNESAW STATE UNIVERSITY'S TRIO PROGRAMS TO EMPOWER OUR TRIO FAMILIES TO SUCCESS, MOTIVATE STUDENTS TO ACHIEVE THEIR DREAMS, AND ENRICH OUR COMMUNITIES...**

**WE ARE HAPPY TO  
CONTINUE OUR SERVICE  
TO YOU DURING THESE  
UNCERTAIN TIMES.**

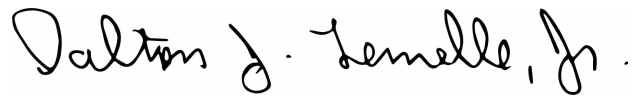
Our students participated in a holistic Summer Component online, consisting of classes to help prepare students for their upcoming school year and build skills and qualities in students that will help them succeed in their future online experiences in college, the workplace, and beyond.

One of our main goals in the Virtual Summer Component was to help students become more comfortable with the online learning platforms. By using the Desire2Learn (D2L) platform, along with Microsoft Teams and Collaborate Ultra, students are learning to navigate college online platforms. As the college climate changes to a more remote delivery service, our students are being prepped for this online environment. This unique

experience will allow our students to walk into dual enrollment and later postsecondary courses with confidence, knowing how to navigate their classrooms with ease.

This year's Owlette captures much more than our students' summer work. It shows the resilience and commitment of our KSU TRIO Family, and captures our year together. I hope that the Owlette will bring a smile to your face as you see the creativity of our students and reminisce through this year's photos. We will continue to build our students' confidence online, providing the stellar service and care our TRIO Families know and love.

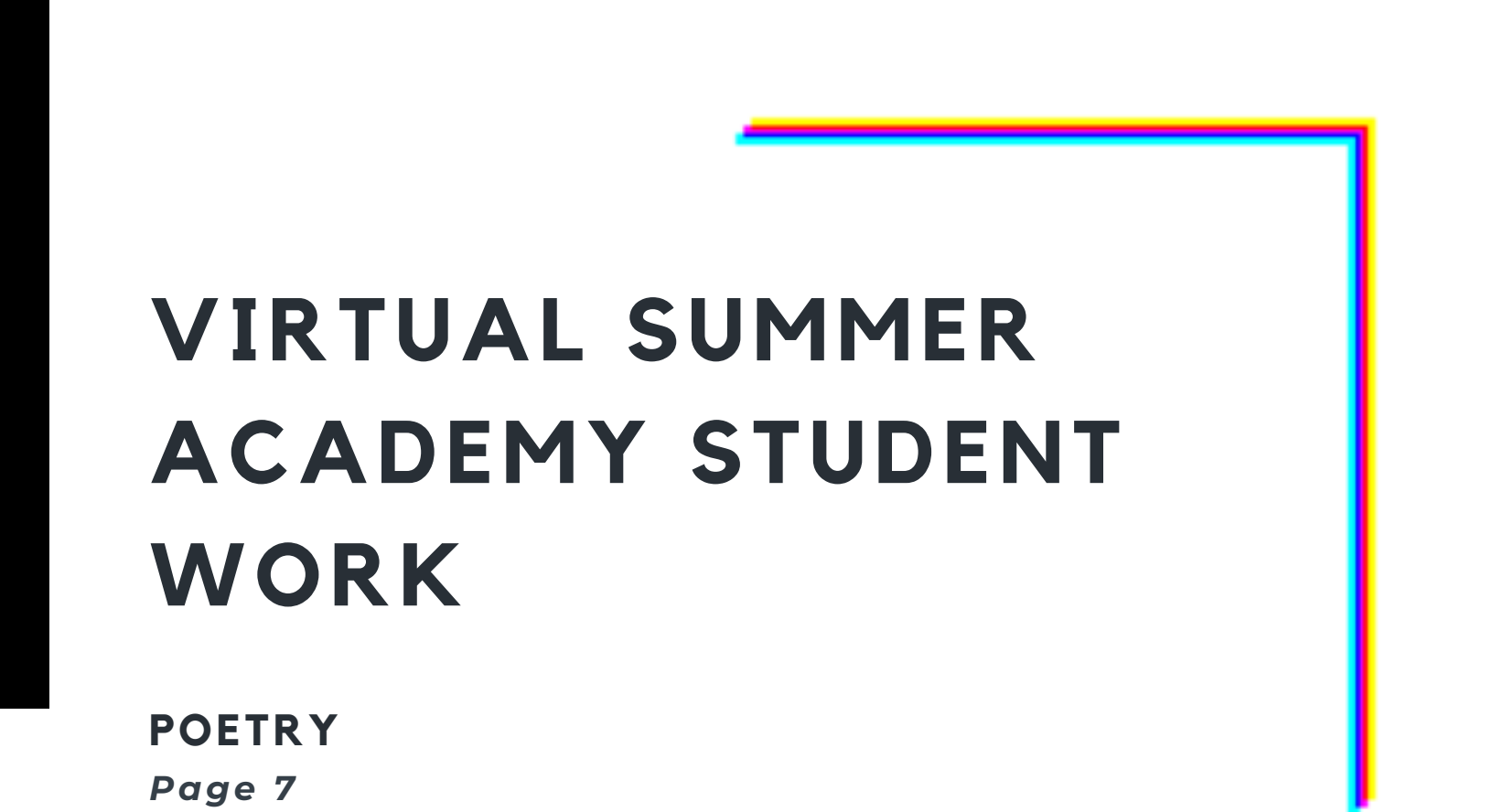
Stay safe,



**DALTON J. LEMELLE, JR.**

KSU TRIO Administrator





# VIRTUAL SUMMER ACADEMY STUDENT WORK

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I believe you lead a joyful life.  
I believe you outran hate and sorrow.  
I believe you found the formula for life.  
I believe you are the setting sun on a  
summer's eve.  
I believe you are the comfort we all crave.  
I believe you always had your head above  
the water.  
I believe you found the good in the bad.  
I believe that no matter the situation, you  
shone brighter than the rest.  
I believe that now as you lay in the  
chilling archaic land, you are satisfied  
with  
how it turned out.  
Even as you lay below the earth, people  
still look up to you for guidance and  
wisdom.

**EMELYN CAMPBELL, POLK**

## **UNTITLED**

A young girl once had a dream  
That didn't go as she deemed  
Like a plot twist ending  
That left her heart in need of mending  
No matter how hard she tried,  
Her dream still died  
Like a flower ripped from the ground  
Her hopes drowned  
But she didn't go astray  
She was determined to stay  
As martin luther king once said  
"I have a dream"

**JANAYA ALLAN, HIRAM**



Butterflies are cool  
Earthworms are slightly decent  
Wow! They are the same



April is the month  
Of spring, snotty nose children  
Running around

Love this month of spring  
Different flowers growing up  
Love the smell of rain

**VIALLY ST. LOUIS, HIRAM**

### **THE BEST SNACK**

When I am making my favorite TV snacks, I first go to the store and buy candy, popcorn, drinks, cookies, and chips. I then proceed to take the popcorn and put it in the microwave for 3 minutes. Afterwards, I take the candy and pour it into a big bowl and sit it on the table. I take the pack of cookies and place about 10 to 15 cookies on the plate and sit them on the table. Once I have put all the candy and cookies out, I take the popcorn and poor them in a big bowl and began to season them with butter and caramel and cheese seasoning. Then I grab 2 to 3 sodas and sit them down, and then sit the chips out for everyone to grab and enjoy. And that's how I make my favorite movie snacks.

**DENITRA BROWN, POLK**





## THE BEST SNACK

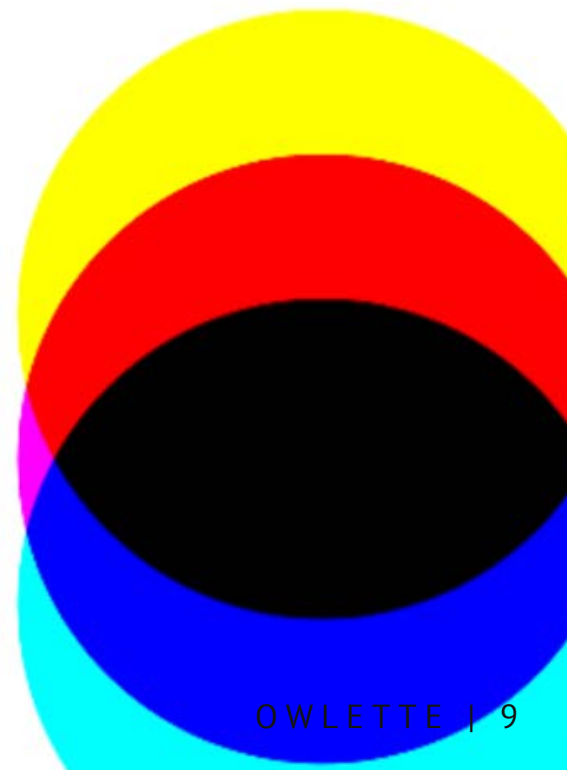
Not many people prefer the combination of Doritos and chili or may have not really had a chance to taste it, but it is one of the best TV snacks you could possibly taste. It really just depends on the chili that's in your pantry. Van Camp's Chili with Beans is a great can of chili that tastes delicious with Doritos. All you have to do is warm up the chili in whatever appliance you enjoy, then you have to add Doritos for the flavor. The Nacho Cheese Doritos is recommended.

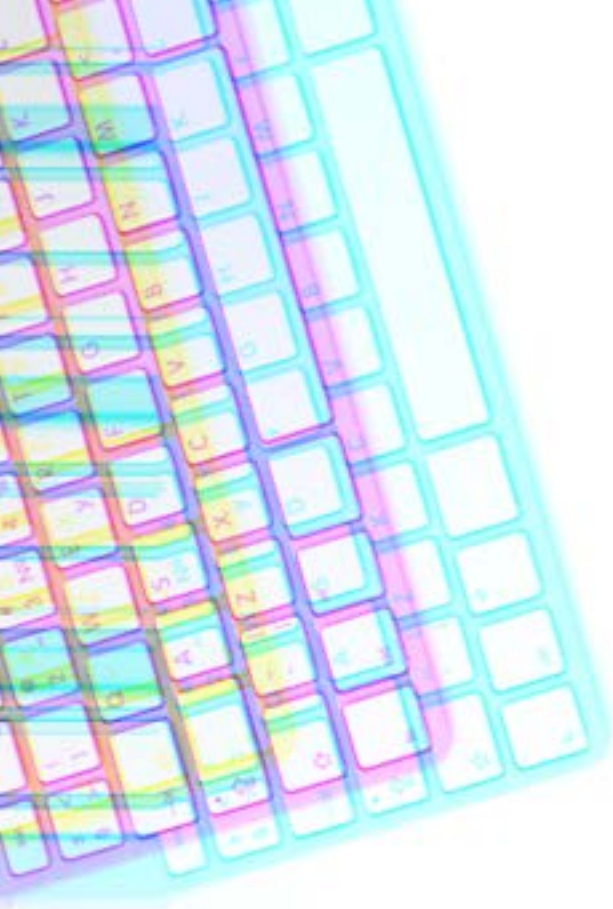
LEELA JACKSON, HIRAM

## A LIFE DEFERRED

What happens to a deferred life?  
Does it slowly become unhinged  
like a lost individual?  
Or decay like a corpse  
And then leave a soulless figure behind?  
Does it sit still like an idle individual?  
Or harden  
like disregarded bread?  
Maybe it just dies  
like an ill body  
Or does it restore itself

ZIPHORAH TANIS, HIRAM





## A STOMACH DEFERRED

What happens to a stomach deferred  
I look down the aisle of joy  
With hope greeting me  
Or so I thought,  
I sprinted to my giver, like a hungry jaguar  
She smiled with open arms  
I leaped in, only to be rejected  
My hope shattered, like broken glass  
My throat filled with thorns  
From the depths of my soul,  
my stomach cried out like a bottomless pit full of  
hyenas, howling for something to fall in it,  
I was empty and shattered

**NYLA HINES, EPHS**

## A MIND DEFERRED

What happens to a mind deferred?  
Does it wither from the lack of rain  
like a tree in the desert?  
Or freeze over with like ice in the arctic  
tundra  
And then slowly but surely disappear?  
Does it rot like a perfectly good apple sat in a  
bucket of bad brown apples?  
Or does it just stop,  
like a ticking time bomb?  
Maybe it just needs some fresh air because it  
can't breathe with all the clutter  
like a house full of kids going crazy off a  
sugar rush  
Or does it have no feeling at all

**NYLA HINES, EPHS**

## ODE TO MY HANDS

I wake up reaching  
to stop the ticking time bomb telling me it's time to work,  
Thank you hands,  
I grasp for water,  
Flourishing forward,  
Like a fish in the sea,  
I couldn't do it without you,  
Oh, how you help me  
when I don't even know it,  
when I'm crossing to another land,  
you are my bridge,  
I thank you hands,  
lots of people take you for granted but I pray I never did or do  
for you are the gateway to express my thoughts  
Oh how thoughtful of you,  
you dance like a swan on paper,  
now that you may come from within,  
but without you I'm nothing  
so this is ode to my hands

**NYLA HINES, EPHS**

## ODE TO THE SKY

Praise the sunrise of the sky  
Praise the birds that fly by  
Praise the rain that comes down  
Praise the wind that comes around  
Praise the kites that fly high  
Praise the sky once you say goodbye

**SAVANNA JACKSON, POLK**

## UNTITLED

The trip  
I'm sad all I do is cry  
I feel like a lost balloon floating through the sky  
I'm sad like the sun on a rainy day  
I was once happy like a child at the beach  
I'm sad like a deferred dream

**JULIE HEYLIGER, EPHS**

## A LESSON DEFERRED

What happens to a Lesson deferred?  
Does it Melt like a ice cream on a hot day?  
Or Drift like a balloon in the sky  
And then just pops?  
Does it stand by like a man politely waiting for his  
women to walk through the door?  
Or collapse like a building catching on fire?  
Maybe it just ceaseslike a stop sign  
Or does it just pass away

**LISA SHYLLON, HIRAM**

## A LIFE DEFERRED

What happens to a basketball dream  
deferred?Does it get crushed  
like your feelings?  
Or get ripped off like a scab  
And then bleed?  
Does it blister up like a 1st degree burn?  
Or get swept under the rug  
Like dust particles?  
Maybe it just disappears into thin air like  
smoke  
Or does it evaporate

**VIALLY SAINT-LOUIS, HIRAM**

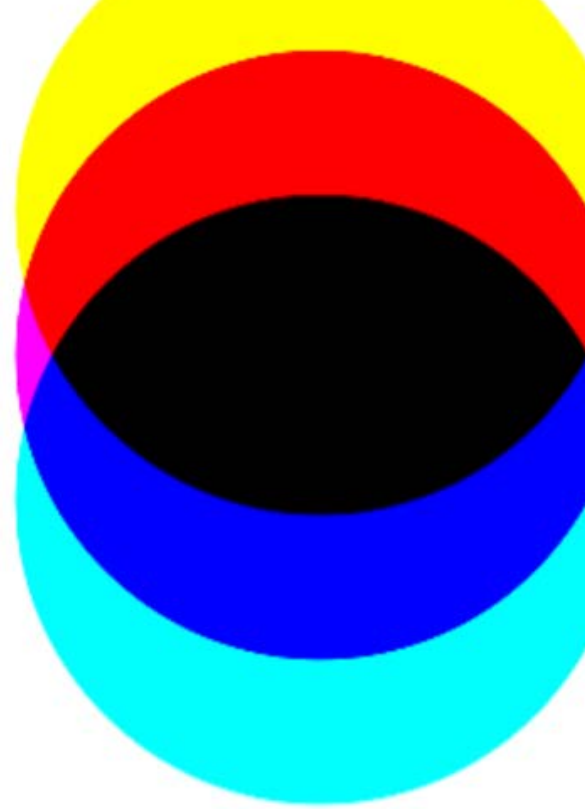


Sun shining early  
Birds dancing on the fountains  
People together

Beaming with great joy  
Sunbathing in summer fun  
Good times on the beach

Fun water gun fights  
Eating ice cream all day long  
Summer time, fun time

**NYLA HINES, EPHS**



## **A FAMILY DEFERRED**

What happens to a Family deferred?  
Does it mean it will belike a childless woman?  
Or barren like an unfertilized pasture  
And then become covered with weeds?  
Does it harvest insects like disappointment?  
Or animosity between the partners in a marriage  
like feuding in a divorce?  
Maybe it just causes sadness  
like a broken heart  
Or does it develop loneliness?

**AMERA HOKE, EPHS**





I believe he lived a joyful life.  
I believe you experienced.  
I believe your best friends were success and fulfillment.  
I believe your enemies were nonexistent.  
I believe joy was a winning streak for you.  
I believe loneliness was someone you never met.  
I believe the sound you heard was everything but melancholy.  
I believe every precious antique was built for you, in the sunlight.  
I believe once you lay down in your coffin you reminisce the best life you had.  
My, warm and dreamful under the peaceful, chaotic, understanding flowers of a  
beautiful plain.

**ASHLEY ARREGUIN, HIRAM**

How I welcome you,  
Summer breezes have arrived,  
Though gone way too soon

The birds sing to me,  
At the early time of 6 am,  
How I'd wish they'd stop

Leaves begin to dance,  
Autumn will be here too soon,  
The cold winds chill me

**EMELYN CAMPBELL, POLK**





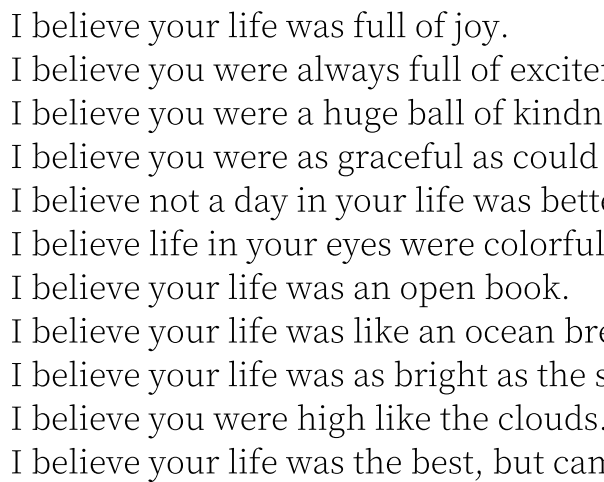
I believe you had a happy life.  
I believe you were appreciated.  
I believe your parents were laughter and joy.  
I believe every frown you met you turned upside down.  
I believe you never talked to melancholy.  
I believe depression chased you, but could never catch up.  
I believe every sad song you heard you could never understand.  
I believe the way you cried was only of laughter.  
I believe when you passed, you dreamt of the giggling, dancing  
flowers above your grave.  
Oh, how you lay peacefully in your coffin with the same smile  
you had coming into this life.

**NYLA HINES, EPHS**

## **THE BEST SNACK**

The best TV snack is popcorn. Popcorn can be made in a microwave. The popcorn has a package that tells what way to put the popcorn in the microwave. That is how you make microwave popcorn.

**MONTREAL KIGHT, POLK**



I believe your life was full of joy.  
I believe you were always full of excitement.  
I believe you were a huge ball of kindness.  
I believe you were as graceful as could be.  
I believe not a day in your life was better.  
I believe life in your eyes were colorful.  
I believe your life was an open book.  
I believe your life was like an ocean breeze.  
I believe your life was as bright as the sun.  
I believe you were high like the clouds.  
I believe your life was the best, but came to an end.

**SAVANNA JACKSON, POLK**

## **A MELANIN DEFERRED**

What happens to a melanin deferred?  
Does it wash off  
like a makeup wipe?  
Or stay like glitter in my carpet  
And then forever stained?  
Does it appropriate like you with my hair and  
my clothes?

**ANIAYA GRACE, EPHS**

I believe you aren't living a dreadful life.  
I believe you are loved.  
I believe your family was excited when you were born.  
I believe your best friend is a true friend.  
I believe you understand the meaning of a joyful life.  
I believe you turn frowns upside down.  
I believe your smile shines brighter than the sun.  
Worlds colliding, negative turned into positive, you aren't living a dreadful life.

**VIALLY ST. LOUIS, HIRAM**



## UNTITLED

In sadness I plead for happiness, as a crow  
would  
In rage I grieve for forgiveness, like a child to  
his mother  
In life I fascinate  
In death I somber  
Gazing into the distance, looking towards  
heaven  
I let out a loud cry, like a dragon in despair

**LOUIS MAURANSON, HIRAM**

Fishing for compliments  
Drowning in Grief  
He broke my heart  
You light up my life  
Time is a thief  
She is a donkey  
Her words cut deeper than a knife

**EMELYN CAMPBELL, POLK**

Flying in the clouds  
Breathing nothing but fresh air  
I feel peace at last

An earthquake feeling  
Boulders and trees on the ground  
I cannot see, please

Headed toward home  
The sea still but my heart, boom  
I'm finally here

**ASHLEY ARREGUIN, HIRAM**



## **AN ODE TO MY HAIR**

My hair  
On my head  
All Braided up, trying to escape the weave Sometimes dry  
and brittle  
Or live and luscious  
Braided up and tight  
Down and loose  
Or pressed, moving freely  
Wash days become the most hated days  
My hair screaming while combing through it So much  
hair, don't even know what to do with it

**VIALLY ST. LOUIS, HIRAM**

## **AN ODE TO POTATOES**

Like humans you come in many shapes and styles,  
From the stylish and slender french fry,  
To the creamy potatoes on my plate,  
A staple in all kitchens,  
A must have on all platters,  
A joy to be had anytime of the day

**EMELYN CAMPBELL, POLK**

## **ODE**

Praise the metal utensils  
Praise the smell of new and fresh food  
Praise the tables touching your knees and the  
chair holding you up  
Praise the host and their smiling face  
Praise the napkins for the mess you made Praise  
the cup from where you refresh yourself  
Praise the taste of the savorful food given  
And how it raises your mood

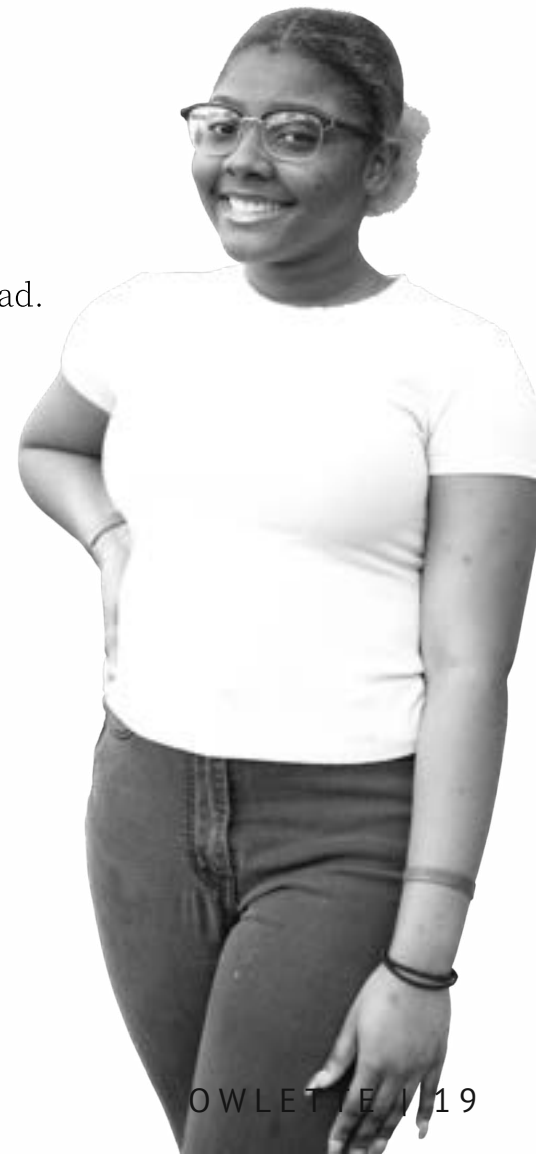
**ASHLEY ARREGUIN, HIRAM**

The music playing and booming in my ears  
The volume reached its limit  
Such a simple tune, like I am in it  
So much so I am switching gears  
The climax reaching like it's climbing stairs  
The feeling goes with my outfit  
The songs on repeat more than I admit  
It was made for people to feel as if it were theirs  
Now the world is listening in  
The genre is nonexistent  
It could even use the precious violin  
In this time people feel less distant  
This is not the end, more like it's about to begin  
More and more dropping, which is very persistent

**ASHLEY ARREGUIN, HIRAM**

A game called life  
My life  
My life has just started  
First words were baba  
Had my first few steps but it wasn't on camera.  
Playing ring around the rosie with my beloved sister  
Instead of we all fall down, a trip to the ER is what I got instead.  
Busted lip, gushing blood up  
Getting rewarded for being a big girl  
Enjoying the cherry popsicle I got  
While my sister gets in trouble  
I was never a bad child,  
Just one with a temper  
I've always been a team member  
Every day it's a different type of weather  
My life has been through ups and downs  
People always said to gain 50 pounds  
I always stand my ground  
Then and now  
This is my life

**VIALLY ST. LOUIS, HIRAM**





People are scared of COVID-19  
Protests have started along with people dying  
Have faith by your side

Writing is an unique passion  
In different ways you develop many skills  
For future papers if needed

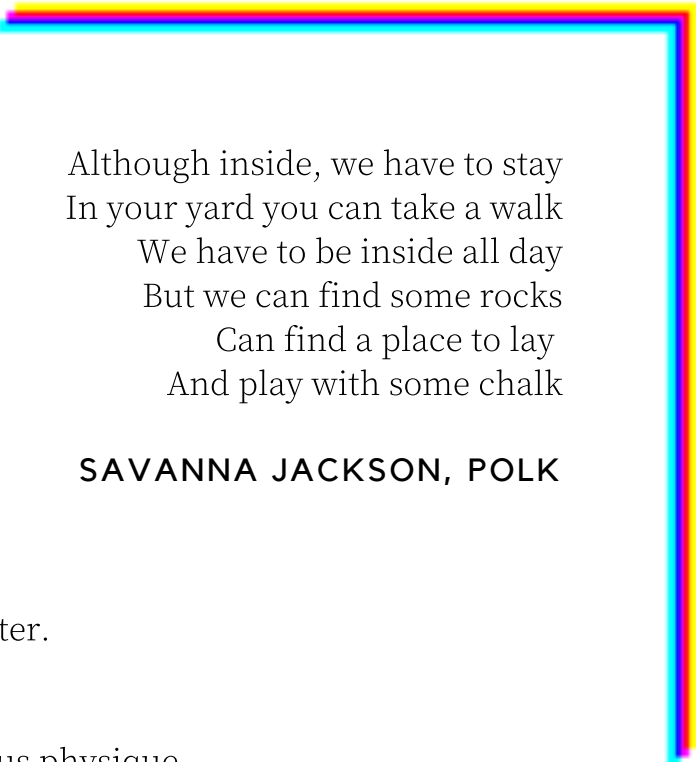
Dancing is a fun sport  
It can be easier if you try  
But all together its very enjoyable

**SAVANNA JACKSON, POLK**



There was silence when the two looked at each other.  
You could hear a pin drop.  
Without words, they understand each other.  
Both running away from a pestering crow situation.  
Neither of them knew what to do but their feet lead them running.  
They reached a still pier.  
Where the sky reflected into the mirror-like ocean,  
They hardly knew each other but when together it felt like a lifetime friend.  
As the water stood still, so the they,  
Forgetting who I brought them there.  
A bird flew by, one single bird.  
Then another joined.  
It reminded them of themselves.

**ASHLEY ARREGUIN, HIRAM**



Although inside, we have to stay  
In your yard you can take a walk  
We have to be inside all day  
But we can find some rocks  
Can find a place to lay  
And play with some chalk

**SAVANNA JACKSON, POLK**

The birds sing in the trees like flowing water.  
How beautiful and unique,  
They put up quite the barter  
In my fountain where they have miraculous physique  
The trees swing like monkeys  
How whimsical and soft  
but monkeys are quite stinky  
so they should take baths and stay in a nice loft  
I rest so peacefully, especially on days thanks  
The seasons are always fun when it's hotter,  
in the weather I were tanks  
because the sunshine is much better  
the birds are so much friendlier  
and everything is way more sprightlier

**NYLA HINES, EPHS**

My imaginable love, you inspire me  
I love the way you stand up for yourself  
Invading my mind day and through the night  
Always dreaming about the date you took me on  
How do I love you? Let me tell you  
I love how you look into my eyes and tell me how you feel  
Thinking of you makes my heart melt

**VIALLY ST. LOUIS, HIRAM**

# INARRATIVES

## SOCCER

To share something I enjoy with passionate teammates and challenging opponents is one exhilarating experience that one could never forget. Growing up soccer was a fundamental sport as it allowed me to exercise, socialize, and have fun all at the same time. As my love for the sport grew, my desire to play against accomplished adversaries grew as well. What I wanted to experience was a challenge I had never had before.

Growing up, soccer was my and my friends' go-to sport as all it required was a ball, a field, and enthusiastic players to enjoy, I could truly play soccer at any time and place. At a young age, I would watch professional soccer players any time they played. Seeing these players play was exhilarating and fascinating. As I and my family shared a love for soccer I had the opportunity to see these players play live during the 2011 Major League Soccer Season. The experience was more than I expected, during the game I was overwhelmed but at the same time excited for more. At the time that event was one of the craziest places I had ever attended and if I could do it again I would be more than enthralled to.

As I came to the age of nine, I was signed instantaneously to an organized soccer team. With this came the experience of playing with inexperienced players as soccer has always been a go-to spot for parents to sign up their inactive children. Due to this, I was blowing through teams, meeting new teammates, and experiencing new fields such as the large Mud Creek Soccer complex and the scenic Braly Soccer Park. As my love for the sport grew I began reaching tougher and tougher opponents.

By the time I reached Middle school, I was facing fierce high school opponents, and until now I had never played on a field where all players have the same will to win. Until one plays against eleven skillful opponents all at once, they never experience how remorseless and cruel soccer can become. At this level of play, although it is not directly encouraged, I had to be able to be aggressive and proactive. A player who lacked these skills would surely be benched for a significant amount of time until they master these skills.



During one of my last games of my soccer career was my SSA soccer Championship. In this game I pushed myself like never before introducing adrenaline to push my body from 10 to 11. On the field I was pressured, stressed, and tense as I was expected to perform past my limit to win the game. When I played I noticed everything that when I was in the heat of the moment, the need to play safely had disappeared. To win this game all feelings of holding back had to be ignored or transferred into a need to win; this was a challenge. One example was me and another player fighting for possession of a ball, we have been pushing and shoving each other all while running at full throttle, but on the sidelines, it may just look like two players running for a ball. Spectators, teammates, and coaches shouting at me, telling me orders and expecting even more of me. My gentle play style quickly changed to an aggressive one when adrenaline filled my bloodstream. With 22 players on a field all feeling this rush, I and all players on the field knew to limit all errors as this could cost them and their team the game.

Even after I have stopped playing soccer professionally the sport continues to motivate me. Throughout the years I have spread my love for this sport to friends and family to get them to experience the sport that is soccer. The people who once called me their foe now play alongside me like our love for the sport exceeds our clashing views. I want to spend the rest of my life inspiring those who have never been introduced to an organized sport to first experiment with soccer as the sport allows for vast growth and learning opportunities. One sport has influenced my life by exposing me to new challenges and experiences.

**YVAN NGAH, HHS**





## STRESS

Everyone has stress. It's the body's way of reacting to a challenge or a demand. Everyone will have to deal with it in their lifetime. Most of the time, we're not aware that most of the activities we do can cause stress. These experiences can cause us to become angry, frustrated, or nervous. It doesn't usually occur when you're young, but depending on different life experiences it can. Such as abuse, drug use, or divorce.. For the most part, stress is something that usually comes into play with age. As I grew older, I started to feel the stress of becoming more responsible and being able to complete chores. Currently, my stress is the product of keeping up with my activities and time management. I've learned that when you're involved with lots of activities you need to have good time management.

It all started when I began high school as a freshman. Everyone said "your first year of high school is very important for college." I wanted to be a well-rounded student, so I joined cheer, the choir, the art & drama club. Outside of school, I was already involved with Girl Scouts, Competition dance, guitar lessons, and active in my church. I was able to handle it at first, but over time it got harder. One day after school, I had to stay for a musical rehearsal. I was supposed to leave early because I had a guitar lesson and after my lesson I had tumbling. I was having so much fun in the musical that I forgot about my lesson. When I looked at my phone, I had five missed calls and ten messages from my mom. She was waiting outside for me. I didn't have my stuff packed up and I was still in my costume. I started stressing out afraid that I would miss tumbling too and waste my mom's money. By the time I got outside, my guitar lesson was over. I started to feel stressed and upset that I had forgotten my lesson and wasn't in the mood from tumbling anymore. I still ended up going, but the whole time I was focused on the lesson I missed and hoped I could make it up.

My sophomore year was when I started my first AP class along with Honors classes. With those classes, came a lot of homework. Sometimes the school work interfered with my activities. School always came first, but as soon as I finished I would be on my way to practice. There were a lot of times I had to miss rehearsal because I was stuck at home writing a paper. Making up those missed rehearsals and still having to write papers was the most stressful. There was rarely any time to relax or watch TV. I was always on the go. By the time I arrived home, it would be time to go to sleep.

Time management is my biggest challenge. Keeping up with testing, school work, extracurricular activities, and out of school activities is hard. With being in so many activities, they can overlap. When they do, I end up doing the more important one(s) and miss the others. Missing practice or an assignment often came with penalties of making things up. Sometimes making up everything I missed, fell on top of newer things I have to do. The whole thing just became stressful, which makes it harder to work. Junior year really showed me how important time management is.

Overall, it becomes stressful when I can't keep up with everything. My school work, activities inside and outside of school, and now getting ready for college certainly adds another level of stress to manage. However, I'm aware that all of my efforts made will help to brighten my future. To help minimize my stress, I do find time to exercise and find time for myself to relax.

**JAYLA LUCAS**



# ESSAYS

Why do some high school students procrastinate in the process of completing application deadlines? Some people may say that those same group of students are not using their time wisely, because they have plenty of free time that they can use during this period of social distancing. What some of those people don't realize is that not every student has the time or the resources needed to complete their college and scholarship applications. This essay will analyze how the possible factors within a student's life, such as their lifestyle, daily schedule, and / or internet access, can prevent them from submitting applications in a timely manner.

There are a variety of students who come from different backgrounds and experience different lifestyles, which can affect their chance of completing deadlines on time. For instance, one student may come from a successful, middle class income family who are able to provide him with the time, space and money that needs to complete many of his endeavors (whether that be applying for a college or taking expensive karate lessons. In contrast, another student may live with a single mother and her 5 other kids inside a low-income household, where the mother has to sacrifice her time with her children for a job that occupies all of her time. While the mother is at work, the student has to spend his time watching his / her younger siblings instead of researching possible scholarships and colleges. To sum it up, the lifestyles of various students has an impact on how fast they will enter their applications.



Many teenagers find it difficult to include the time for researching applications to fit within their busy schedules. Some teenagers are overloaded with work from their summer jobs throughout their weeks. They may have the weekend off but they're probably busy at home, because they have to do multiple chores and fulfill other responsibilities. Other students may have to go to summer camps for the marching band or a high school sports team. Lastly, some students have to fulfill certain obligations within the summer that take time away from sending applications.

Some high school students do not have internet access where they live. A possible reason behind why a student may not have internet access is because they live in a low-income family that have a lot of bills to pay. Their families have to prioritize their money and they can't spend it on a liability. In summary, some students do not have enough money to buy internet access to complete their applications. In conclusion, some students do not have the internet connection, conducive environment and/or a free segment of time to finish the process of submitting their applications. If these 3 requirements were met for every student in America, more students would apply for college as soon as possible. More schools have tried to accommodate their students with internet service since our current pandemic has shifted our education to a virtual format. More schools or institutions should try to accommodate students in the other 2 ways.

**ZYKARIUS HARSHAW, POLK**





## COLLEGE

Ever since I was a little kid my parents would always tell me I needed to do great in school in order to attend college. They would always stress the importance of me getting into a good college so I can have a shot at a better life than they have. My parents would always tell me stories about their childhood and the struggles they went through in hopes of their children having better lives. Growing up, knowing what they sacrificed for my siblings and I was and still is a big factor why I try to do my best in school. I want to graduate from college to make my parents proud but I also have my own reasons.

I want to graduate and find a decent job in hopes that one day I can repay my parents for all they have done for their children. I want them to be proud of me and feel as if all their sacrifices were not in vain. Additionally, I want to attend college in hopes of getting a job in the medical field. I've always wanted a job where I can help people and a job where I attempt to relieve people of their pain has always seemed like a good fit for me. I am excited about going to college but I also have my fears and worries.

As I begin getting ready for college one big worry I have is if I will be able to earn scholarships and have enough money for me to pay for college. Another big fear is if I do manage to get scholarships, what if I get bad grades and lose them or even worse fail out of college altogether. My biggest worry would have to be that I put in all this time and effort for a job that I potentially don't end up getting. Despite all my worries, I am still very excited about going to college and look forward to meeting new people who are interested in the same things as me and new things I get to discover.

In Conclusion, attending college is both my parent's wish and my own. My parents want the best for me and they believe college can help in that regard. I also want to attend college because I believe it can help me in achieving my goals in life. Although the idea of college comes with its worries, I am also excited about all the new things I get to experience.

**ANGEL BOHORQUEZ-CORTEZ**

# DIGITAL MEDIA

WATCH KSU TRIO STUDENTS' PSA  
VIDEOS BY SCANNING THE QR CODE!



## WILLIAM LOCKWOOD

Littering PSA:  
How littering harms the environment and tips to prevent it.



## JANAYA ALLEN

Child Safety PSA:  
Facts on child abductions and prevention tips on how to ensure safety.



## EMELYN CAMPBELL

Teen Tobacco Use PSA:  
Health facts about tobacco usage and resources for those trying to quit.



## ASHLEY ARREGUIN

Teen Drug Use PSA:  
Health facts about drug usage and a warning for those who continue.

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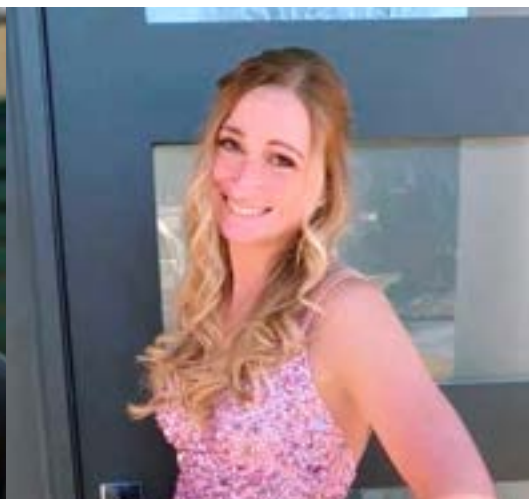
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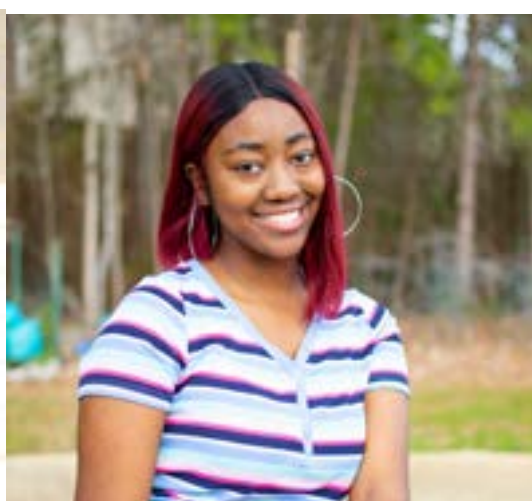
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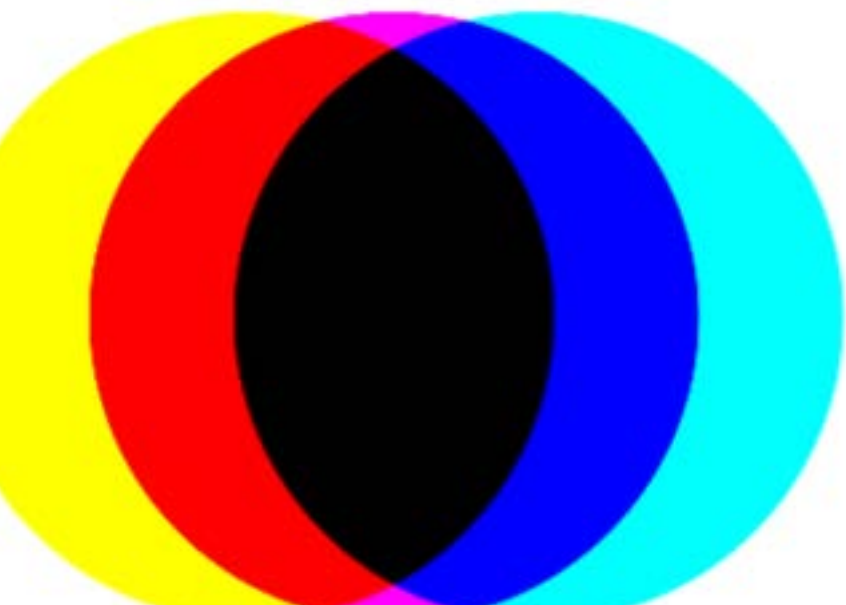
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and become the strong, independent, and talented young adults you are today. You reminded me then (and now) why I love being an Advisor.

Second, I want to tell you how sorry I am.

I'm sorry all the traditions you've been looking forward to for years—senior breakfast, going to prom, and embracing one another at graduation, the walk down the aisle to get your diploma—are not happening as planned. I remember watching your faces during last year's graduation and knowing you were thinking, "Next year, next year this will be us!"

Mrs. Cooksey did a great job with getting creative, but I sympathize with you when your hearts cry out, "That's not the same." You're right. It's not the same. It's not fair.

My heart breaks, because while some of us are frustrated because we have to wait in long six feet apart lines, you're grieving a moment, a milestone, a set of memories that you won't get to have the way you'd been dreaming about for years.

**"This is a part of your journey and does not define you"**

I won't downplay this moment. This is an upsetting time, and you have every right to be frustrated, sad, and disappointed.

## SENIOR DEDICATIONS

### A MESSAGE TO HIRAM UPWARD BOUND CLASS OF 2020

First, I want to say how much I love and am so proud of you all. I've gotten to know many of you over the past three years, coming to me for a late pass, advice on what college to attend, and to get snacks. You kept me laughing when I made everyone do interactive activities and trusted me to help you on your journey to college. I loved watching you grow

During this pandemic, you've been using the technology and media to raise your voices and share your ideas. You've completed your senior year virtually. You've expressed yourselves. You've created and shared funny TikToks to brighten each other's day.

This captures something you do quite well: You take things that are hard, frustrating, and sad and make them into something dignified and great.

You all know how to make the best of bad situations—challenges in the media, an election that didn't go as you hoped. You continually rise to the occasion and show that your self-confidence and bravery outshines any doubts you had about yourselves. You are uniquely set up to handle every barrier that the world throws at you with creativity, resilience, and grace. It's not fair that you're not only losing your senior-year memories but also entering adulthood at such a scary time and in a world filled with uncertainty. But I believe in your ability to move through this crisis. You will come out on the other side, with an incredible story to tell.

When you look back on this moment in time, I hope that you will be proud of how you moved forward and did not let a world of uncertainty define you and hold you back from achieving your goals to attend college.

Over the last three years in the program you have laughed, cried, and learned with each other. You've sweated in the summer heat placing second in the TRIO kickball tournament, celebrated your victories in and outside of the classroom, encouraged each other to keep going when life gets hard, and made it through all the NetTutors, advisements, and surveys I made you do.

Finally, I want to say thank you. Thank you for being exactly who you are and making no apologies for it. You not only made me a better advisor, but you made me a better person. I will always be grateful I got the opportunity to be a part of your life for the past three years and the six to come. I am so excited to see what the future holds for you all and am so incredibly proud of you all! Don't ever stop moving forward and being the incredible people that you are. I love you all very much.

Sincerely,  
Ms. Christine





## **A MESSAGE TO EAST PAULDING UPWARD BOUND MATH SCIENCE CLASS OF 2020-**

When I first began working with the Upward Bound Math Science Program in March of 2018, I was so nervous. Nervous about whether students would relate to me, as well as if they would respect me because of how close in age I was to them. Students from the Class of 2020 were the first students I had the pleasure of interacting with when you were just sophomores. You guys were so warm, caring, and inviting. Immediately, I knew that I could do this job and would have so much fun doing it.

Having the pleasure of interacting with all of you, some on a daily basis, has been an honor. You all are so bright, smart, and I know that you can handle whatever life throws at you. I am so sorry that your graduation this year did not go how you all dreamed it would, but you are all still superstars.

Through all of this, you have shown how resilient you all are and how adaptable you are in tough positions. Those are skills and life lessons that you will use heavily throughout your life. Possessing those skills at such a young age is MAGNIFICENT and I couldn't be prouder to say that I had the pleasure of being an extra support system for you throughout your high school careers.

We have laughed together, cried together, almost passed out together at Six Flags over the summer because of the heat, but I would not trade those experiences with you guys for anything in this world. I am so thankful that I was able to work with such a diverse, vibrant, and hilarious group of students. You made what can be a stressful job, stress free and a lot of fun.

Congratulations and I am so proud of each one of you. The journey you are soon to embark on will not be an easy one. There will be multiple times that you will want to give up, but YOU



WILL NOT! You can do ANYTHING that you put your minds to. Nothing worth having comes easy. I used to say this to all of you all the time and I hope that you carry this with you through this next chapter in your lives. Always know that I am only one phone call or text away and I love you all!

Again, I am so proud of all of you and I am so blessed to know each one of you. Thank you for the mark that you have left on the UBMS program. The Class of 2020 will be a tough act to follow! I will miss you all so much, but I know I will see you all again soon!

**“Education is the passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to those who prepare for it TODAY!” -Malcolm X**

Love Always,  
Ms. Leverett

## **A MESSAGE TO POLK UPWARD BOUND CLASS OF 2020-**

The majority of you started with us in your sophomore year of high school. Still in the stage of figuring out high school and how you fit in, you came into a brand new program and stuck with us through the ups and downs. Quite a few of you were shy and quiet when we first started, with advising meetings only taking 10 minutes and with me doing most of the talking. Throughout that year, and the years that have followed, I have watched you find your place. Your relationships changed, your style changed, and the major you wanted in college often changed multiple times. But what never changed was



your determination, your perseverance, and your kind souls. The once shy, quiet students that you were blossomed into strong, determined, and outspoken young adults. You went from quick and quiet advising meetings, to having to be shooed away at the end of the lunch period, talking the whole way out.

As we have grown together over the last 3 years, I have watched as many of you have found your passion, and worked incredibly hard towards your goals. During these times of turmoil, many used your voices to uplift others and speak truth about what is going on around you. A good bit of you have faced COVID-19 head on, as you worked in nursing homes, caring for those whose families could no longer come visit. All of you have made us proud and you have all become beautiful people who I cannot wait to watch take the world by storm.

While this year did not end how we expected, and though our planned celebrations may have to wait, I am thankful to have been able to cheer you on in the graduation parade and scream for you all at graduation. Wherever you go, just know that you always have a family with us. We are always just one call away, happy to help or happy to just hear how you are. Now go on and show the world what you're made of!

Sincerely,  
Ms. Mary





## **DEAR AMAIA,**

Miss WARD!! We are so proud of you and we are so excited that you are going to KSU and are going to be close by.

We are so proud of you! You are such a stellar student and continue to be as great as we know you can be!

Congratulations!

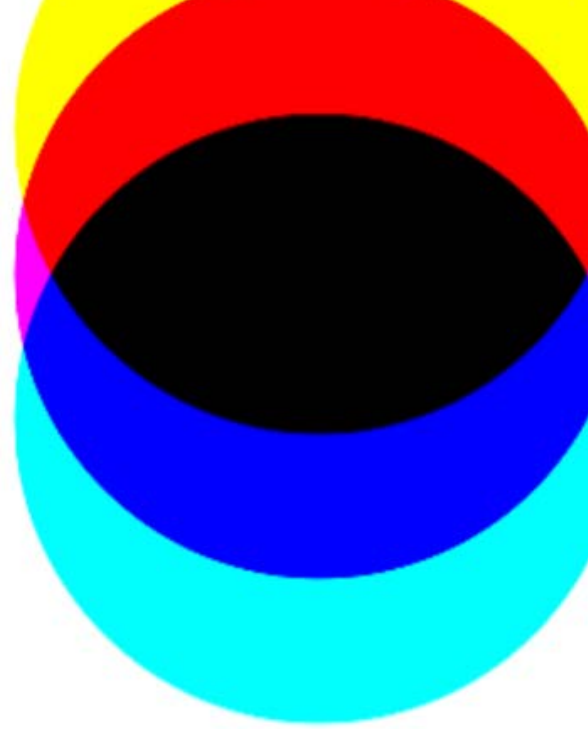
**DEAR AMBER-**

We know you will go off to make all of us proud! We are so excited for this new chapter you are preparing to embark upon. Always stay focused on the end goal!

Congratulations sweetheart!

YOU MADE IT!





**TO OUR DEAR  
DAUGHTER  
MEDHJINA Y. TANIS-**

Congratulations on your high school graduation! You have waited a long time for this day! The whole family is thrilled to be celebrating with you! A whole new world full of possibilities is now open to you.

We are so proud of everything you have accomplished. You have flourished into such a wonderful young woman; your determination, belief, and positive outlook will get you far. You are destined for greatness! We are proud of you; we love you and pray for your continued success darling!

From your parents,  
Nickens & Cybell Tanis

## DEAR MORGAN-

Even though you have only a part of our program for a short period of time, you immediately made it known that you were focused and serious about your future.

You are such a sweet, bright young lady with such a promising future. We are so excited for you and we wish you nothing but the best!

Congratulations Morgan! You deserve it!



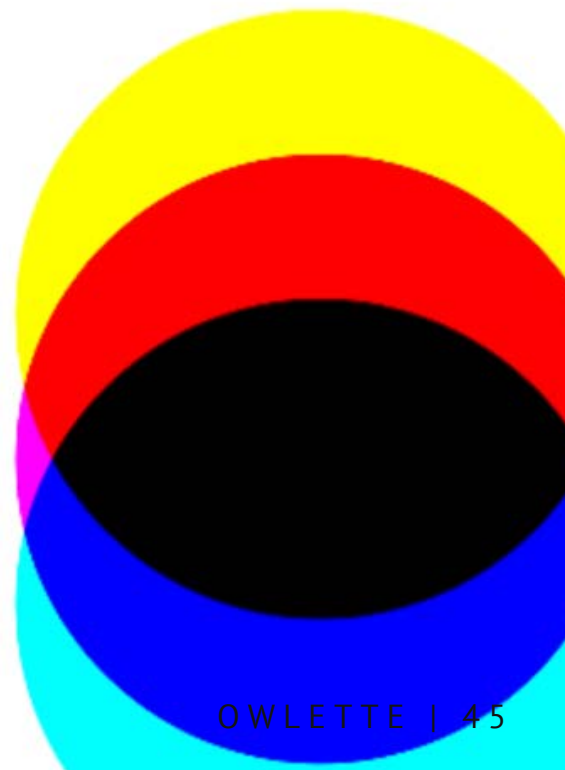


## DEAR ELIO-

You are such a very bright young man who will go off to KSU and shock the world!

You've always been such a pleasant person to work with, and we know that you are going places!

You will be so missed! Congratulations! We know that this is just the beginning for you!





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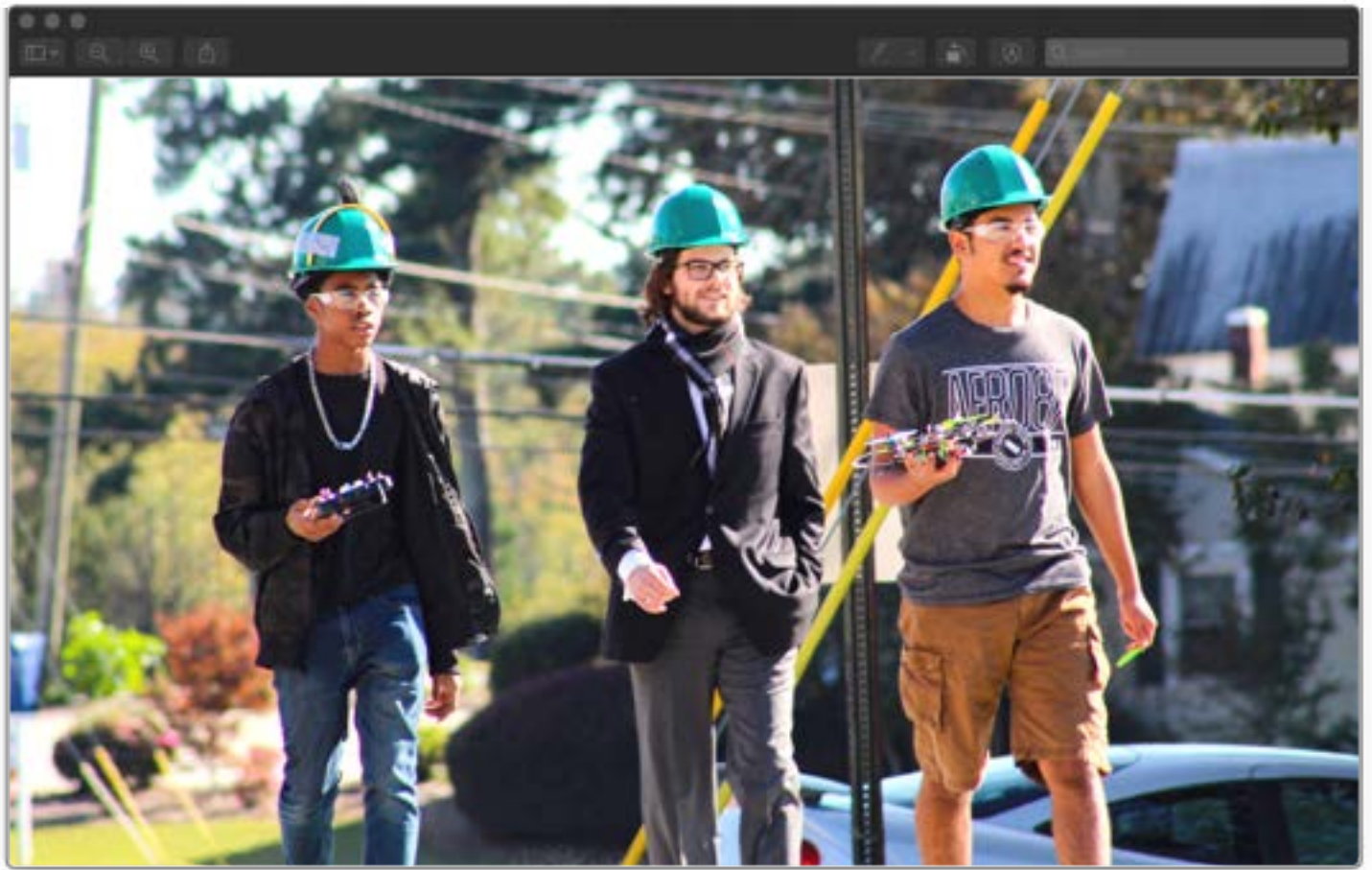




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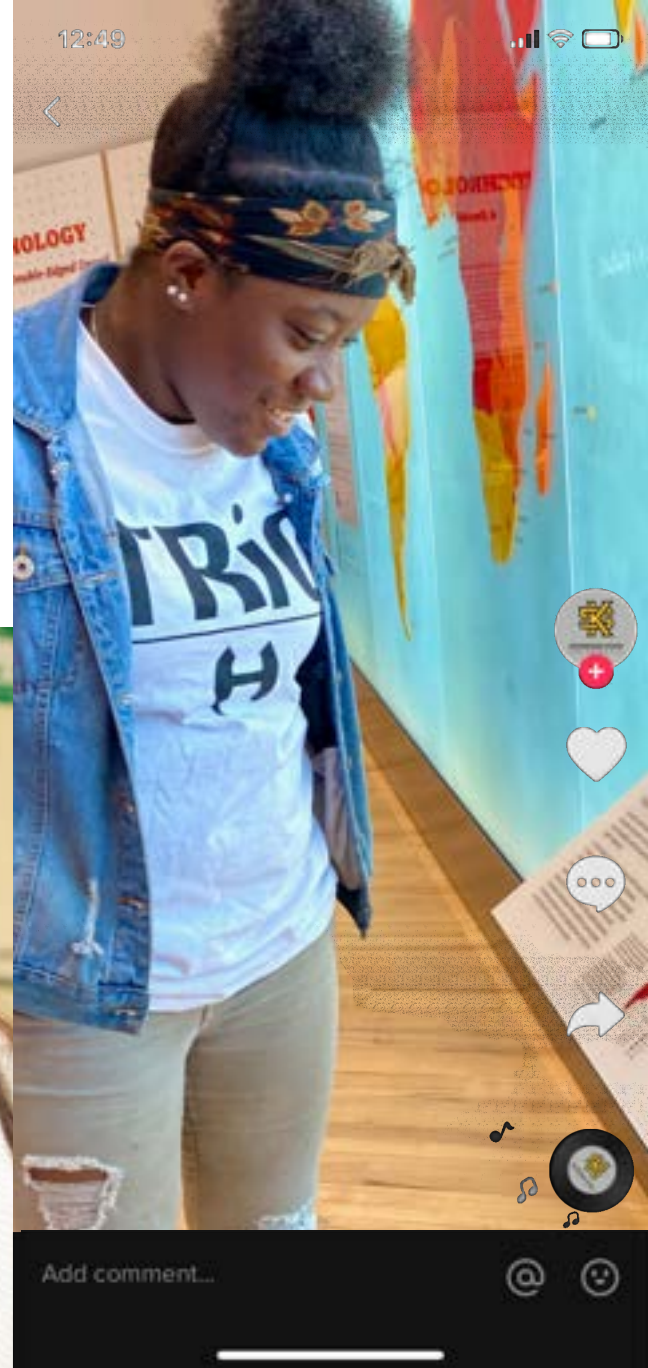


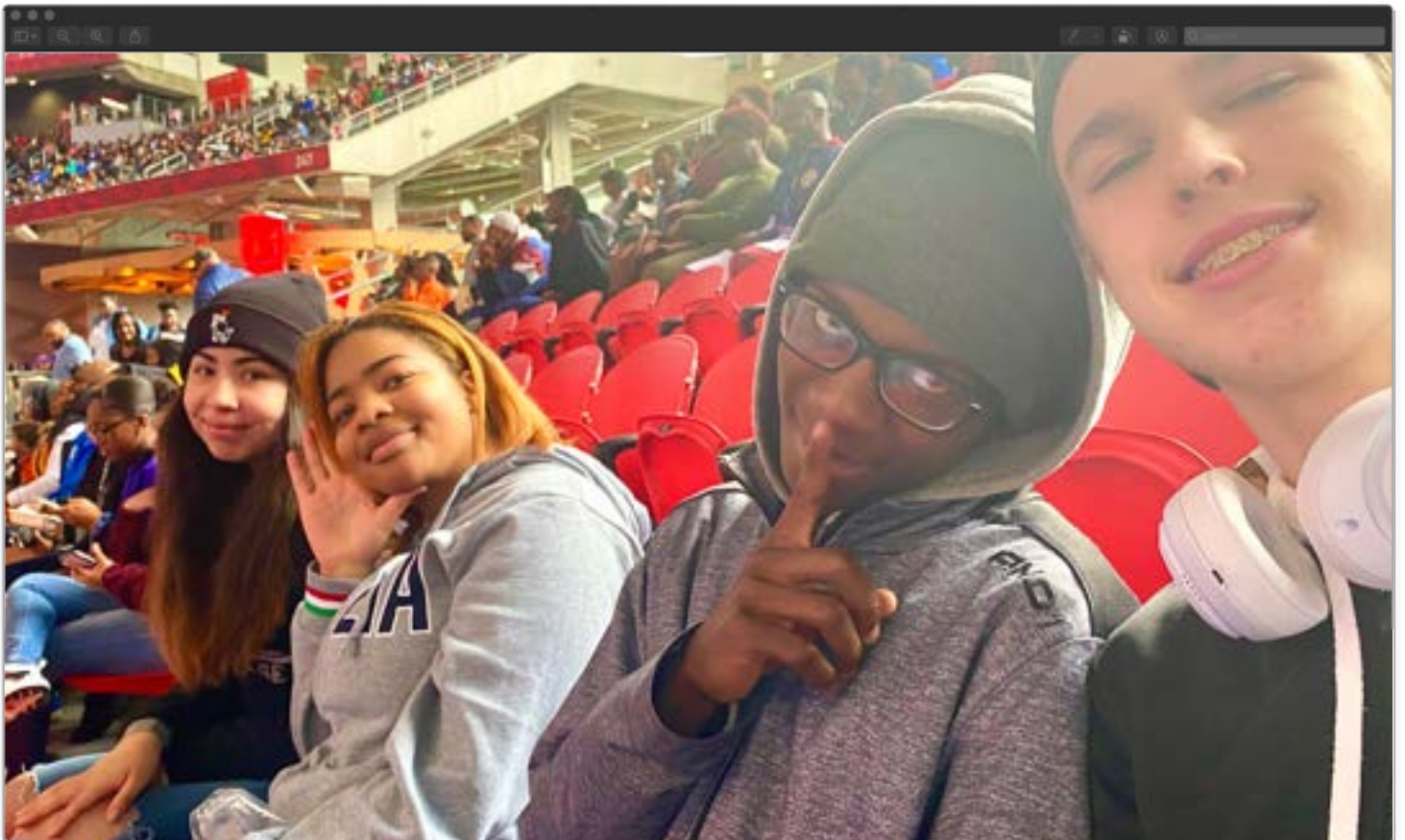
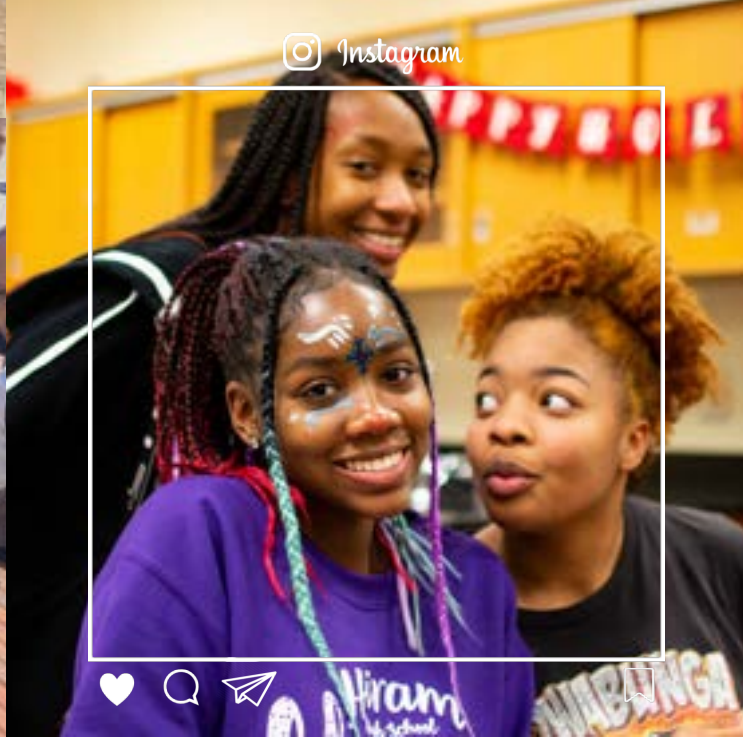
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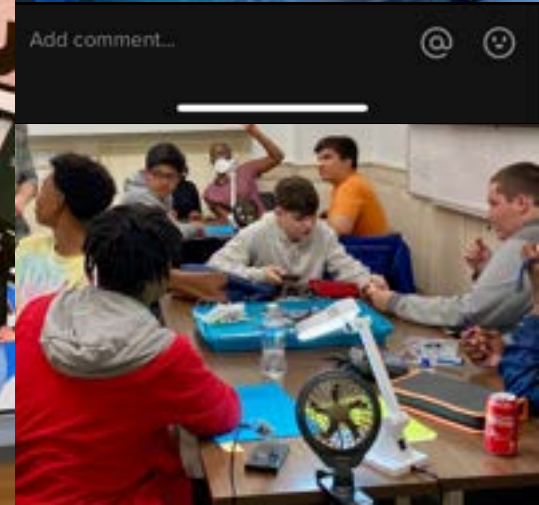
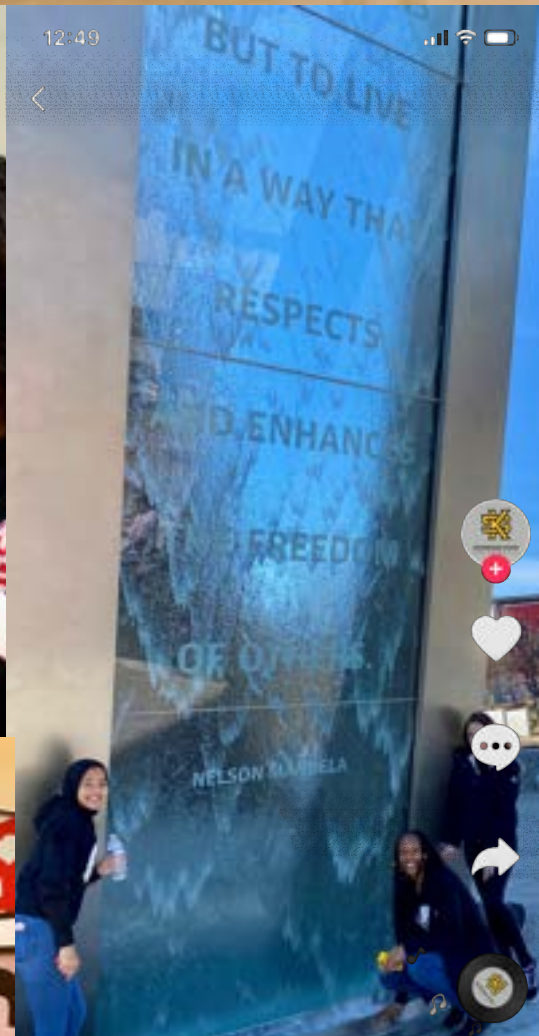








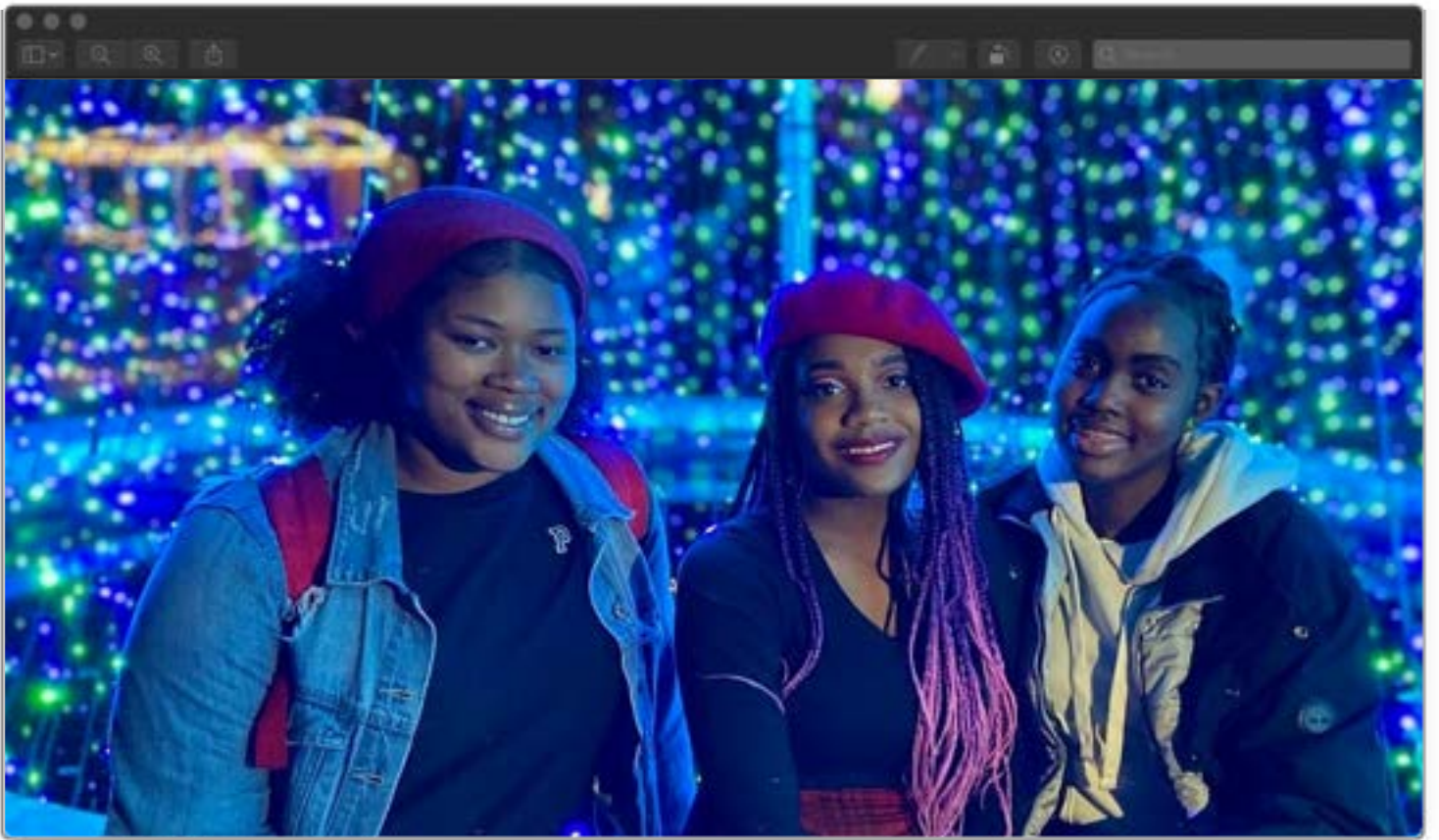


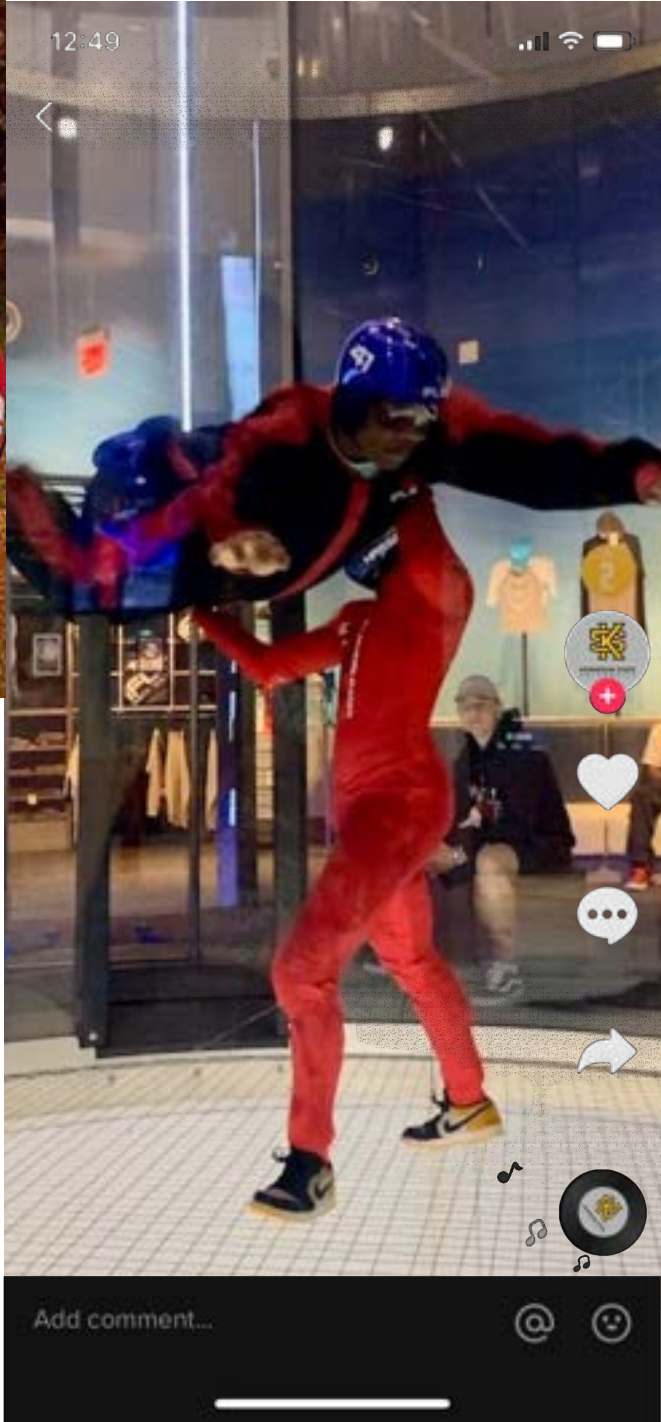


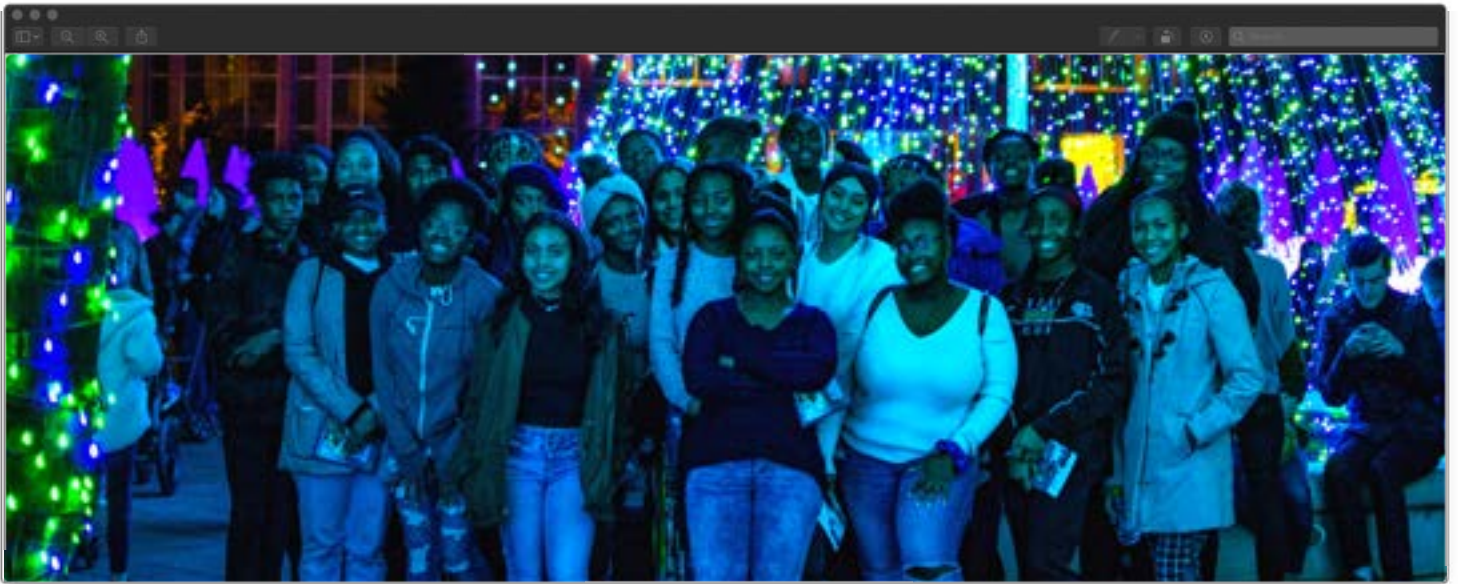
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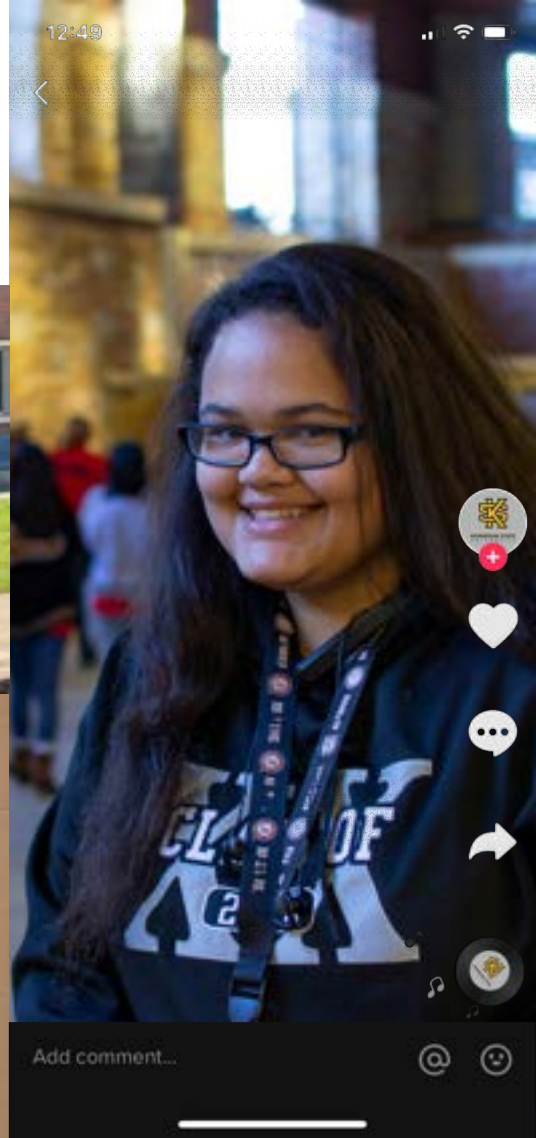
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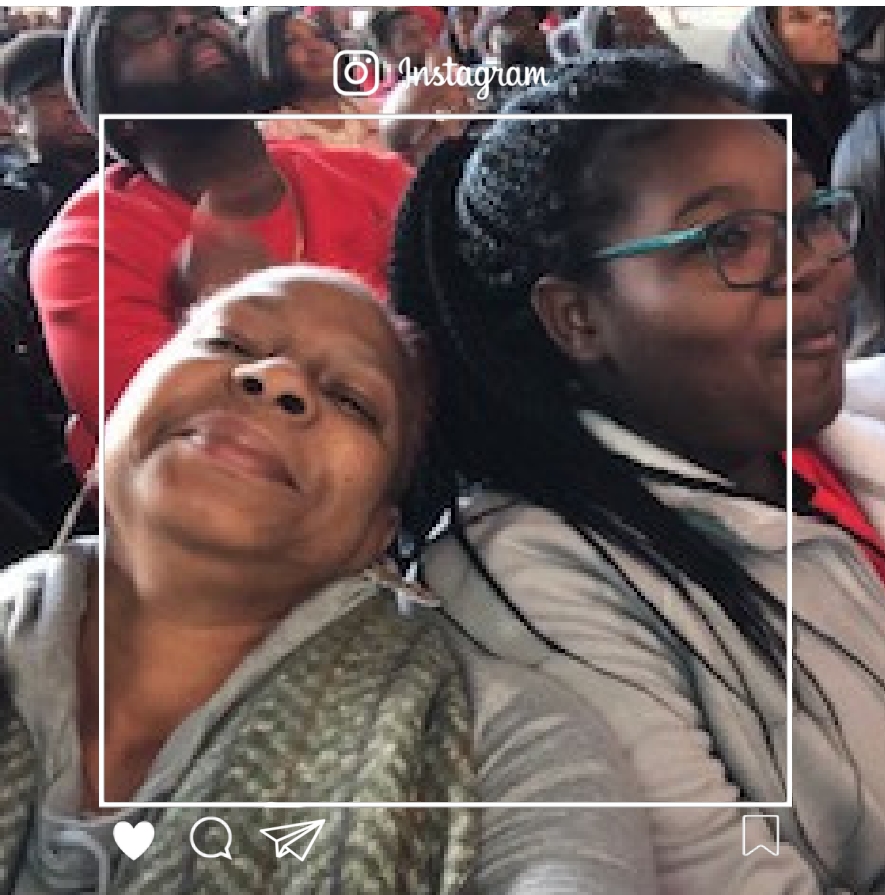


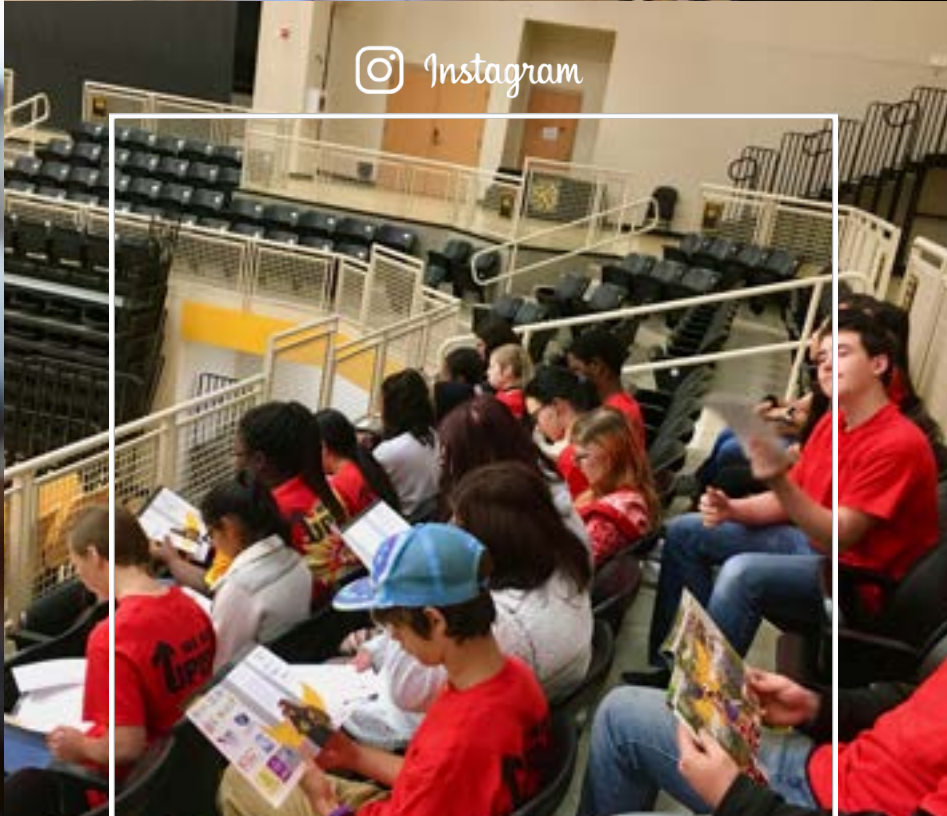
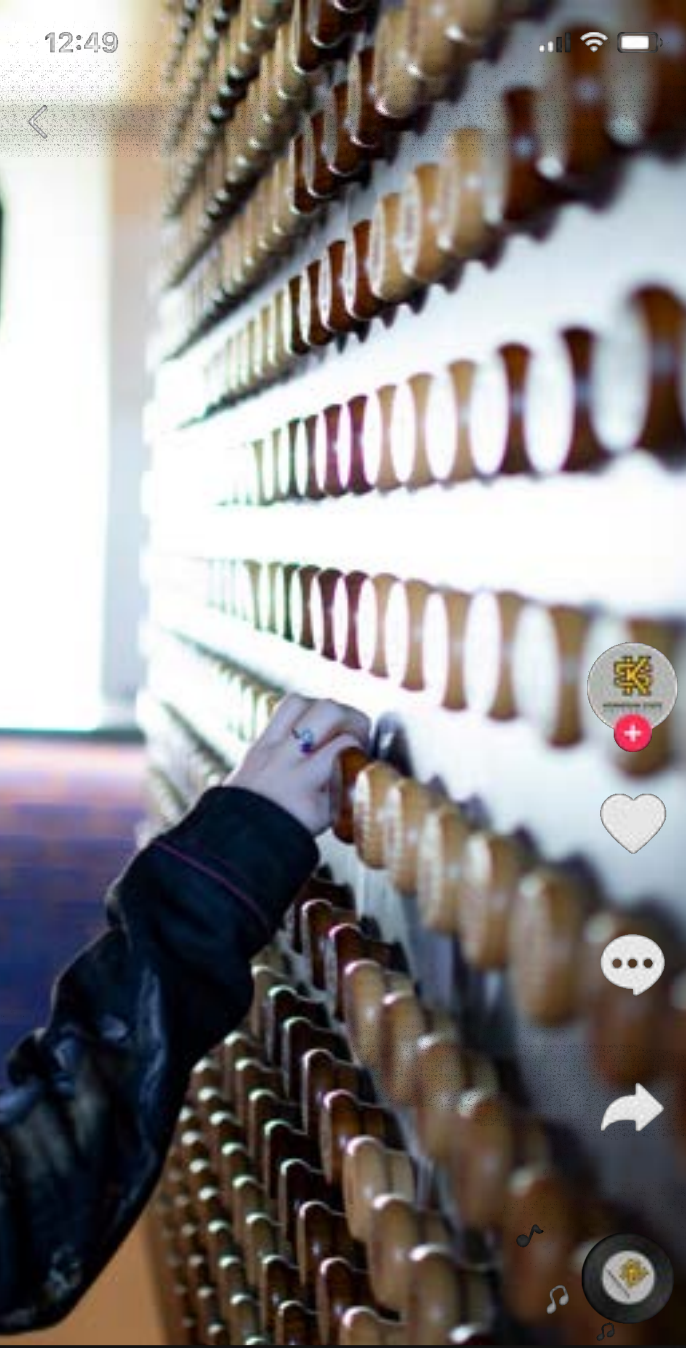
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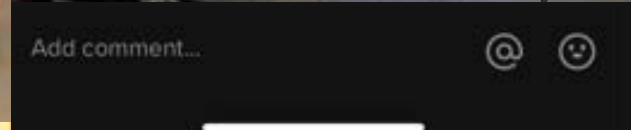
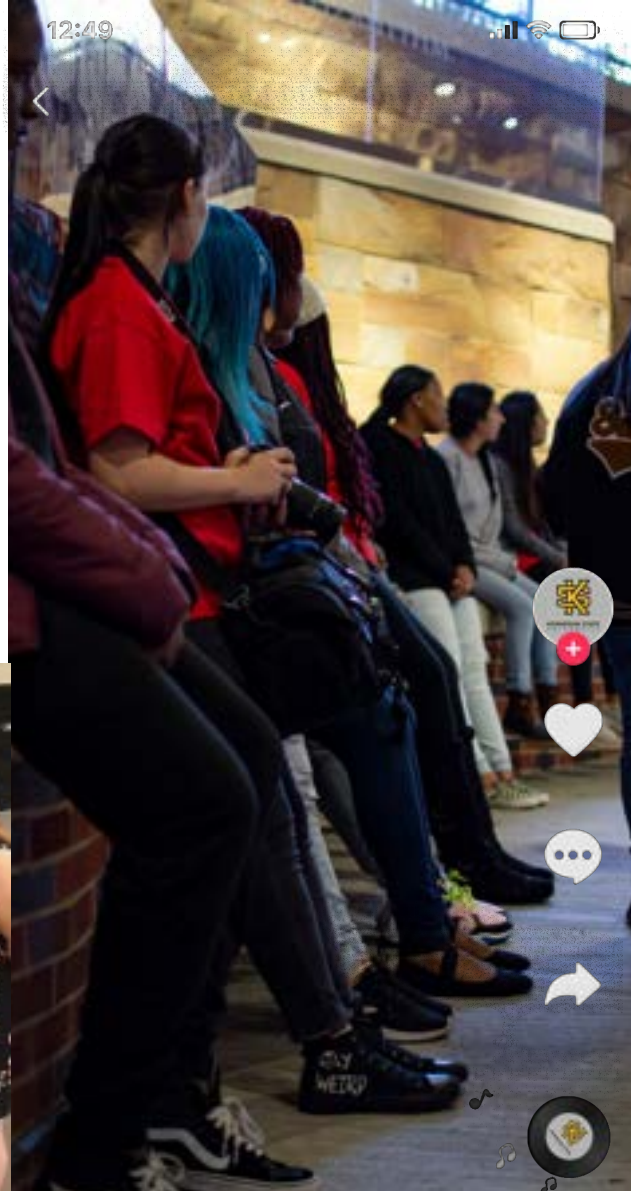
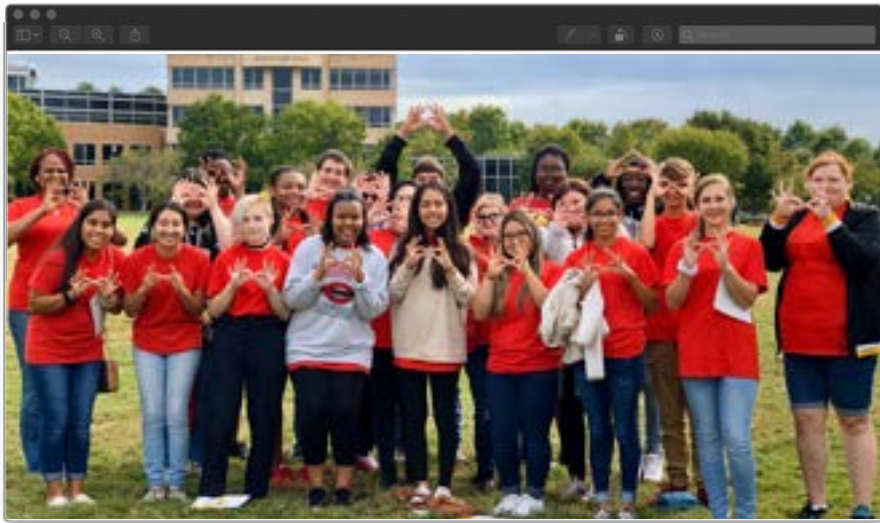
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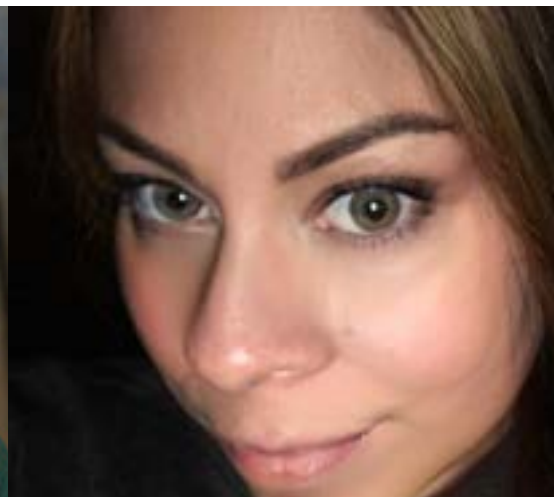
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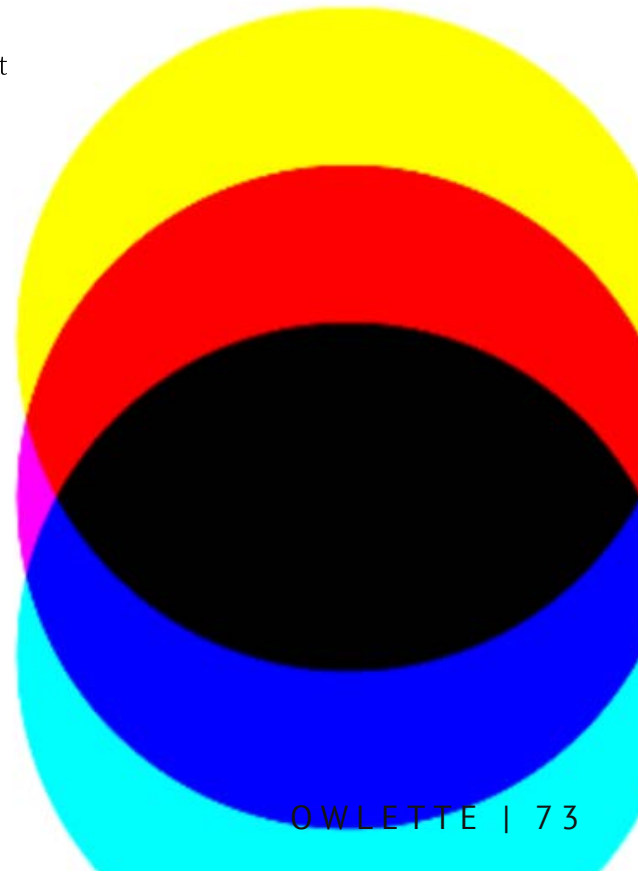
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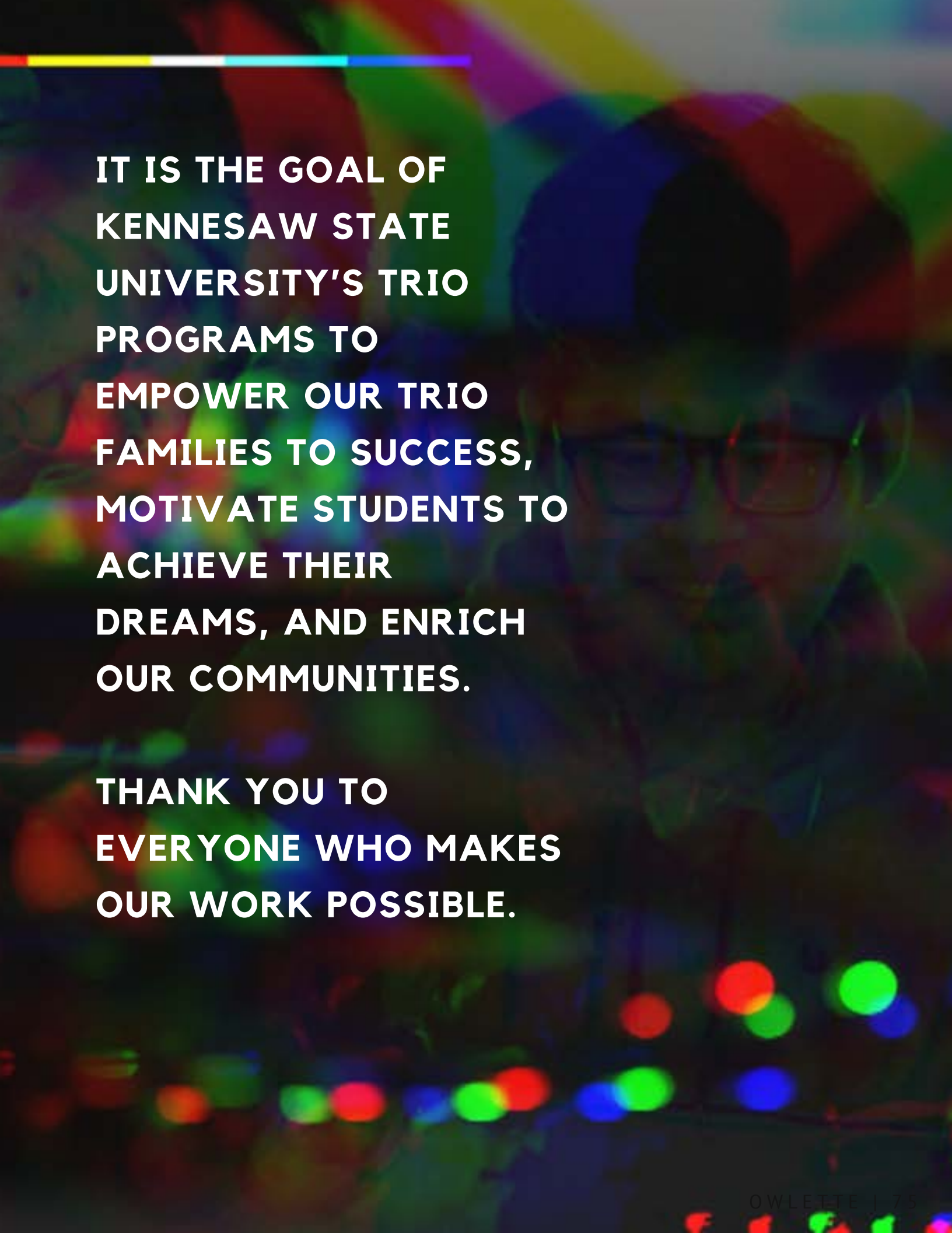
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