



It's about YOU

Niveen Hassan (11) wins first place in the National Art competition

"Preparing myself for the National Art competition was like a rollercoaster of emotions. I never participate in competitions because I have never been that confident in my art. Unexpectedly, my name was called for first place, I felt the biggest sense of accomplishment with myself and my work."



On the GRIND

Competitions are tough, especially the National Art Competition where students have to invest 30 hours in their work. But, **Clara Kang (12)** shares her journey with art and how teacher, Mr. Coldel, guided her through this competition.



It's finally over. 30 hours of hard work. 30 hours of sleepless nights. 30 hours of contemplating if it's even worth it. It's done and ready to turn in. Finished with her self portrait art piece for the National Art Competition, Clara Kang (12) made that happen, she fought through times of uncertainty with the help of her teacher, Mr. Cordel.

guiding me with my drawings. I liked how art made me feel. I felt so free and liberated when I was drawing. After that, I knew that art was something I wanted to do in the future," said Kang.

She first joined Mr. Coldel's class in freshman year, ready with determination for her future. "I first joined Mr. Coldel's class in freshman year. The class was Art 1, and I remember I had little to no experience with drawing. Even though I was very nervous to take an art class for the first time, I was so thankful for Mr. Colodel for always helping me and

Even though she feels anxious, she is ready knowing how hard she prepared for this event. "Obviously, I feel nervous preparing for the National Art Competition. It's such a prestigious and grand event. I feel like I had been waiting for this moment since freshman year. Even though I'm scared, I know I have people to rely on like my teacher, Mr. Coldel. Mr. Coldel is my advisor for this event, and he's been helping me a lot. He always says yes to critiquing my work, so I think I'm ready to win," said Kang.

In Focus. With the vision of recreating buildings in LA for his structural design class, **James Amerb (10)** measures out the dimensions of his wall on Feb. 22. Amerb took structural design since freshman year and joined because of his interest in architecture. "My building is almost complete, but I thought it was just missing a window," said Amerb.

