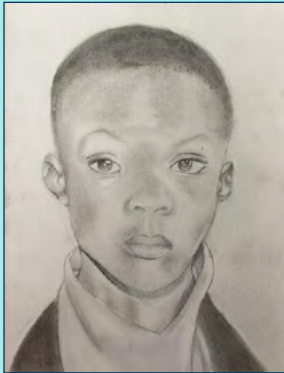




Community Outreach

Memory Project: Portraits by Clayton Valley Charter High School Students Are Complete!



Portrait of Ako



Portrait of Terah



Portrait of Jessie



Portrait of Zeela



Portrait of Roy

This school year CWA Community Outreach sponsored five students from Clayton Valley Charter High School in the Memory Project. The Memory Project connects U.S. students to disadvantaged students from third world countries through portraiture. The Project provides the U.S. students with photographs of students from a number of different countries. From these photos they create portraits on paper using an art medium of their choice. The Clayton Valley students chose to work on portraits of students from Camerouns. Camerouns is a coastal country lying at the junction of western and central Africa.

The Community Outreach committee is very pleased with these finished portraits. We are certain that the Cameroon students will be thrilled to see themselves as envisioned by the Clayton Valley students. Sometime later this year the portraits will be presented to the Cameroon students and photos or a video will be sent back to the Clayton Valley High School students so that they can enjoy seeing how their artwork was received.

Sheila Cain



Here is what Evan Hughes, Clayton Valley's art teacher, has to say about the Memory Project.

What are your reflections on the project now that it's done?

"I've known about this project in the past, so I was excited to get the opportunity offered to us by a sponsor. We recently sent the portraits out, so we haven't seen any evidence of their reception, but I know we're all grateful to be given the opportunity to participate in a project that connects people across the world through drawing and painting."

What was the easiest and most difficult part working with your students on this project?

"This is a great group of students, that I've known and worked with for more than a year...so there weren't really any significant difficulties."

Would you recommend this project to other high school art teachers? Why?

"Absolutely. The overwhelming majority of work and projects students do is...school work. Any opportunity to get involved with projects that take student's work, and impact out of academia and into 'real-world' experience is worth their time."

The Community Outreach committee is rightfully pleased with the success so far of the Memory Project at Clayton Valley Charter High School. We're eager to connect with other high schools and sponsor more students.

Help connect U.S. students with students from other less advantaged countries and move U.S. high school student's artwork out into the world. Share your connections to high school art teachers or students.

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