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SMOKE SIGNAL: The Monthly Newsletter of Passaic High School, Passaic, NJ

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#### **FEATURED STUDENT OF THE MONTH:**

# **Dimaris Campos Rodriguez**

By Desiree Santana

There are so many talented students at PHS that it is hard to select one to feature each month. This month though, we feature a student who is totally dedicated to innovating her art. Dimaris Campos Rodriguez, has been drawing ever since she was two years old and has not ever stopped.

She took her art more seriously in 2016 when she was only eleven years old. Dimaris also says that she got into art in middle school since she had an art teacher that she knows, Mr. Sanchez. He taught her the basics of drawing, like primary

colors, gradients, and how to draw simple landscapes. Then she learned most of the things she knows from YouTube tutorials.

Dimaris said, "The things that motivate me the most are to tell stories through my drawings and to make my mother proud of me. I also enjoy challenging myself to see how far I can get. Like if I can make it more realistic, If I could do better backgrounds and if I could do better textures." She has inspired many students and even teachers around her. One of her original pieces of art was featured on the board of education website!

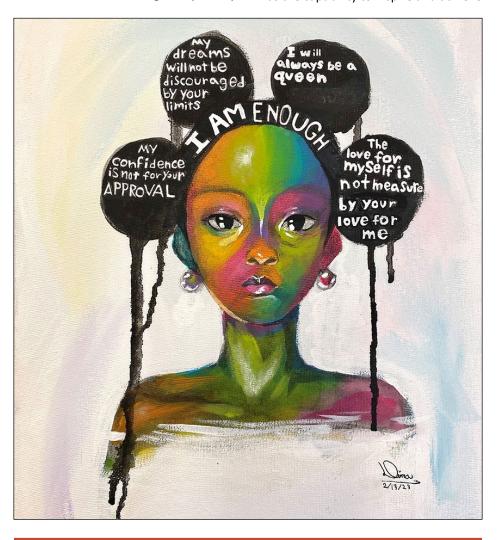
We are proud of this PHS student who has the capability to inspire and achieve

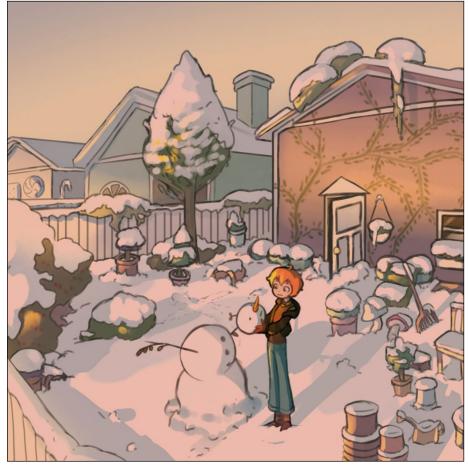
at such a young age. Looking forward, she wants to pursue a career as a cartoon animation artist. She even says she also practices her animations with Tik Tok audios as a base!

The image you see is her favorite piece. This is her favorite because "the style is simple, the background is detailed and the piece is capable of transmitting a calm mood. This illustration was one of my attempts to practice a different perspective. It fills me with pride that it looks good, as it was an experiment in getting out of my comfort zone. The character in this illustration is one of my favorite original characters, Didier. Personally, I

love snowy days. Making snowmen alone in my backyard gives me peace and joy. I wanted to capture that feeling into my piece, and I feel that all this together makes this one of my best ones."

Dimaris would like to recognize the support and guidance of her art teacher here at PHS, Mr. Pena, for helping her to grow as an artist. There are high hopes for her in the future and we believe that she has potential to do big things if she keeps up this career path. We know it won't be easy, but what we do know is that she has the potential to get there! Wish you the best of luck, Dimaris, and don't give up!



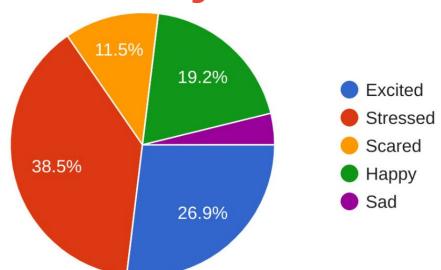


ARTWORK COURTESY OF DIMARIS CAMPOS RODRIGUEZ

Above: Illustration of Dimaris' favorite original character, Didier, making a snowman.

Left: Dimaris' artwork was featured on the board of education website

# How Do You Feel That We Just Started Marking Period 4?



# **Happy Cinco De Mayo!**

While the United States was at war with itself during the Civil War, our neighbor to the south was defending itself against European powers who attempted to take advantage of the distracted America. While Britain and Spain negotiated a settlement with the Mexican government for repayment of loans.

However, the French thought they would increase their presence in the American continent. This was ended at the Battle of Puebla where a larger and better equipped French force was turned back. Texas-born General Ignacio Zaragoza is credited with this moral-boosting victory for Mexico.

So Happy Cinco de Mayo!



# May Sports Schedule

Please come and support our Passaic Indian teams!

#### Baseball – Boys Varsity

5/1 - Bergen County Tech - Away at 4:30 PM

5/2 - Bergen County Tech - HOME at 4:30 PM

5/4 - Montclair High School - HOME at 4:30 PM

5/5 - West Milford High School - HOME at 4:30 PM

5/8/ - Eastside High School - Away at 5 PM

5/10 - Hillsborough High School - HOME at 4:30 PM

5/11 - Eastside High School - HOME at 4:30 PM

5/17 - Depaul Catholic High School - Away and 4:30 PM

#### Baseball - Boys Junior Varsity

5/1 - Bergen County Technical - HOME at 4:30 PM

5/2 - Bergen County Technical - Away at 5 PM

5/4 - Montclair High School - Away at 4:30 PM

5/5 - West Milford High School - Away at 4:30 5/8/ - Eastsdie High School - HOME at 4:30 PM

5/10 - Hillborough High School - HOME at 5 PM

5/11 - Eastside High School - Away at 5 PM

5/17 - DePaul Catholic High School - HOME at 4:30 PM

#### Softball - Girls Varsity

5/1 - Clifton High School, HOME at 4:30 PM

5/2 - Ferris High School - HOME at 4:30 PM

5/3 - Bergen County Technical School - Away at 4:30 PM

5/4 - Dickenson High School - HOME at 4:30 PM

5/5 - Ridgewood High School - Away at 4:30 PM

5/8 - Eastside High School - Away at 4:30 PM

5/10 - JF Kennedy High School - HOME at 4:30 PM

5/12 - Wayne Hills High School - HOME at 4:30 PM

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5/1 - Clifton High School - Away at 4:30 PM

5/2 - Ferris High School - Away at 4:30 PM

5/3 - Bergen County Technical School - HOME at 4:30

5/4 - Dickenson High School - Away at 4:30 PM

5/5 - Ridgewood High School - HOME at 4:30 PM

5/8/ - Eastside High School - HOME at 4:30 PM

5/10 - JF Kennedy High School - Away at 4:30 PM

5/12 - Wayne Hills High School - Away at 5 PM

5/17 - Teaneck High School - HOME at 4:30 PM

#### Track - Coed Varsity

5/5 - Wayne Hills High School Big North - Away at 4 PM

5/17 - Holmdel Twilight - Away at 6 PM

5/18 - Passaic County - at Wayne Valley High School

5/23 - Passaic Outdoor - at Clifton Stadium - 4 PM

5/24 - Passaic Outdoor - at Clifton Stadium - 4 PM

#### Flag Football - Girls Varsity

5/2 - Clifton High School - HOME at 6:30 PM

5/9 - JF Kennedy High School - Home at 6:30 PM

5/18 - Eastside High School - Away at 6:30 PM

#### Tennis - Boys Varsity

5/2 - Clifton High School - HOME at 4:30 PM

5/4 - Passaic Valley High School - Away and 4:30 PM

5/9 - Passaic County Tech - Away at 4:30 PM

5/10 - Eastside High School - HOME at 4:30 PM

5/16 - PCCA Tournament - at Wayne Valley H.S. - 8:30



#### Tennis - Boys Junior Varsity

5/2 - Clifton High School - Away at 4:30 PM

5/4 - Passaic Valley High School - HOME at 4:30 PM

5/9 - Passaic County Tech - HOME at 4:30 PM

5/10 - Eastside High School - Away at 4:30 PM

#### Volleyball - Boys Varsity

5/1 - Bergen County Technical School - Away at 4:30 PM

5/3 - Eastside High School - Home at 4:30 PM

5/5 - Passaic County Tech - HOME at 4:30 PM

5/8/ - JF Kennedy High School - Away at 4:30 PM

5/12 - Clifton High School - Home at 4:30 PM

5/15 - Dwight Morrow High School - Away at 4:30 PM

#### Volleyball - Boys Junior Varsity

5/1 - Bergen County Technical School - Away at 6 PM

5/3 - Eastside High School - HOME at 6 PM

5/5 - Passaic County Technical School - HOME at 6 PM

5/8/ JF Kennedy High School - Away at 6 PM

5/12 - Clifton High School - HOME at 6 PM

5/15 - Dwight Morrow High School - Away at 6 PM

#### Volleyball - Boys Freshmen

5/1 - Bergen County Technical School - Away at 6 PM

5/3 - Eastside High School - HOME at 6 PM

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5/15 - Dwight Morrow High School - Away at 6 PM

### Z's Quote Corner



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Benjamin Disraeli is a famous nineteenth century British Prime Minister and statesman.

# Quote in honor of Memorial Day

"The legacy of heroes — the memory of a great name, and the inheritance of a great example."

– Benjamin Disraeli

## **Guidance Suite**

#### **REMINDER:**

The Guidance Department wants to remind all students to make sure that they are getting all their work done to end the year strong. Also, they would like to make sure that you are getting ready for next year by getting your schedules ready. Stop on in and see a counselor

#### APRIL SCHOLARSHIPS

1) Future Nurse Scholarship -\$1,000 – 2 Awards

(Deadline: June 1, 2023)

To be eligible for the scholarship a student must:

A) Have a GPA of 2.5 or higher.

B) Be pursuing a bachelor's degree in nursing at an accredited U.S. nursing school. Applications can be found by going to: <a href="https://">https://</a> scholarshipguidance.com/scholarships/31970/future-nurse-scholarship

#### 2) PixelPlex Bi-Annual STEM Scholarship - \$2,000 - 2 Awards (Deadline: June 5, 2023)

To be eligible for the scholarship a student must: A) Be a citizen or a permanent

resident of the United States. B) Be enrolled or accepted in a college or university in the United

States. Applications can be found by going to: <a href="https://scholarshipguid-">https://scholarshipguid-</a> ance.com/scholarships/33464/pix-elplex-bi-annual-stem-scholarship

#### 3) Burress Injury Law Underdog Scholarships - \$5,000 - 6 Awards (Deadline: June 6, 2023)

To be eligible for the scholarship a student must:

A) Have participated in commu-

nity or volunteer service.

B) Be enrolled in an undergraduate program at an accredited U.S. college for the 2023-2024 academic

Applications can be found by going to: <a href="https://scholarshipguid-">https://scholarshipguid-</a> ance.com/scholarships/36882/ burress-law-underdog-scholarships

#### 4) Feeding Tomorrow First Year Scholarships - \$1,500 - 10 Awards (Deadline: June 15, 2023)

To be eligible for the scholarship a student must:

A) Have a minimum grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale (or its equivalent).

B) Plan to enroll as a full-time freshman student pursuing an undergraduate degree in science of food at a U.S. or international university for the 2023-2024 academic year.

Applications can be found by going to: <a href="https://scholarshipguid-">https://scholarshipguid-</a> ance.com/scholarships/27429/ <u>feeding-tomorrow-first-year-schol-</u>

#### 5) Barbeques Galore Culinary Scholarship - \$1,000 - 1 Award (Deadline: June 30, 2023)

To be eligible for the scholarship a student must:

A) Have a grade point average of 3.0 or higher.

B) Be currently enrolled, or due to be enrolled, as a full-time undergraduate or graduate student at an accredited US college or university for the academic year of 2023-2024.

Applications can be found by going to: <a href="https://scholarshipguid-">https://scholarshipguid-</a> ance.com/scholarships/38424/barbeques-galore-culinary-scholarship

# **Reminder to students:**

**Keep your Chromebooks charged in school** for testing during the month of May.

