



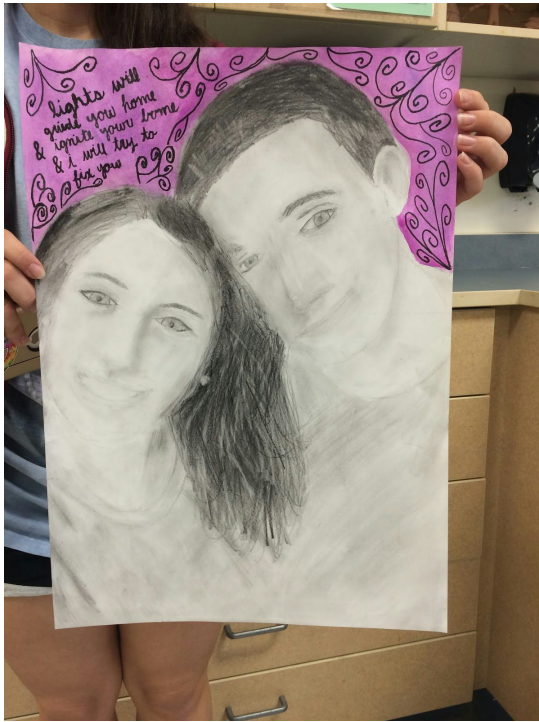
Emma Halloway fills in the background of her portrait of her and her boyfriend. She has her original picture near her work for reference.

While the school year progresses, Ms. Meeks' *Art 1 for Beginners* students create many new projects each week. Throughout the past two weeks, these students have been working on a multimedia portrait project.

This particular project is a painted replica of another printer picture involving two types of media. In this situation, the foreground of the work features faces, shirts and other main focuses of the picture.

The other media usage is in the background. "If you were in the woods, it would be all the trees and leaves in the background," explained Emma Halloway, sophomore. It was also an option to use a quote in the background as another type of media.





Holloway based her portrait on an original picture of her boyfriend and her. As seen in the picture above, she references back to her original photo for accuracy.

In this original printed picture, she placed margins ovetop to allow her to keep accurate spacing and make the painting as realistic as possible. She also enlarged the picture to distinguish detail. Holloway chose to use pencil when creating her portrait, while students chose to use water colors and oil paint. "I prefer to do it in pencil because it allows me to erase," said Holloway; when she was making her portrait, she joked about how she made her boyfriend's nose too big at times. Holloway completed the multimedia project by adding her favorite quote into the top corner of her drawing.

The multimedia portrait project is due this coming week. The students have spent a lot of time in class perfecting their portrait, along with working on it at home. Finished artwork will be displayed in the Murphy Building in the next few days.