

CAPTURING COMMITMENT IN CHARCOAL

FWCD Art Students Recognize Sage's Service to School

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For eight years, SAGE Dining Service has provided FWCD students with lunch, breakfast, and snacks at the Feeder. Whether it is working the hot line, cooking in the kitchen, working the Falcon Feeder snack bar, or making sure the salad and sandwich bars are fully stocked, SAGE employees are there to help and serve the FWCD community. Often times the tireless behind-the-scenes work of these employees goes unnoticed by the community they serve.

Hoping to give SAGE the proper credit they deserve, FWCD Upper School art teacher, Lauren Cunningham, commissioned her students in painting and drawing class to draw a charcoal portrait of an employee. Students spent an afternoon with a single employee, following them around and learning the

nuances of their jobs while capturing special moments with photographs.

The goal during the photography sessions was to take photographs that captured "the employee's identity as a SAGE worker, the employee's personality, and a composition that is pleasing to the eye," according to the project directions from Cunningham.

For the charcoal drawing itself, the students worked with 18"x 24" paper, using any form of charcoal (including compressed, vine, pencil, powder, or white/black) and any of the charcoal accessories (tortillions, stumps, chamois,

etc) to create their portraits. Level 1 students were required to draw the person only, while level 2 and 3 students included the background.

"My hope is to display the finished drawings in the dining hall, so that the entire school can not only celebrate the talents of the painting and drawing students, but also see the faces of the individuals who work behind-the-scenes to prepare our lunches and feed the entire school every day."

-- US art teacher Lauren Cunningham

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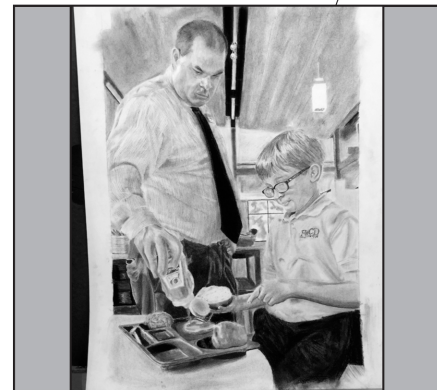
The drawings are currently on display in the Fischer Dining Pavilion near the Goff rooms.



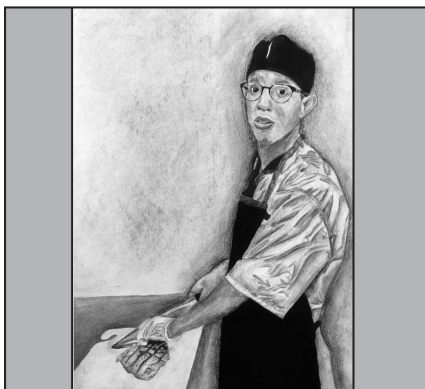
Ana Martinez by Joanne Wu '17



John Conley by Hannah Barron '19



Brett Schauermann by Grace Goldman '18



Garret Smith by Bird Luker '19



LaDonna Holloman by Payton Childress '19



Sofia Duran by Abbie Shaffer '19