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NAHS Summer Artwork

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The National Art Honor Society's Summer Art Exhibition is currently on display in the Bass Upper School Gallery on the east-facing wall. The exhibition includes 12 photographs, drawings and paintings made this summer by **Adriana Barker '19**, **Sydney Becan '20**, **Grace Bobo '21**, **Xitlali Castaneda '19**, **Payton Childress '19**, **Claire Cooper '20**, **Erin Fishman '21** and **Julia Petsche '20**.

Several of the artworks depict the artists' family, friends and pets or were created for them. For example, Fishman's photograph, titled *Abbie*, is a portrait of her cousin before she moved out of the country. Petsche and Becan painted and photographed a dog, and Bobo made *Fishing in the Rain* for her father to "capture a special memory for him."

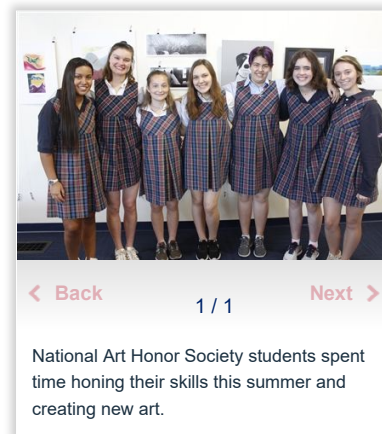
Not all the art in the show was made at home. Castaneda's two paintings were produced as part of an art class. Others were made during the students' travels. Cooper's panorama of a beach, titled *Ocean After a Storm Morning*, was snapped in Seaside, Florida. Barker's photographs of a tiger, giraffe and horse were inspired during her visit to the Como Zoo in St. Paul, Minnesota. Barker shared that she took panoramic photographs of the animals "to invite the viewer to linger for a while and gaze at all of the different aspects of the subject."

Childress' painting, *Somber Sea*, is unique because it was a collaboration with **Chloe Gilpin '19**. The painting was created as the cover art for Gilpin's music album, released this summer! Read "**Senior Singer/Songwriter Releases First Album.**"

Upper School Art and Art History Teacher **Lauren Cunningham** started the Summer Art Exhibition last year for FWCD visual art students who create art over the summer and are eager for an opportunity to display their work to their peers and teachers at school. The exhibition is sponsored by the National Art Honor Society, and any FWCD Upper School student can submit art he/she produced over the summer.

Check out the display in the Bass Upper School Gallery.

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