2021 GCD POSTER CONTEST

FOR NATIONAL DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT AWARENESS MONTH (NDEAM)
Artist: Quinton Carroll-White
2021 WINNER

Title: Reaching for the Stars – Turn a Disability into Possibility

Media: Digital Art

Artist Statement:
This particular artwork was inspired by the stars and rainbows over our heads. What employment inclusion means to me is that anyone can have an opportunity to have a job and to work.
Artist: Bradley Wilson

Title: Help Wanted – Disabled Job Hunting

Media: Crayon

Artist Statement:
My motivation was to help people understand disabled people want jobs. I want my friends with disabilities to be able to find jobs and be accepted and helpful.
Artist: Dhanel Stepney

Title: Hiring Day – Don’t Focus on What I’m Not

Media: Pencil

Artist Statement:
My motivation behind my artwork is to show that people with disabilities can do everyday jobs. If we are given the same chances, we can show up on time, follow directions, and do the same work. I wish there was more understanding for people with disabilities. We can do the job we just have to think about it differently.
Artist: Marissa New

Title: Looking Through the Eyes of the Disabled – See the Ability, not the Disability

Media: Color pencil

Artist Statement:
Growing up, I was convinced everyone needed to fit into society’s definition of “normal”. This made me frustrated and sad. I have Autism and I utilize a service dog. Finding a job that accepts these factors is hard. For a long time, I felt misunderstood and I felt like I needed to be a robot in order to be accepted. I have realized though that this is not true. Many people value who I am and my strength. I wanted to draw a picture that represented the reality of trying to find work with a disability. My eye is crying because they are not accepted in society due to any type of disability. Around it is a glimmer of hope in which we should see their abilities and not their disabilities.
I have realized how much it meant to me to be accepted in this harsh world. I found an employer who values my talents. I love working, and I love having an environment that is accepting and caring. There is hope for everyone and I truly believe through advocacy, awareness and acceptance, this world, including the business world, will start to value the strengths of individuals with disabilities.
Artist: Marissa McKay

Title: Team Work makes the Dream Work

Media: Acrylic

Artist Statement:
I love flash and green arrow and one of our bosses at work says team work makes the dream work. Employment and inclusion means to me to work as a team and it’s important so that you can get paid at your job.
Artist: Jessica Young

Title: Wedding World

Media: Acrylic

Artist Statement:
An ASD woman’s view of helping couples get married.
Bring awareness and understanding and compassion to employers and other employees.
My works are an expression of the world around me. I hope that they inspire others.
Artist: Sami Bartshe

Title: One World

Media: Color pencil

Artist Statement:
My motivation behind this artwork is one world with employment inclusive for all.

It gives me purpose and financial independence having a job.

It’s important to me because all people should be included.
Artist: Dell Inskeep

Title: Soaring to New Heights

Media: Colored Markers

Artist Statement:
I wanted to do some artwork for the contest, made simple. I feel also that a disabled person can acquire employment, regardless of their disability. They are also good workers and need the help to do this work. They are wonderful, like me.
**Artist:** Richard Sims  
**Title:** Inclusion is Opportunity  
**Media:** Colored Pencil  

**Artist Statement:**  
I would like to persuade others about the importance of having working opportunities for people with disabilities.  

I feel that being employed gives others including myself the opportunity to earn wages so that we can become productive individuals with skills and experiences for today’s world.  

Despite my disability I can achieve and succeed as a person who believes in making great accomplishments as a citizen with independence.
Artist: Calvin Powell

Title: Disabilities Can Work Together

Media: Paint

Artist Statement:
Because we can do more things together
Artist: Regina Weisbach

Title: The doors are always open

Media: Paint, glitter, markers

Artist Statement:
It’s about not being afraid to be respectful. The doors are always open.

It’s always about being positive about the opportunities that are open.
Artist: Angel Skinner

Title: Angel art piece

Media: Ink pen

Artist Statement:
Because when you have disabilities you will get treated different and you don’t get much friends. For my piece I did about make new friends on the beach.
Artist: Jenno Wintz

Title: Helping at the Food Pantry

Media: Colored pencils

Artist Statement:
Love to help people.
Artist: Deborah Van Meter

Title: My husband Frank and I working side by side

Media: Colored pencils

Artist Statement:
My motivation for this painting is my husband (Frank) and I being able to work side by side everyday. It is important for individuals with disabilities to have a job so that we can pay bills and live normal lives.
Artist: Shyanne Pyatt

Title: The Amazing Autism Sun

Media: Paint

Artist Statement:
I think that this artwork would inspire people who have a disability. People want to know who is inspire them.
Artist: Faith Phillips

Title: Do you best your disability help people

Media: Colored markers

Artist Statement: Do you best your disability help for people any you do employ help in your heart.