

RMLD High School Art Contest 2020/2021

Submissions and Winning Artwork





Audrey LaConte
Wilmington HS
Grade 10

Working Through the Storm

Resilience is springing back from and working through obstacles despite the challenges they present to us. While we have to overcome obstacles in our everyday life, the past year in particular has presented us with especially difficult challenges that we have had to work to overcome. My painting shows an RMLD worker fixing a power line during a snowstorm to represent the challenges and "storms" we have worked through to restore light, hope, and happiness in our communities.

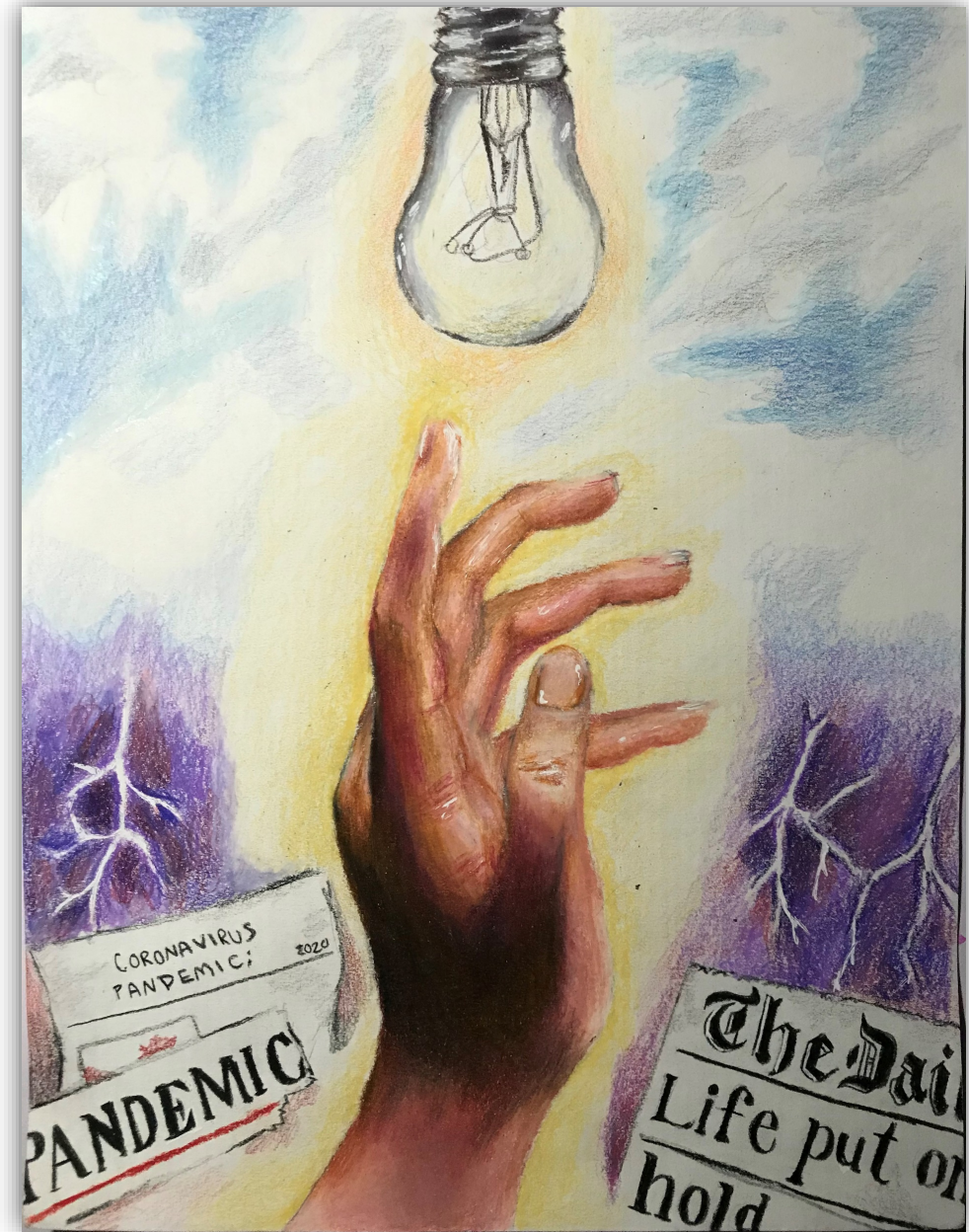




Julia Kane
Wilmington HS
Grade 10

Touch of Light

2020 and 2021 have been two incredibly difficult, unprecedented, and saddening years. The Covid-19 Pandemic is changing everyone's lives and no one knows what to expect during these dark times. However, through all the hardships and obstacles, there will always be a light at the end of the tunnel for us all to yearn for. The hand is symbolic of the people of the world, so close to touching the light while Covid is the relentless lightning. We must be resilient to overcome these challenges, and have faith and hope for the future. We will emerge stronger and wiser than ever before. Brighter days are coming.

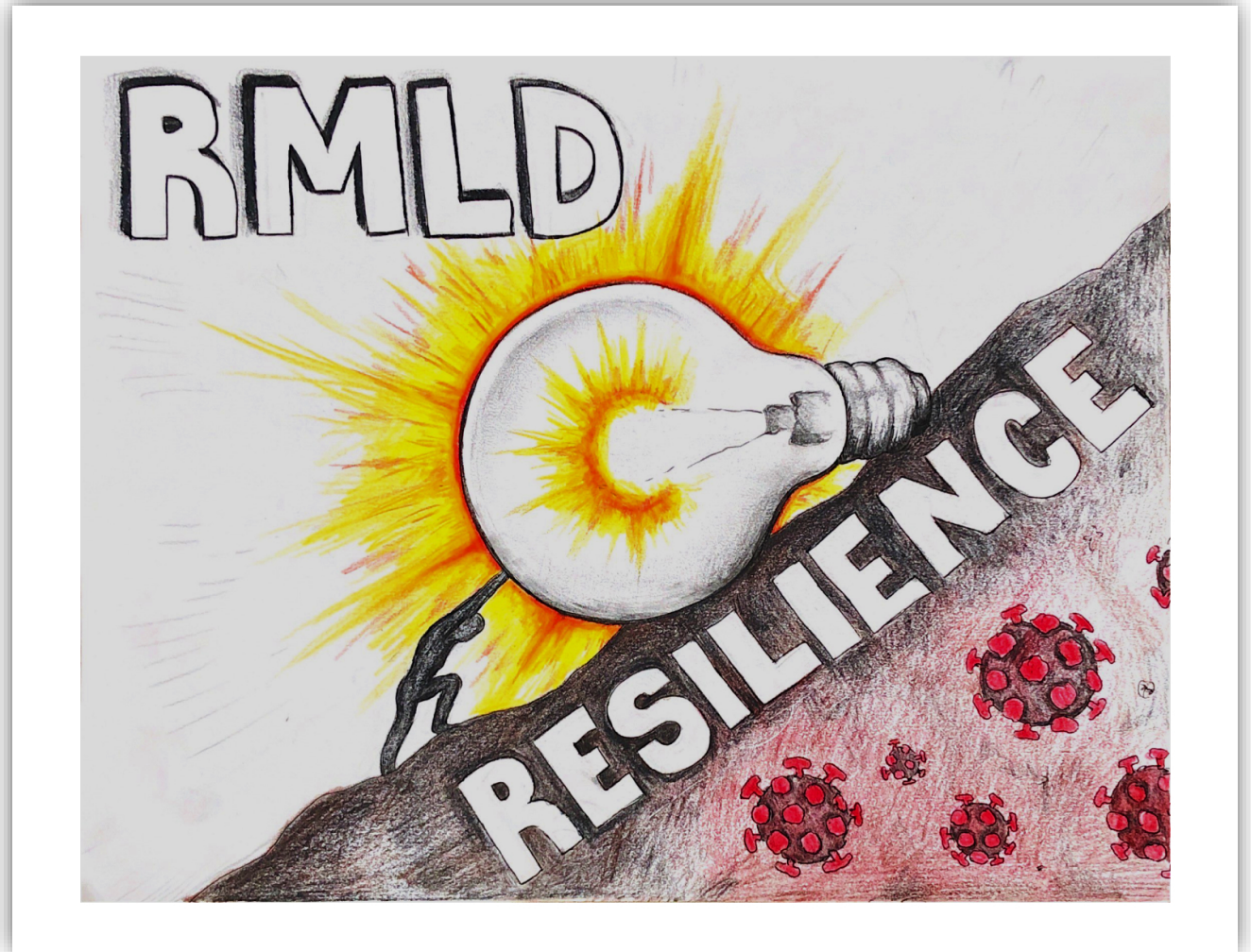




Jesse Ding
Wilmington HS
Grade 12

Rise up with Resilience

I tried to convey the message of resilience by portraying a person pushing a lightbulb in an uphill battle. The coronavirus pandemic has greatly impacted our lives this past year and I wanted to demonstrate hope with a bright light bulb during these hard times.





Abigail LeBovidge Reading Memorial HS Grade 10

Wired for Learning

Electricity and technology have allowed us to maintain learning and a strong school community in the face of this year's challenges. In the artwork, the glowing blue wires represent connections between students and teachers through virtual learning--a powerful example of resilience despite the obstacles of the pandemic.



Sophia Kuchar
North Reading HS
Grade 10

Staying Connected

My entry is a digital drawing of someone having a conversation with their friend over an electronic device, as a way of keeping calm despite whatever is going on outside. It is my example of how, with electricity, anyone can stay connected and informed during these crazy times.



Margaux Gellot

Reading Memorial HS

Grade 11

Behind the Mask, We Smile

My drawing shows a picture of a young person wearing a mask on which is attached a string of light, forming the shape of a smile. The purpose behind this artwork is to show that even after everything we've been through, we are still smiling and that our smiles symbolize the light that will get us through the difficulties we are facing. My artwork represents "resilience" because it shows that even a pandemic, represented here by the mask, cannot prevent us from smiling. Electricity is also incorporated in my work to show that light and energy are used to charge up and enlighten our smiles. Behind the mask and through this pandemic, we are still finding ways to bring joy to our lives.



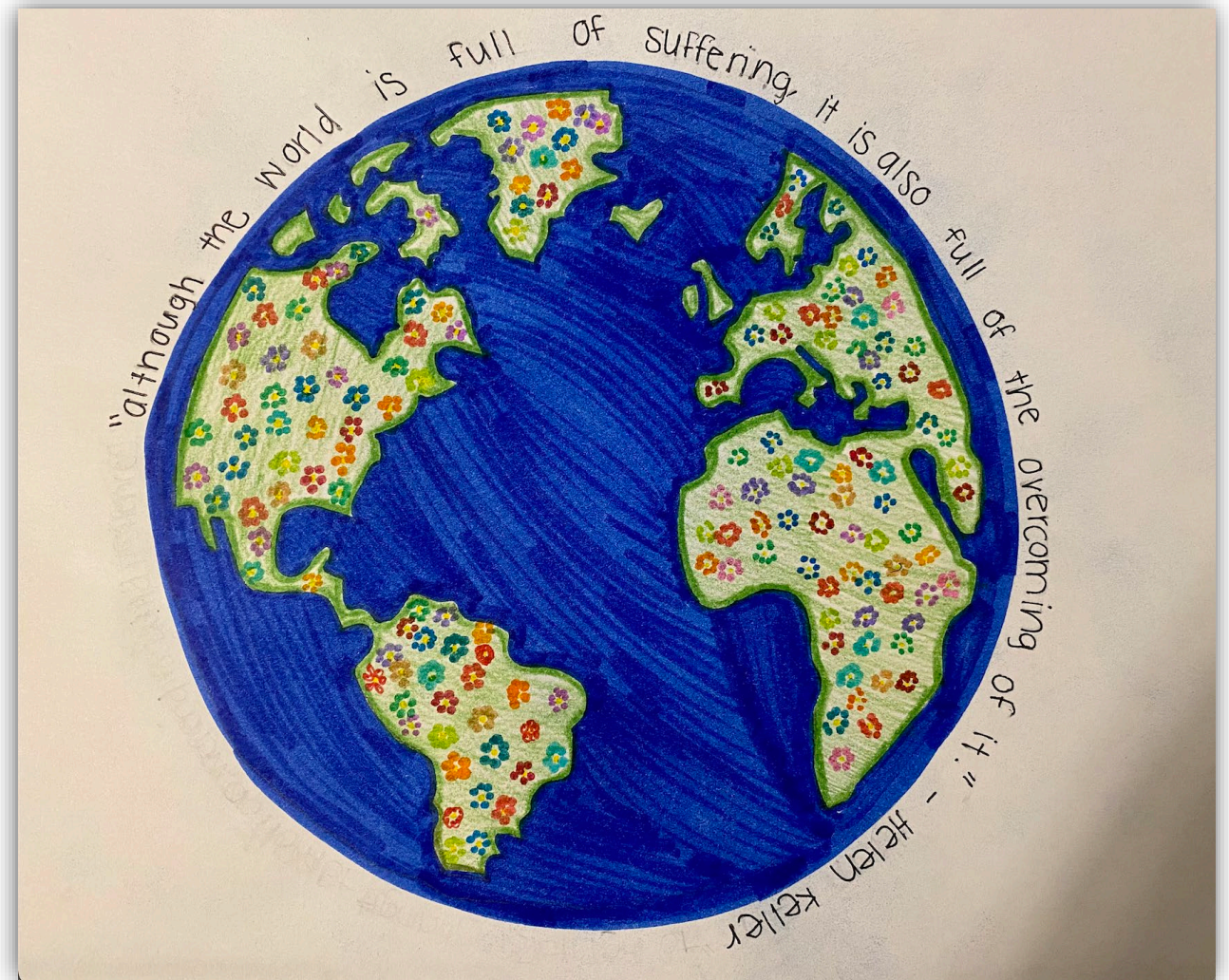
Caitlin Nickerson

Reading Memorial HS

Grade 11

Earth

My artwork represents the strength and beauty of our planet. How the world is pure and beautiful despite what it goes through. The flowers within the continents symbolize the scenery to surround us every day and how important it is to treat it with respect. The quote I chose goes hand and hand with my artwork and supports what resilience means to me. "Although the world is full of suffering, it is also full of the overcoming of it." - Helen Keller.



Jacqueline Caraco
Reading Memorial HS
Grade 11

The Future is Bright

As the world has been struck with the Coronavirus, medical professionals have been showing their resilience as we soon will have a brighter future. The hard work and dedication these workers have exerted is what has continued to power and stabilize the world during these tough times.



Luke McQueen
Lynnfield HS
Grade 9

The Road Ahead

This artwork shows that there may be many obstacles in the way, or even a whole year's worth of obstacles, but it is important to stand strong. These obstacles may be mental, or more physical, like powerlines that are down. It shows that no matter what, resilience must be shown, and it is always vital to stand strong.



Kurt Rothermund
Lynnfield HS
Grade 9

Battle Over Power

The resilient man, representing hope and flawless power lines, is battling the horned phantom, who downs the lines.



Zoe Sipcic
Lynnfield HS
Grade 9

Restoring the Planet

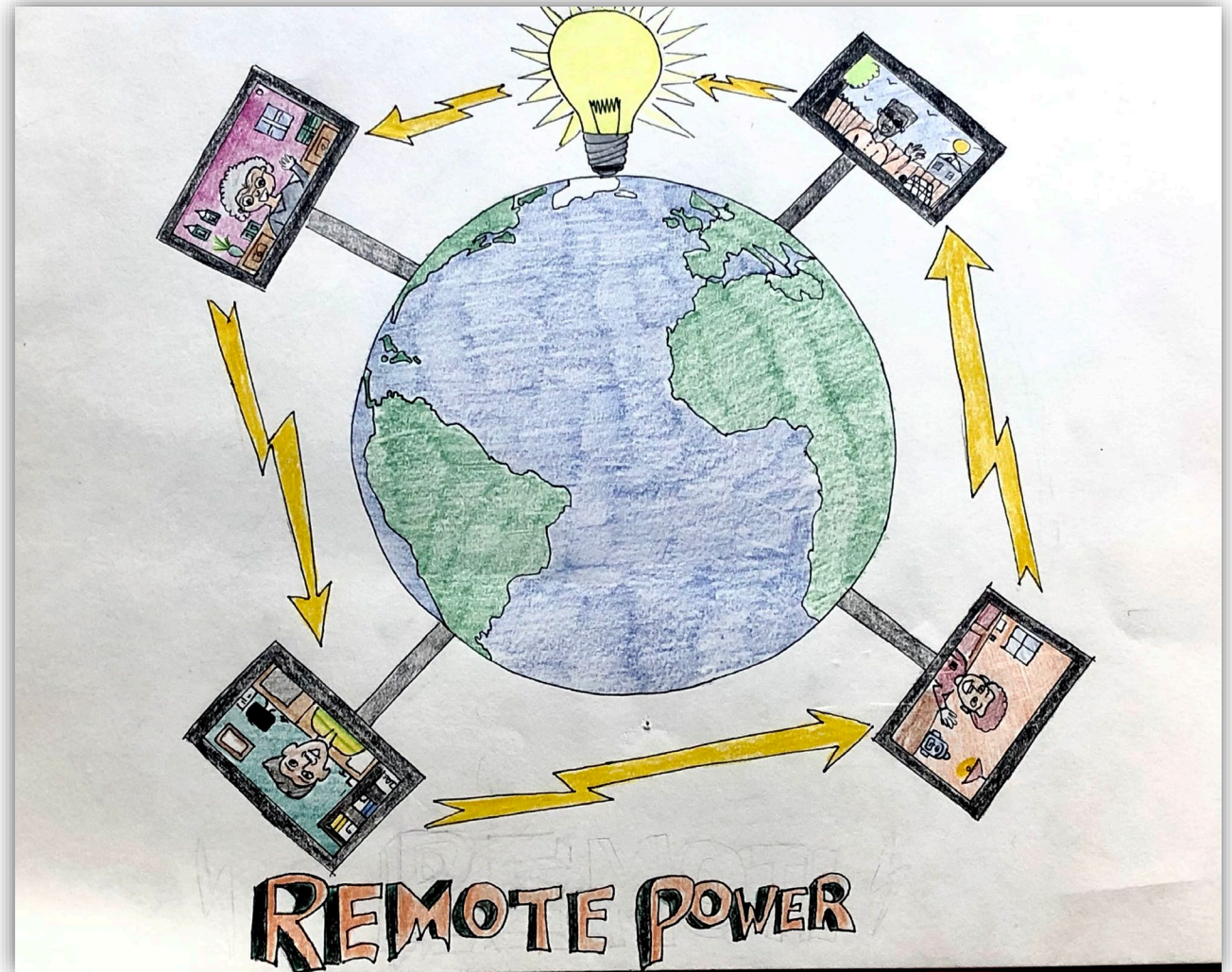
The factory in the back represents the pollution that has plagued the world for so long. The wind turbine represents the benefit clean energy will have on the planet.



Akash Chatterji
Wilmington HS
Grade 11

Remote Power

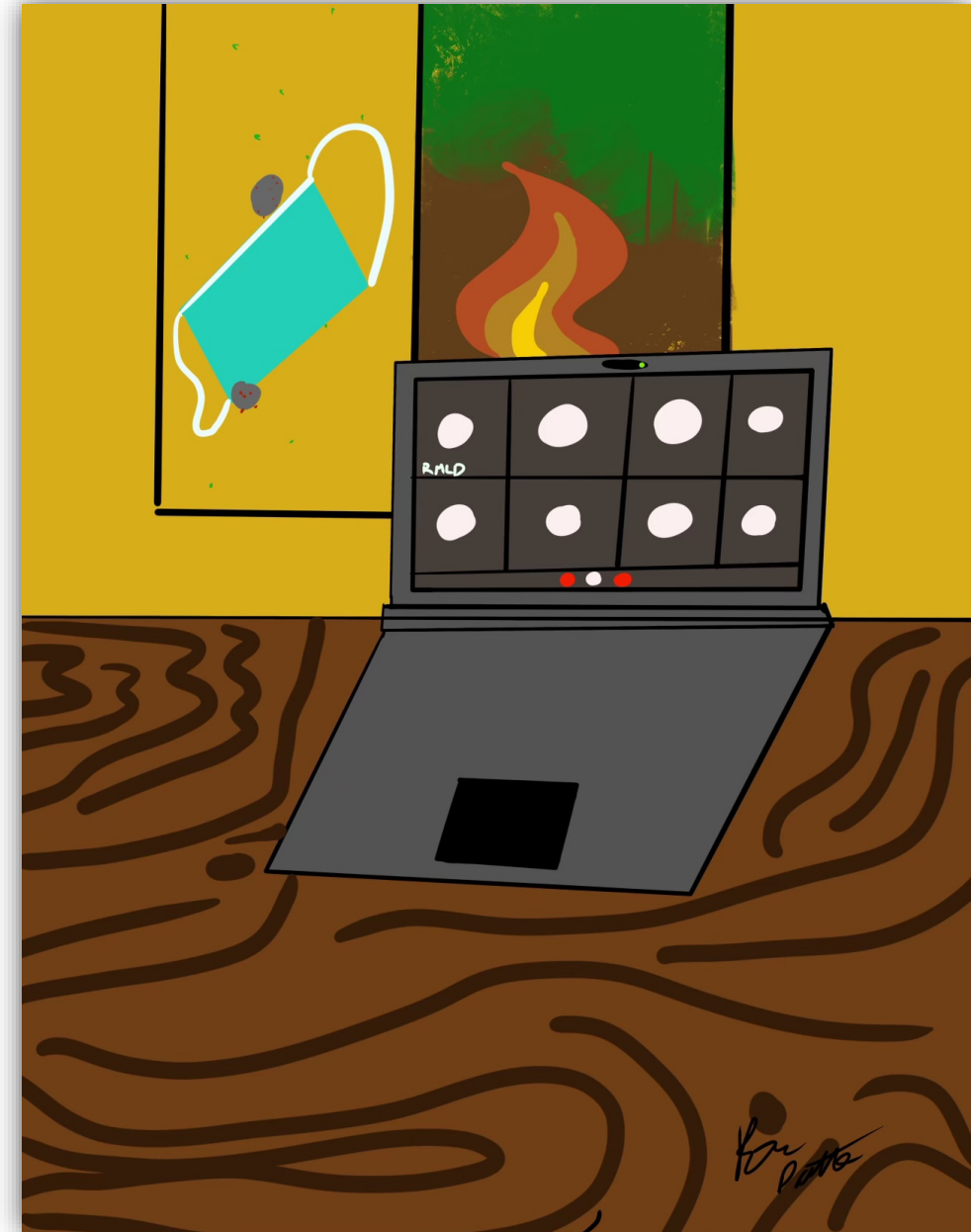
My art represents how people are being resilient during this pandemic. They are socially distancing, meeting with each other remotely through technology no matter what the circumstances are and where they are. This ties into electricity and power because it is the foundation on which people are able to socially connect and keep in touch through different mediums, such as tablets, laptops, phones and computers.



Rylie Patterson
Wilmington HS
Grade 10

2020 Resilience

2020 and the beginning of 2021 has been hard on everyone. This piece features fire, representing the Australian wildfires; a mask, representing Covid-19 safety protocols; and a laptop with Zoom on the screen, representing remote learning.



Ella McMahon
Wilmington HS
Grade 9

Mountain of Lightbulbs

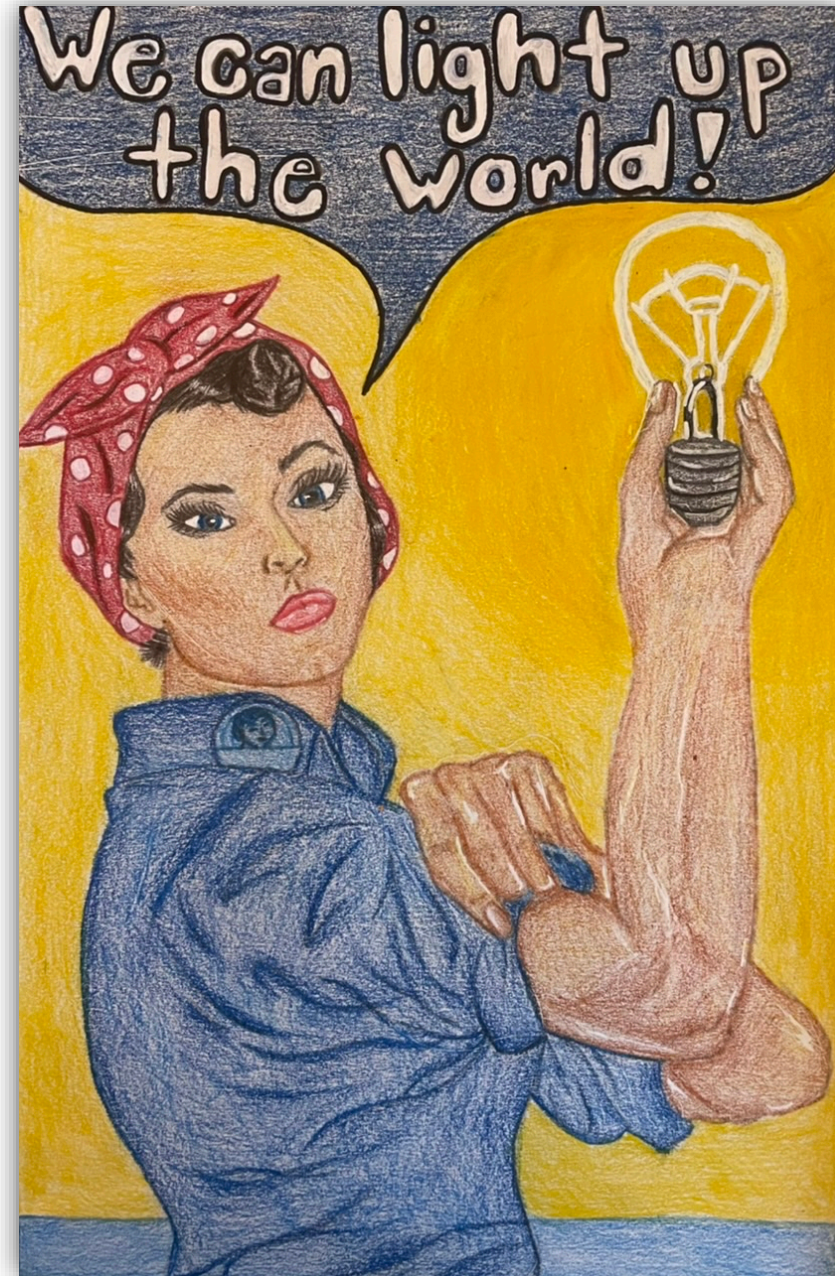
The man in the painting is trying to change a light bulb, but keeps failing. There is a huge pile of broken light bulbs, and some broken light bulbs scattered on the floor, showing the amount of times he's tried. You can see the man giving it another try, by climbing up the 'mountain' and holding a lightbulb in his hand.



Carina O'Donnell
Wilmington HS
Grade 10

We can light up the world!

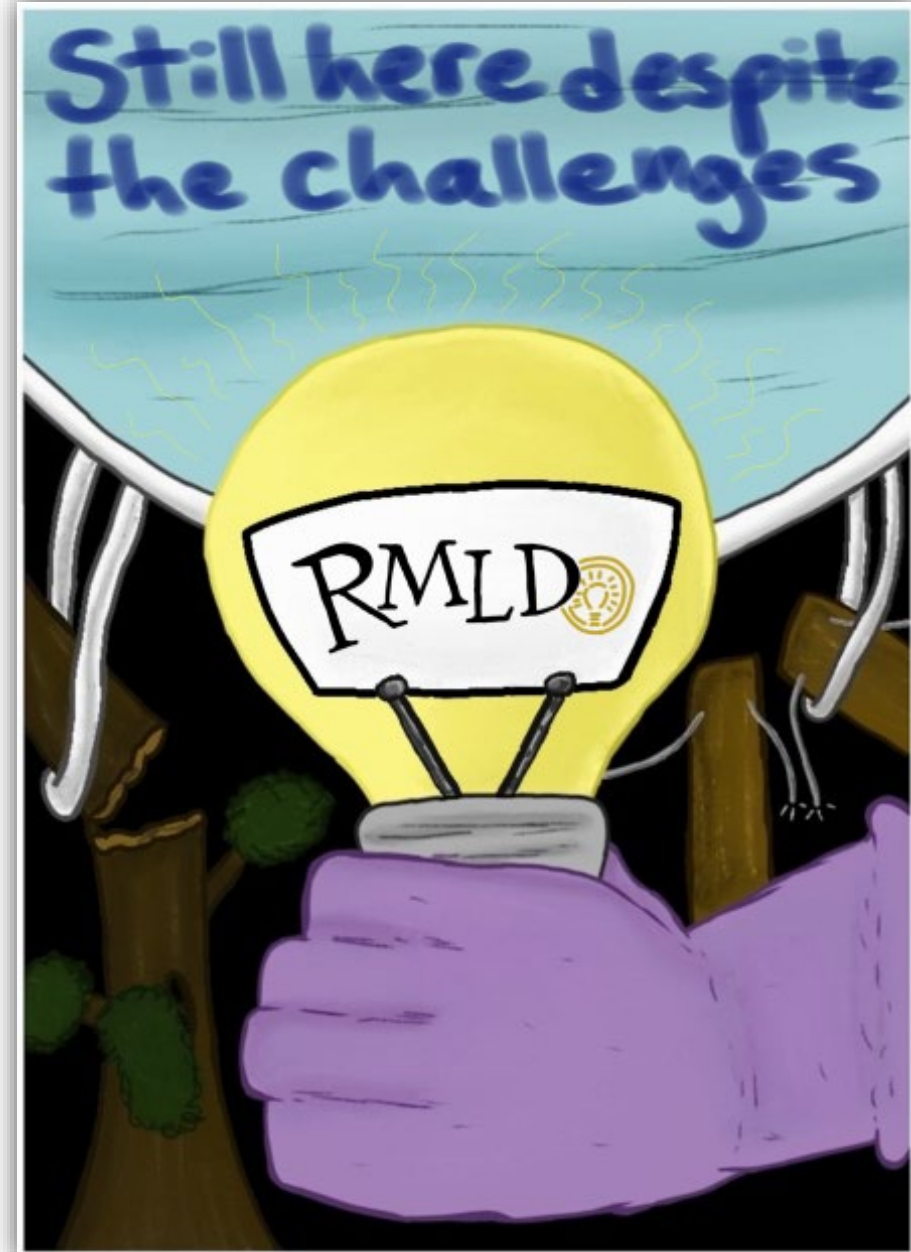
In my artwork I decided to draw Rosie the Riveter holding a bright light bulb. When I was trying to think of ideas of what to draw I thought about how March was Woman's history month, this kick-started the idea of my art piece. Rosie the Riveter promoted woman in WWII to work in job fields that men prominently worked in. That iconic poster showed a lot of resilience and courage for woman in that time, just how workers today had to have resilience when working through the pandemic. Instead of using the words "We can do it" I decided to use "We can light up the world!" as a way to promote workers to keep on having resilience when working in this pandemic.



Sarah Arruda
Wilmington HS
Grade 10

Still Here Despite the Challenges...

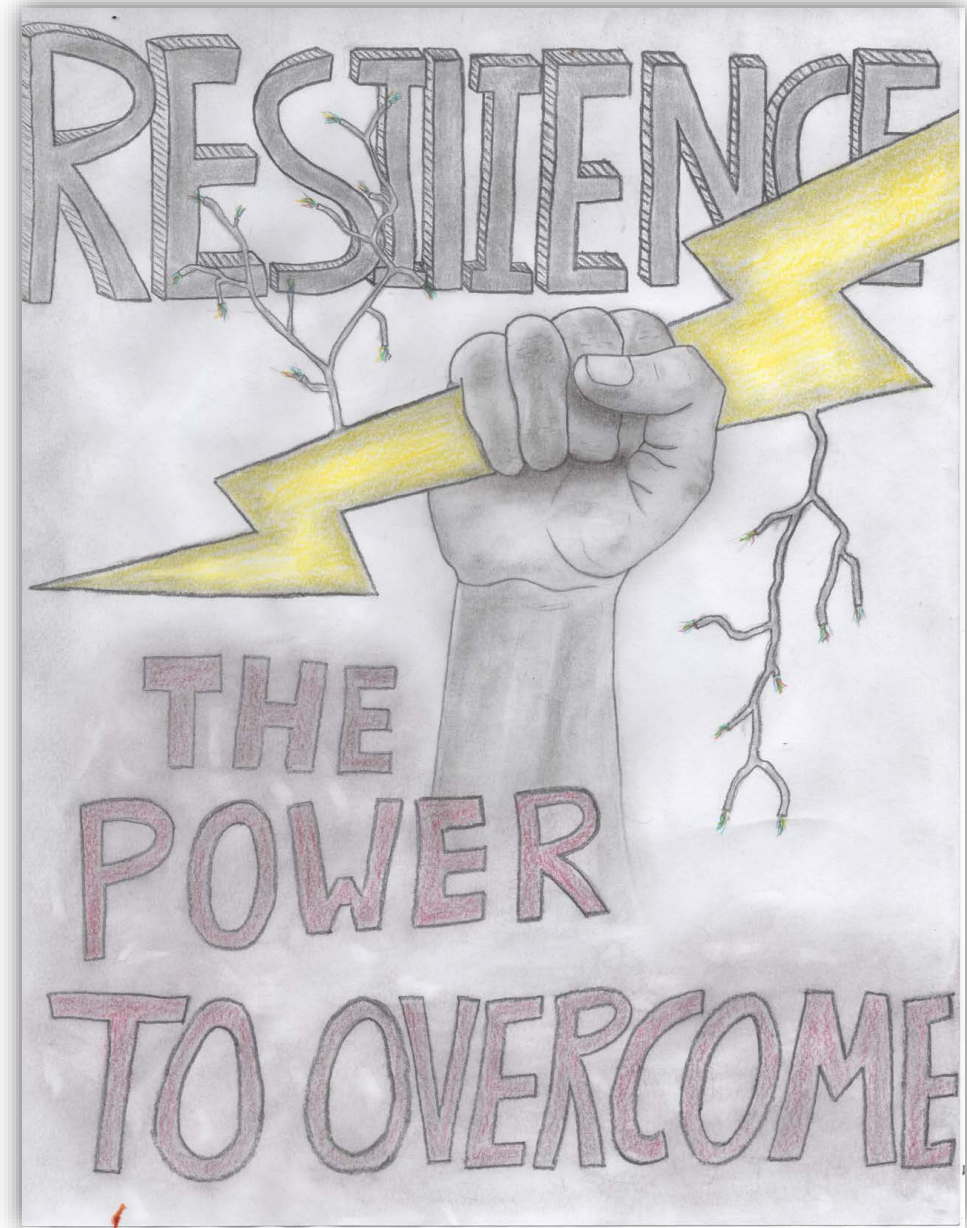
When one looks at my artwork for this contest, they will see all sorts of different symbols, including a mask, a broken wire, a broken tree, and so on. These images were chosen because of how much we now recognize them in our society, for these are symbols of the past year and today's world. Still, despite the fact that these images are now recognizable, we refuse to accept them and keep on pushing ourselves forward in hopes of a brighter future. In fact, there is a quote from Martin Luther King, Jr. that I often think about when faced with a difficult situation that fits perfectly here: "If you can't fly then run, if you can't run then walk, if you can't walk then crawl, but whatever you do you have to keep moving forward." This quote shows the meaning of my artwork for this contest. You see, I titled my piece "Still Here Despite the Challenges..." because that's exactly what my art is supposed to convey to those that see it: that when faced with an obstacle, we as people will not just work our way around it, but build ourselves higher because our resilience will shine right through those obstacles and propel we as people right on forward.



Will Doucette
Wilmington HS
Grade 11

The Power To Overcome

Resiliency is the power to overcome life's challenges. No matter who you are, life will challenge you. This is more relevant now more than ever before with Covid-19. It is the ability to overcome these difficulties, and to refuse to quit, that makes one resilient. The hand gripping the lightning bolt here symbolizes the power inside each one of us to never give up, and never give in.



Liam Giuliana
Wilmington HS
Grade 11

The Power of Resilience

Resilience is the ability to continue on and achieve your goals, even when you face challenges. The plant in the drawing had to grow through rough gravel out of the darkness, but it was able to persevere and bring light to the world in spite of its struggles. When we are resilient through dark times, we can bring light to the world too.



Anastasiia Cannata Wilmington HS Grade 9

Hope

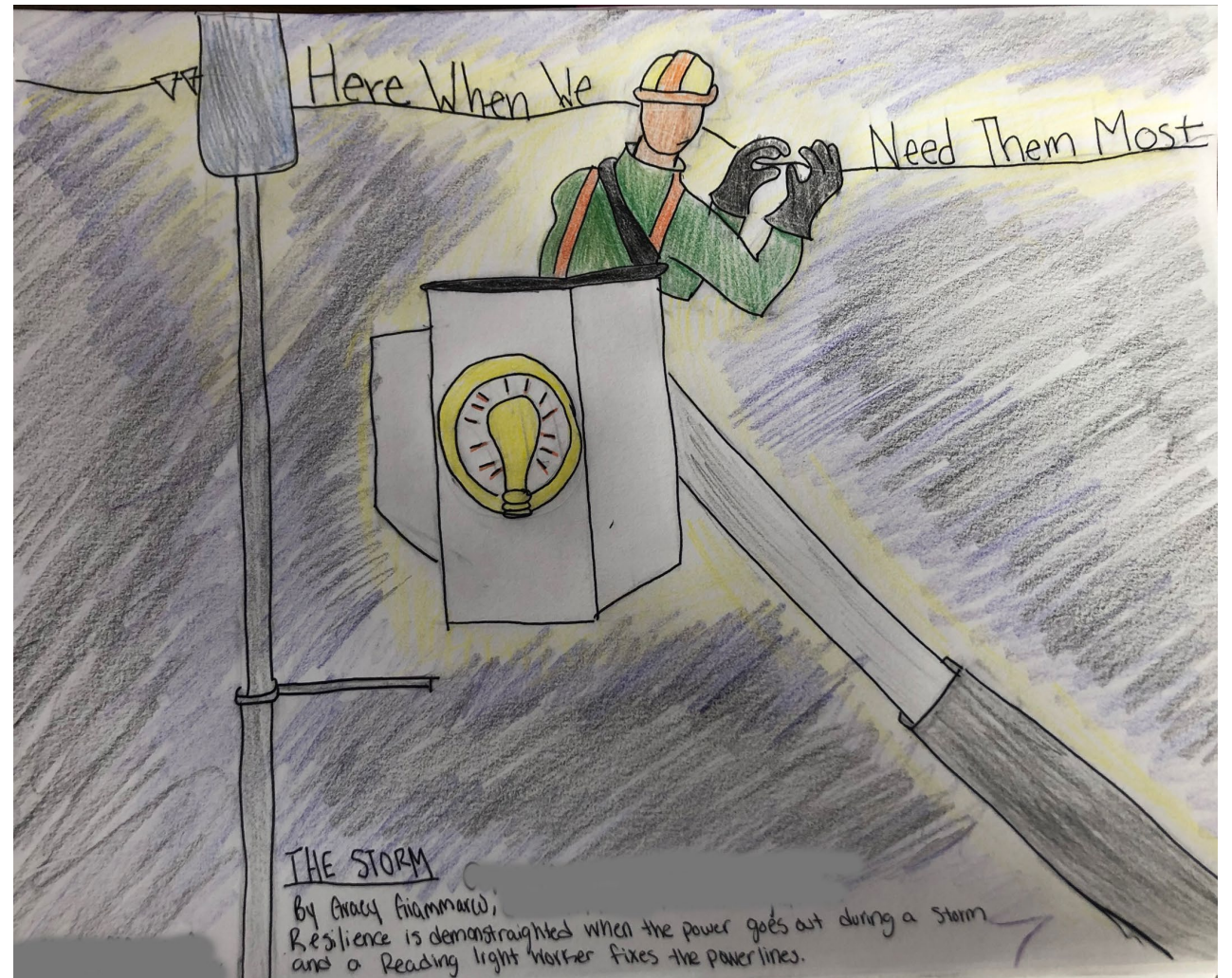
My drawing is one of the Reading department men fixing a sign that says "HOPE." The sign is for the people to hope that Covid-19 goes away soon and people stay safe. There is light shining on the sign to make it seem like it is home after all.



Gracy Giammarco
Wilmington HS
Grade 9

The Storm

A Reading lightworker is resilient by being brave enough to fix the power during a storm.



Joey Cornish
Wilmington HS
Grade 11

Resilience and Perseverance

For me, my community hero without an ounce of doubt in my mind is my mom. She is a critical care nurse who usually deals with trauma accidents or people who need immediate help to keep them alive. However, when the pandemic hit she was taken out of her usual job and she had to help those with the virus, she had never dealt with anything like it before. She had to work 6 days a week 14 hours a day or more. She would sleep for a few hours, then get back to it next morning. An example of resilience I can connect to would be an expression that is hung in the nurses' hallway, embrace the suck, meaning that sometimes it can be awful but you gotta push through it to make everything better. My mom has been pushing through all of this and one day a few weeks ago we both got to watch perseverance land on Mars, and funny enough, it's a lot like her, going to an unknown place and having to deal with what is thrown at you. To me, that is resilience.

