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New Beginnings

Marker

My visual art piece consists of the hardships, struggles, and events that changed me throughout 2020. Some of the events in 2020 brought me relief and pushed me to accomplish new achievements in 2021. My artwork includes imagery and symbols of the events structured in the shape of the numbers of that year. My artwork relates to the overall theme a year in review because it captures my hardships of the past year as well as my accomplishments I wish to achieve despite the challenges faced. The right side of my artwork is about the obstacles and events I faced in 2020. The mental health ribbon is there to show that I spent a lot of time working on my mental health throughout the year. The ribbon is there to acknowledge that I needed to work on caring about the mental health of those around me a lot more as well.

With the Coronavirus being a major impact on my life I made it a major theme in my artwork. Online schoolwork is shown as the effect of Covid-19 and is symbolized inside the virus. I included the Black Lives Matter protests being a result of the horrific event including George Floyd's death because it was an important event for me to remember. When the news of Uighur's in China being detained was out it was another terrible event that I knew had to be remembered and have justice brought to. Lastly, the struggle of many of my family members and loved ones having to face unemployment was a devastating event that was another effect of the pandemic. The left side of my artwork portrays the achievement that I want to bring into the New Year regardless of the difficulties I faced in the past year. It also portrays the relief and progress that was brought into 2021. The themes include continuing to work on my physical health symbolized by healthy foods and exercise. The

second theme I included was my graduation from College of Southern Nevada High school because it is a great achievement that I am very proud of. I want to continue my achievement of getting good grades is symbolized by the image inside the graduation cap. Thirdly, I included me passing my driver's test and saving up for a car as well as a Covid-19 vaccine. Even though the virus brings hardships it still is a blessing to be healthy and progress through life. Lastly, I included the achievement of obtaining my associate's degree in Dental Hygiene.