

Lowell Milken Center for Unsung Heroes

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VISUALIZING IMPACT, PROJECTS ON VIEW – 1/12/2026

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ABBIE AHN (GRADE 8)

ISSAQUAH, WASHINGTON, UNITED STATES

[*Through the Eyes of a Silent Hero*](#), 2022

Digital art

12 x 16 inches

Teacher: Jihoon Lee

School: Cougar Mountain Middle School, Issaquah, WA, U.S.

Unsung Hero: Will Counts

NAOMI ALCANTARA (GRADE 8)

JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA, UNITED STATES

[*A Terezin Diary*](#), 2021

Tagboard, paper, cardboard, pen, ink, black tea

8 x 6 inches

Teacher: Cheryl Lunger

School: LaVilla School of the Arts, Jacksonville, FL, U.S.

Unsung Hero: Pavel Weiner

MOHEB ASIMI (GRADE 12)

SAVANNAH, GEORGIA, UNITED STATES

[*Completing the Square*](#), 2024

Pen, marker, watercolor on paper

12 x 12 inches

Teacher: Rosemary Dodson

School: Savannah Arts Academy, Savannah, GA, U.S.

Unsung Hero: Muhammad ibn Musa Al-Khwarizmi

PIPER BANGS (GRADE 12)

SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS, UNITED STATES

[*Portrait of Sofya Kovalevskaya in the Grand Manner*](#), 2020

Oil on canvas

40 x 30 inches

Teacher: Jessica Gonzales

School: North East School of the Arts at LEE High School, San Antonio, TX, U.S.

Unsung Hero: Sofya Kovalevskaya

MAKENA BRYAN (GRADE 8)

MARIETTA, GEORGIA, UNITED STATES

[*The First*](#), 2020

Textile quilt

33 x 57 inches

Teacher: Carole Bronzino

School: Dickerson Middle School, Marietta, GA, U.S.

Unsung Hero: Anna Smith Strong

SOPHIA CABALFIN (GRADE 12)

SAN DIMAS, CALIFORNIA, UNITED STATES

[*Blossoming of New Life*](#), 2024

Watercolor on paper

15 x 12 inches

Teacher: E. Dominic Black

School: San Dimas High School, San Dimas, CA, U.S.

Unsung Hero: Aiko Herzig-Yoshinaga

RAELYNN CUI (GRADE 11)

HOPEWELL, NEW JERSEY, UNITED STATES

[*Man Behind the Camera*](#), 2022

Oil, charcoal, paper on canvas

20 x 16 inches

Teacher: Lora Marie Durr

School: Hopewell Valley Central High School, Hopewell, NJ, U.S.

Unsung Hero: Lewis Hine

JEWEL FENG (GRADE 11)

JERICHO, NEW YORK, UNITED STATES

[*Sir Nicholas Winton: The Man with 6,000 Descendants*](#), 2024

Watercolor on paper

30 x 22 inches

Teacher: Konstantinos Kovoros

School: Jericho High School, Jericho, NY, U.S.

Unsung Hero: Sir Nicholas Winton

CELINE FONG (GRADE 11)

RYE, NY, UNITED STATES

[*A Beacon of Hope*](#), 2023

Oil on canvas

20 x 16 inches

Teacher: Dan Park

School: Rye Country Day School, Greenwich, CT, U.S.

Unsung Hero: Abdol Hossein Sardari

SERAPHINA GILLMAN (GRADE 11)

HOPEWELL, NEW JERSEY, UNITED STATES

[*And I Was Still Determined - Sheyann Webb*](#), 2020

Acrylic on canvas

24 x 18 inches

Teacher: Lora Marie Durr

School: Hopewell Valley Central High School, Hopewell, NJ, U.S.

Unsung Hero: Sheyann Webb

AMELIA GHANNAM (GRADE 11)

HOPEWELL, NEW JERSEY, UNITED STATES

[*Hiawatha, Uniter of the Iroquois*](#), 2023

Chalk pastel on paper

11 x 18 inches

Teacher: Lora Marie Durr

School: Hopewell Valley Central High School, Hopewell, NJ, U.S.

Unsung Hero: Hiawatha

BENJAMIN GU (GRADE 6)

VANCOUVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA, CANADA

[*Finding links from tracks*](#), 2024

Watercolor, pen on paper

21.5 x 15.5 inches

Teacher: Mona Jin

School: Kerrisdale Elementary School, Vancouver, B.C., Canada

Unsung Hero: Cecilia Payne-Gaposchkin

RACHEL HAN (GRADE 11)

BELLEVUE, WASHINGTON, UNITED STATES

[*Visions of Light*](#), 2024

Pastel, charcoal on paper

12 x 16 inches

Teacher: Jennifer Bitter

School: Newport High School, Bellevue, WA, U.S.

Unsung Hero: Karl Ernst von Baer

VANESSA HOYT (GRADE 11)

SAN DIMAS, CALIFORNIA, UNITED STATES

[*Martin A. Couney's Show*](#), 2024

Acrylic on paper

16 x 12 inches

Teacher: E. Dominic Black

School: San Dimas High School, San Dimas, CA, U.S.

Unsung Hero: Martin A. Couney

ANNE JUMPER (GRADE 11)

PIEDMONT, CALIFORNIA, UNITED STATES

[*The Beauty of Genius*](#), 2022

Acrylic, acrylic gel on canvas

16 x 20 inches

Teacher: Gillian Bailey

School: Piedmont High School, Piedmont, CA, U.S.

Unsung Hero: Hedy Lamarr

CHLOE KIM (GRADE 10)
REDMOND, WASHINGTON, UNITED STATES
[*Will You Swim?*](#), 2022
Digital art
24 x 18 inches
Teacher: Jihoon Lee
School: The Overlake School, Redmond, WA, U.S.
Unsung Hero: Irena Sendler

DYNE KIM (GRADE 10)
SEONGNAM-SI, GYEONGGI-DO, REPUBLIC OF KOREA
[*In the Arms of Hope*](#), 2024
Graphite and gouache on paper
10.5 x 15 inches
Teacher: Independent Project
School: Seoul International School, Seongnam-si, Gyeonggi-do, Republic of Korea
Unsung Hero: Mother Matylda Getter

LAUREN KIM (GRADE 11)
BRONX, NEW YORK, UNITED STATES
[*Vivid Resilience*](#), 2025
Acrylic, clay on wood panel
16 x 14 x 2 inches
Teacher: Dan Park
School: Horace Mann School, Bronx, NY, U.S.
Unsung Hero: Clara Luper

ALYSSA KNAPPER (GRADE 11)
COWETA, OKLAHOMA, UNITED STATES
[*Jar of the Known Truth*](#), 2024
Ceramic, plaster, tissue paper, coffee, watercolor, acrylic, and faux moss
10.5 x 9 x 8 inches
Teacher: Shelley Self
School: Coweta High School, Coweta, OK, U.S.
Unsung Hero: Irena Sendler

JENNET KOROGLU (GRADE 8)

JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA, UNITED STATES

[*THERE IS NO BREAD!*](#), 2023

Digital art

18 x 11.5 inches

Teacher: Cheryl Lunger

School: LaVilla School of the Arts, Jacksonville, FL, U.S.

Unsung Hero: Gareth Jones

KELLY KULLMAN (GRADE 12)

SAVANNAH, GEORGIA, UNITED STATES

[*"Squalus clarkae"*](#), 2024

Monoprint, ink on paper

11.5 x 8 inches

Teacher: Rosemary Dodson

School: Savannah Arts Academy, Savannah, GA, U.S.

Unsung Hero: Eugenie Clark

JIMIN LEE (GRADE 11)

PORTLAND, OREGON, UNITED STATES

[*The Voice That Broke Them Free*](#), 2024

Digital art

11.5 x 15 inches

Teacher: Hope Ferns

School: Lincoln High School, Portland, OR, U.S.

Unsung Hero: Kim Hak-Sun

YERIM LEE (GRADE 11)

BELLEVUE, WASHINGTON, UNITED STATES

[*Explore the Unknown*](#), 2022

Digital art

12 x 16 inches

Teacher: Jihoon Lee

School: Newport High School, Bellevue, WA, U.S.

Unsung Hero: Olaudah Equiano

GRACE LI (GRADE 9)
SEATTLE, WASHINGTON, UNITED STATES
[*A Leader Beyond the Battlefield*](#), 2025
Acrylic on canvas
18 x 24 inches
Teacher: Dan Su
School: Lakeside School, Seattle, WA, U.S.
Unsung Hero: Sarah Bradlee Fulton

CALLIE LONOWSKI (GRADE 11)
BREA, CALIFORNIA, UNITED STATES
[*Residing Within the Stars: Eugene Shoemaker*](#), 2024
Colored pencil, watercolor and acrylic on paper
12 x 16.5 inches
Teacher: Independent Project
School: Brea Olinda High School, Brea, CA, U.S.
Unsung Hero: Gene Shoemaker

CHUHENG LOU (GRADE 8)
JERICHO, NEW YORK, UNITED STATES
[*School Trip to visit Dr. Helen Brooke Taussig's portrait in the Metropolitan Museum of Art*](#), 2024
Oil, charcoal on hardboard
18 x 24 inches
Teacher: James Lawlor
School: Jericho Middle School, Jericho, NY, U.S.
Unsung Hero: Helen Brooke Taussig

KATELYN LOWE (GRADE 11)
CHARLESTON, WEST VIRGINIA, UNITED STATES
[*A Woman Ahead of Her Time*](#), 2024
Colored pencil, graphite, marker on paper
11 x 14 inches
Teacher: Crystal Pennington
School: George Washington High School, Charleston, WV, U.S.
Unsung Hero: Jackie Ormes

XINYUE REN (GRADE 11)

SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA, UNITED STATES

[*The Courage to Stand In Solidarity*](#), 2025

Graphite, colored pencil, marker on paper

14 x 17 inches

Teacher: Guohua Chi

School: BASIS Independent Silicon Valley, San Jose, CA, U.S.

Unsung Hero: Ralph Lazo

CHARLES ROUNDS III (GRADE 12)

JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, UNITED STATES

[*Saved By Science*](#), 2020

Watercolor, graphite, collage paper, ink on paper

24 x 18 inches

Teacher: Renna Moore-Edwards & Elise Payne

School: Power Academic and Performing Arts Complex, Jackson, MS, U.S.

Unsung Hero: Eugene Lazowski

ROMAYSSAE SAIDI (GRADE 7)

JERSEY CITY, NEW JERSEY, UNITED STATES

[*Irena's Jars of Hope*](#), 2020

Acrylic, glass jars on canvas

16 x 20 inches

Teacher: Robert O'Donnell, Jr.

School: Christa McAuliffe School, Jersey City, NJ, U.S.

Unsung Hero: Irena Sendler

JORDYN SLEDGE (GRADE 8)

JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, UNITED STATES

[*Heartstrings Unraveled*](#), 2024

Acrylic, pastel, gold leaf, cardboard, string and wood-burning on wood panel

21.5 x 22.5 x 1 inches

Teacher: Renna Moore-Edwards

School: Ida B Wells Academic and Performing Arts Complex, Jackson, MS, US

Unsung Hero: Vivien Thomas

EMILY SMITH (GRADE 12)

TOPEKA, KANSAS, UNITED STATES

[*The Heart of Warriors*](#), 2015

Oil on board

16 x 12 inches

Teacher: Brad LeDuc

School: Washburn Rural High School, Topeka, KS, U.S.

Unsung Hero: Helen Brooke Taussig

ZOE SPIKERMANN (GRADE 12)

WAIMEA, HAWAII, UNITED STATES

[*Separate Will Never Be Equal*](#), 2021

Mixed media on paper

13 x 9 inches

Teacher: Heidi Buscher

School: Parker School, Waimea, HI, U.S.

Unsung Hero: Sylvia Mendez

NATALIA SULUKHIA (GRADE 9)

TBILISI, LISIS TBA, GEORGIA

[*The Lawmaker*](#), 2021

Watercolor, colored pencil on watercolor paper

16 x 12 inches

Teacher: Nino Mitsishvili

School: The Guivy Zaldastanishvili American Academy in Tbilisi, Tbilisi, Georgia

Unsung Hero: Emmeline Pankhurst

ELYN TAO (GRADE 10)

CONCORD, MASSACHUSETTS, UNITED STATES

[*A Comet Through the Dark: The Silent Light of De Jongh*](#), 2025

Oil on canvas

16 x 20 inches

Teacher: Dan Park

School: Concord Academy, Concord, MA, U.S.

Unsung Hero: Andrée De Jongh

GABRIELLE VAN ALLEN (GRADE 12)

LAKEWOOD, COLORADO, UNITED STATES

[*The Boy Who Became A Man*](#), 2018

Digital art, acrylic on canvas

16 x 20 inches

Teacher: Lorri Frisbee

School: Green Mountain High School, Lakewood, CO, U.S.

Unsung Hero: Pavel Weiner

SOPHIA WALLER (GRADE 8)

JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA, UNITED STATES

[*Reaching for the Stars*](#), 2022

Acrylic, paper on canvas

24 x 20 inches

Teacher: Cheryl Lunger

School: LaVilla School of the Arts, Jacksonville, FL, U.S.

Unsung Hero: Henrietta Swan Leavitt

EVE WILSON (GRADE 8)

JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA, UNITED STATES

[*Muhammad Makes His Mark on Math*](#), 2022

Mixed media assemblage

20 x 11.5 x 12 inches

Teacher: Cheryl Lunger

School: LaVilla School of the Arts, Jacksonville, FL, U.S.

Unsung Hero: Muhammad ibn Musa Al-Khwarizmi

HANNAH YEE (GRADE 11)

ANAHEIM, CALIFORNIA, UNITED STATES

[*Sword of Injustice*](#), 2024

Graphite, colored pencil, mixed media on paper

14 x 17 inches

Teacher: Lynn Magnin

School: Esperanza High School, Anaheim, CA, U.S.

Unsung Hero: Corky Lee

CAILYN YOON (GRADE 9)

SUWANEE, GEORGIA, UNITED STATES

[*Shadows of War*](#), 2024

Graphite on paper

20 x 16 inches

Teacher: Jiwon Han

School: Lambert High School, Suwanee, GA, U.S.

Unsung Hero: Chester Nez

BREANNA ZABOROWSKI (GRADE 12)

BRIGHTON, MICHIGAN, UNITED STATES

[*A Triple Threat*](#), 2023

Watercolor, acrylic, ink, paper collage, pastel on paper

11 x 15 inches

Teacher: Joshua Etheridge

School: Hartland High School, Brighton, MI, U.S.

Unsung Hero: Florence Kelley

JENNY ZHU (GRADE 10)

SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA, UNITED STATES

[*The Shooting Star*](#), 2020

Oil on paper

11.25 x 8.5 inches

Teacher: David Barboza

School: Westview High School, San Diego, CA, U.S.

Unsung Hero: Gene Shoemaker

KEVIN ZHU (GRADE 11)

SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA, UNITED STATES

[*Guy Gabaldon*](#), 2025

Marker, colored pencil on paper

14 x 14 inches

Teacher: Fang Yun Hua

School: Lynbrook High School, San Jose, CA, U.S.

Unsung Hero: Guy Gabaldon

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