Buffalo Hide Academy January Board Report 2023

LEDGER ART

Mr. Rink's Blackfeet studies class ended the quarter learning the historical context of ledger art, studying contemporary ledger art, primarily Blackfeet artists such as John Pepion, Terrance Guardipee, Jesse DesRosier, and Michael FastBuffaloHorse, and then produced some of their own pieces:







PHOTOGRAPHY

This past quarter, Mrs. Boyce's photography class was learning about the basics of photography. With the use of just their phones, the students focused on learning angles, themes, and creativity. Here are a few examples of student work.

WEEK 3: Silhouette Project



Single Theme Project

Theme: (red)¶

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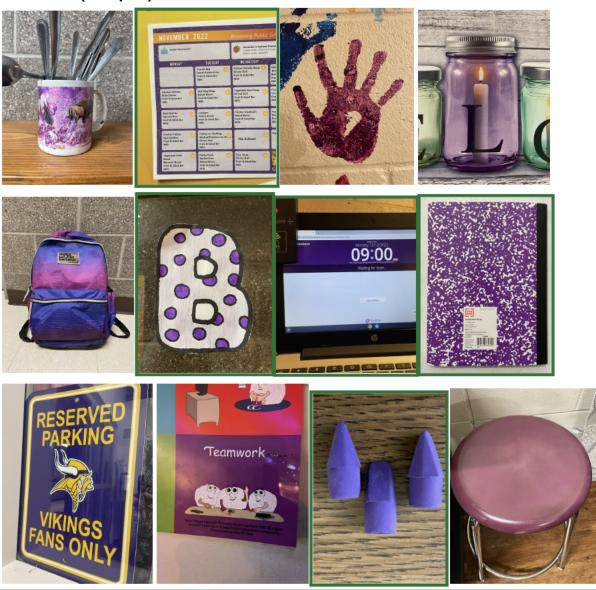


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STUDENT SPOTLIGHT!

A Recognition of 1st Semester Graduates:

Being an alternative school, we are fortunate to work with a student body that spans from first-semester freshman students to 20+ year olds that are trying to find a balance between schooling and their work/adult responsibilities. Of the 110ish students enrolled at BHA, many are 5th year students that need only a few more requirements to finish up. Several students (7) were able to complete those requirements during the first half of the year. Below are 4 of those students that persevered and finished high school in style, on their own terms. Next month, we'll feature 3 more 2023 1st semester graduates (Jacob Reevis, Rose Underbear, and Kassidy Loring).

Ashtin Azure

Years at BHA: 1 - Started September, 2022.

Thoughts about your BHA experience: I found BHA to be really laid back. Not a stressful place like other schools. I started my career in Wolf Point, then Heart Butte, then Cutbank, and now here. Wolf Point was depressing. Heart Butte was my favorite. BHA has been just right.

Best Memory of high school: Nothing in particular. Home-ec class at Heart Butte was cool - making Bannock bread was my jam for sure. Miss St Goddard was my favorite teacher during my time out there.

What's Next: No idea. Probably gonna live in Montana. Might take classes at BCC this fall. Early childhood development is a field I may have interest in. Other than that, I'm excited to see what the future holds.

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Mikell Bird

Years at BHA: 2 - Started September, 2020.

Best Memory: Being in Mr. Rink's class - cause he always jokes around. He's got a pretty fun class - taking walks and always bringing humor to the class is something I like.

Describe BHA: It was tough to adjust to at first, but I got used to it and settled in. It was excellent and great after that. There are great people around. I had the support I needed. I finally felt like I was in a safe environment due to the support, and the push on the shoulder I'd get from the teachers. BHA has a caring and compassionate staff.

What's Next: Going to Wyotech Trade School in Wyoming to get a CDL. Gonna drive tractor trailers - haul loads all over the world. Even to Australia.

Biggest obstacle you're proud of overcoming: Sticking with it, not giving up. I realized it was important due to the teachers offering their unique perspective and support.

JohnnyLee Edwards

Years at BHA: 1 year total. He started in January, 2022. Overall, being at BHA has been fun. It's chill here. Teachers are cool, badass and helpful. Charlie and Klauk are badass, other than the homework Klauk assigns. Jason is the coolest, he helps me get stuff done.

Best Memory at BHA: I was at 6 credits when I showed up, and I got to work with Jason and just knocked em' out. Cutting up the Bison also was cool - first time I ever did that. Cool experience.

What's Next: Get my CDL - move to Kalispell. Can't wait to move on from Browning. Gonna eventually drive semi's and haul some loads all over the USA.

Words of advice for new BHA students: Just be cool, keep it chill, talk to everyone, get to know everyone. Work with Jason. It's a badass place to be, you just gotta work hard.

Wesley Heavy Runner

Years at BHA: 1.5 years - Started at beginning of Junior Year.

Describe your experience: Been chill - laid back, there's not too many people. Pretty fun, BHA takes lots of field trips. I'm looking forward to skiing.

Best Memory: Klauk's classes stand out - didn't like him at first, but he's my bro now. I talked to him and got to know him and he's pretty cool. Pretty good teacher.

What are you most proud of? Finishing early is cool - cause I was pretty far behind when I started here. The BHA teaching environment is different, because it's mellow so you get extra time with teachers. That worked well for me.

What's next? Heading to BCC in the fall to pursue business administration generals - then I'm gonna hopefully transfer to Missoula down the line. Diesel tech at Northern sounds pretty interesting as well.

Any advice to future BHA students? - Just show up, do your work.

One word to describe yourself: Chill.