

# Miller Art Scholars Minigrant Proposal Outcome Report

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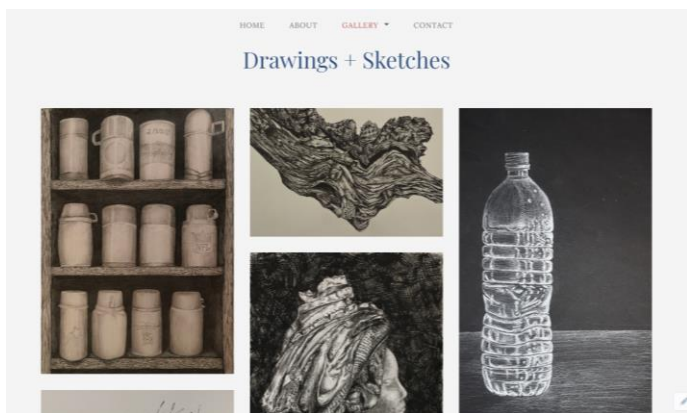
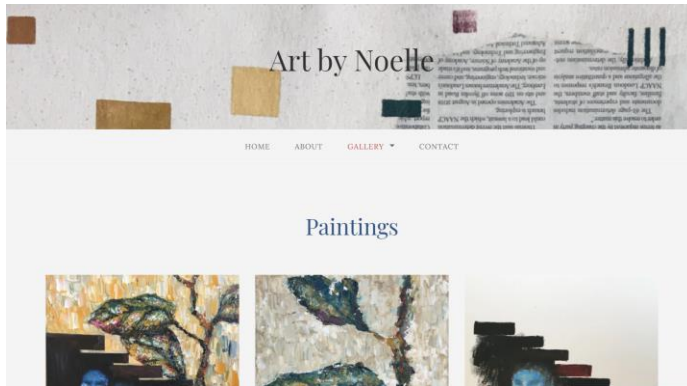
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## Capturing Art Through a New Lens

I am incredibly thankful for the generosity of the Miller Arts Scholars Program in funding and supporting my artistic endeavors. With the minigrant funding, I was able to purchase a Nikon D3500 DSLR camera, complete with an 18-55mm lens, that proved highly beneficial for photographing my artwork.

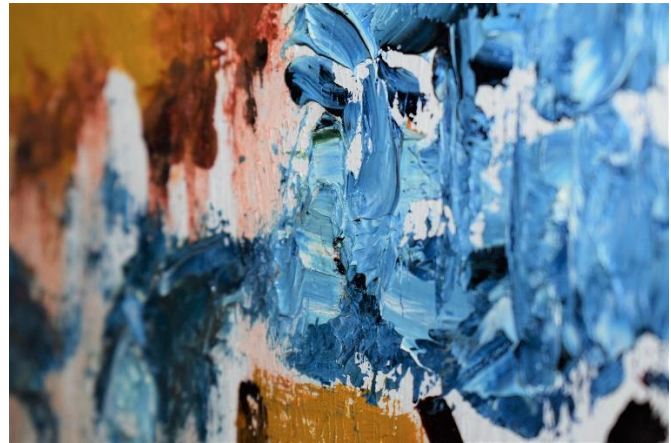
As the Nikon D3500 was surprisingly scarce at most retail stores, the search for a reliable place of purchase took longer than expected. Nonetheless, I was able to find one at a local camera shop, and I also purchased a protective camera bag and a 64 GB memory card.

This camera has allowed me to take photos of my pieces with a higher quality than my iPhone 6s camera allows. While my iPhone camera lacks the ability to capture high-resolution photos with correct colors and details, the Nikon camera has a variety of settings and adjustment capabilities to ensure high quality, professional photos that accurately portray the original pieces. I have been able to capture a majority of my art pieces to use in a digital format. As mentioned in the initial proposal, I am planning to publish a website via WordPress that will function as a digital portfolio and space for documenting my artwork. The website is almost complete and ready for publishing; I am in the process of reviewing photos and retaking them if needed, as well as adding other final details.



Photos: Samples of WordPress website

Additionally, I have tested out a few settings while taking a few experimental shots around my home. I plan to take my camera on many adventures and experiment with all of its functions. I intend to continue to explore the world of photography and portraiture, hoping to highlight and capture unique moments and people.



*Photos: Shots of plants and artwork*

Indeed, this camera has proved to be a worthwhile investment for documenting my artwork and being a tool in itself for artmaking. I am eager to create more art pieces, photograph them, and add to my growing portfolio, as well as delve deeper into the art of photography. Again, I would like to thank the Miller Arts Scholars program for funding this proposal and continually promoting the arts at the University.

**Budget Report:**

Nikon D3500 DSLR Camera with 18-55mm VR Lens:      \$633

- Breakdown:
- MAS Minigrant Funding                      \$500
- Personal Funds                                      \$133

(DSLR Camera Bag and Memory Card purchased with personal funds.)