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News from Senator Bernie Sanders

DOMINIQUE CAVE

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“Modern Madonna”

For those readers who don't know you, could you tell us a bit about yourself?

Hi! My name is Dominique Cave, I'm now in 10th grade at Poultney High School. I first started doing recreational art when I was around 6. I still mostly use art as a fun activity. Throughout my digital photography course in 9th grade, it is the first time I have received any official awards for my art.

What interested/inspired you to become an artist? What does being an artist mean to you?

My portrait was actually the first photograph I had ever taken! I was placed in a digital photography course the second half of my freshman year. I've always loved interactive art such as pottery, jewelry making, and paper machete. To me, being an artist is a way of self-expression. It can come in many forms.

Do you have any advice for other students and/or people of all ages who are thinking about getting involved in art?

The advice I have for anyone who wants to pursue art, whether it be for fun or for competition, is to see what works for you. Art should never be something putting immense amounts of stress on someone. Throughout photography, I found the most enjoyable projects involved either portraits or animals.

Can you tell us a bit about your piece and its meaning? What inspired you to create this work?

When I made this photograph, I had no idea where I was going with it. This was the first graded piece we were assigned for our class. Once the base photograph was taken, I was working towards making the shadows and background complement the clothing colors.

Why do you think art is important? For our communities, for individuals, for society etc.

I think art is important within communities to make the world a little more lively. I always admire the murals throughout Burlington, Vermont whenever I am over there. As a child, having an imagination was something I struggled with. For a few years now, my view on general things has expanded. I've found it can make even the smallest things more fun, such as movies, interpretation, and even school assignments,

Art aside, what is one other way you like to spend your time?

One other way I like to spend my time is horseback riding. I started horse riding in November 2015. My horse is named Piper and as a discipline I do eventing. Eventing is described as an equestrian triathlon. It involves dressage, show jumping, and cross country jumping.