



# Artis the Artist Foundation Newsletter July 2017



## About the 2017 Artists!

**The 2017 Artis The Artist Foundation Scholarship Event:** The first annual Foundation Scholarship Event was held at the Arlington Museum of Art on April 22nd. Sponsored by the Foundation, this luncheon event allowed donors to meet the scholarship winners and view their art work. The winners were selected from fifteen other graduating seniors who also applied for the scholarships. The students submitted pictures of their artwork along with a short essay about themselves, when they started exploring the arts, and how it has impacted their lives. The second annual Scholarship Event will be held on April 28, 2018 at the Arlington Museum of Art - Rooftop located at 201 Main Street in Arlington, Texas.



**Artist Leticia Ordonez** is a graduate of Polytechnic High School and will be attending The University of Texas at Arlington in the fall. The central idea of her work is based on color and technical skill. This theme intrigues her because we see it every day in our daily life. I have created drawings that capture the beauty in patterns and movement. I start with a white background and by using an intense color palette I create high contrast in some of my pieces.

**Artist Rodney Moore, Jr. (RJ)** is a graduate of Lancaster High School. RJ is currently undecided about his school choice. RJ's interest in art surfaced in his early years of childhood at around age 5. His primary interest is animation. Throughout his school years, he had a chance to enhance and develop his skills by taking art classes. One of his proudest moments came when he submitted an idea to Nickelodeon. RJ designed a portrait to represent their 25th year anniversary. The art included all of the Nickelodeon characters over the past 25 years. Although Nickelodeon did not use his idea, they responded to RJ via letter letting him know how impressed they were with his talent.

**Artist Guadalupe Gonzales** is also a graduate of Polytechnic High School and will attend Midwestern University. Her work is about texture, layering and experimenting with new techniques. The layers create depth by outlying the background, middle ground and foreground. She likes trying new techniques in every piece so that the art looks different. She likes to express herself by using colors that are cool and warm. The shapes in my work create movement and balance while illustrating her perspective and giving her art a vintage look.



**Artist Briana Hollier** is a graduate of Mansfield Timberview High School (*The Alma Mater of "Artis the Artist"*.) She will be attending Tarrant County College. Her work is an extension of herself, her personality, her struggles, and her skill. Briana says that drawing became a safe haven for her mind. Creating a piece would show exactly what she could not communicate out loud. She says art became and still is her motivation to live. Her favorite quote is from Pablo Picasso: "The purpose of art is washing the dust of daily life off our souls."

*The Artis The Artist Foundation congratulates all of the 2017 winners! Special thanks to all of the donors who made these scholarships possible.*

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## Get Up And Give, Please!

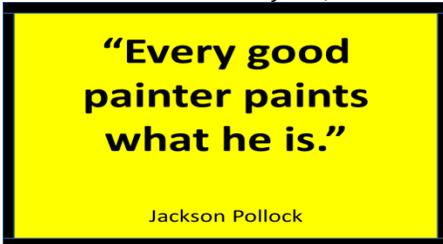
North Texas Giving Day is an annual 18-hour online giving extravaganza for North Texas. It is sponsored by the Communities Foundation of Texas. Qualified 501c3 Non-Profits that are in good standing with the IRS code are able to participate in this event. This will be our third year participating in North Texas Giving Day. It has become the main fundraiser for the Artis Foundation. Last year you gave \$3,107. This enabled The Artis Foundation to give four \$1,000 scholarships to college bound art students.

This year we want to increase the dollar value of each scholarship and add one additional scholarship for a total of five. I invite you to get up early on September 14 and give online between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and Midnight. I will personally reach out to each of you on that day with a gentle reminder that your help is needed and greatly appreciated.

To donate to the Artis the Artist Foundation simply go to <https://northtexasgivingday.org>, type in Artist the Artist Foundation and GIVE! You can also go to [www.Artis-the-Artist.com](http://www.Artis-the-Artist.com) and make your donation at any time during the year.

In memory of my son Artis, who was a phenomenal artist, please help the Artis the Artist Foundation continue to encourage and educate the artists of tomorrow!

Thank you for your generosity.  
 ~ Arlener Poydras, President



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## Inspiration: Artist and Business Owner, Raven Lankford

Raven Lankford was first introduced to painting in the eighth grade where she attended Bishop Dunne Catholic School located in Dallas, Texas. She pursued her interest in Fine Arts through higher education by attending Texas State University, where she earned her Bachelor's Degree in Fine Arts and Communication Design with a concentration in Painting.

Being creative and an expressive person as an Artist and a Model, she recognized what this business had to offer and what she could offer to the Dallas-Fort Worth area and paint industry by bringing "fun paint" as an entertainment option for birthday parties, girls night out, bridal parties, date night, corporate events, graduation parties and so much more.

With her educational background in design and communications, and a love for Art and people, the idea of UnWind Paint Studio was formed to provide you with a way to relax and escape as you paint away!



UnWind Paint Studio is a **MOBILE** painting party service allowing people with no painting experience to create their own masterpiece! We bring the painting party and fun to YOU! As a small business owner, we recognize how important working with other business owners is to our growth and success in the Dallas-Fort Worth area.

Raven is an inspiration to all young artists to pursue their love of Art and don't be limited by tradition, location, or resources. The Artis the Artist Foundation recommends Unwind Paint Studio!

Book a painting party with Raven today!

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**Looking back at the 2016 Winners!**  
 Go to: [www.Artis-the-Artist.com](http://www.Artis-the-Artist.com) for winners from 2012 to date.

## The Future Looks Bright

The primary purpose of the Artis The Artist Foundation is to "Educate and Encourage the Artists Of Tomorrow". The scholarships make it possible for college bound art students to continue their education in the area of The Arts.

Other goals of The Foundations include:

- An annual Marti Gras Art Show for previous winners from 2012 to date – February 2018.
- Create a community of artists that support and encourage each other.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Scholarship Event – April 2018
- 1<sup>st</sup> annual summer Art Day Camp for children ages 8 to 12 at TCC downtown Ft. Worth – July 2018.

We would love to hear from you with any ideas or opportunities to serve the Art Community. Send you ideas to [arlener.poydras@gmail.com](mailto:arlener.poydras@gmail.com) or contact the Foundation at PO Box 181376, Arlington, TX 76096, (817) 472-5725.

## New Book Released

The cover of Arlener Poydras' new book is a colored version of a black and white drawing by Artis the Artist. The book is available on Amazon.com.

