



# Artis the Artist Foundation Newsletter August 2018

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## 2018 Scholarship Winners



### About the 2018 Scholarship Winners!

#### Visual Artist Alexandra Hoben

Alex is a creative, vibrant and outspoken artist who has a special talent for telling stories through her art. She won awards for Visual Arts at the state level as well as other art competitions. Alex says that art helps her to organize her thoughts and get her message onto a canvas. Her work makes others smile and appreciate the world around them. Alex was the president of her high school art club, and she participated in charity events such as Art camps, Toys For Tots and other community events. She will attend Mountain View College. Congratulations Artist Alexandra Hoben!



#### Actress Marleena Garris



Marleena's ability to capture an audience was clear at the scholarship awards breakfast for the Mansfield School District. Her smile and personality during her acceptance speech made it clear that she has a great career ahead of her. She was active in the Drama Club, One Act Plays, Fall Shows and musicals. Marleena will attend Lindenwood University. Marleena was inspired by Civil rights activist, Ruby Bridges to tell stories through the literary arts and create pictures on stage. She is vivacious, outspoken and ambitious - acting and writing are her passion. Her goal is to inspire people by being unconventional and convicting. Above she is performing as The Old Crown in a school play "The Lost Boy". Congratulations Actress Marleena Garris!

#### Musician Roman Jessie



- Roman Jessie is a phenomenal musician who plays the bass in the Cedar Hill ISD. Roman is attending Navarro College this fall. He is very creative and talented, and it clearly shows through his individual composition, as well as his leadership amongst other peers in the orchestra. Roman was selected for the All Region orchestra which is a perfect exemplification of his commitment to working hard towards his goals. He also played football and is diligent in maintaining a balance between his athletic, academic, and musical pursuits. Roman is a young man of character and integrity. Congratulations Artist Roman Jessie!

#### Artist Kayla Barnes

Kayla believes that we are always surrounded by art – from the cars we drive to the clothes we wear, everything is designed by artists. Kayla was ready to jump right into college and is attending Tarrant County College this summer.



Kayla's passion is animation: watching cartoons and animated movies. She believe that the various types of animations will give her endless possibilities in the field of art. She is completely mesmerized by the different forms of art and she plans to explore them all. Congratulations Artist Kayla Barnes!

## North Texas Giving Day

9/20/18



Since 2012, The Artis The Artist Foundation has given scholarships to twelve graduating seniors who plan to study The Arts for a total of \$14,000! Your donations on North Texas Giving Day has made this possible. This is an annual 18-hour online giving extravaganza for North Texas. It is sponsored by the Communities Foundation of Texas. Only qualified 501c3 Non-Profits that are in good standing with the IRS code are able to participate in this event. This will be the fourth year participating in North Texas Giving Day. It has become the main fundraiser for the Artis The Artist Foundation.

Thank you so much for your generous gifts as we create a community of young artists. **Save the date:** September 20, 2018 from 6:00AM to 12 Midnight. To donate to the Artis the Artist Foundation 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 on September 20th or at any time during the year. Go to: [www.Artis-the-Artist.com](http://www.Artis-the-Artist.com) for winners from 2012 to date.

The Artis the Artist Foundation was started in memory of my son Artis James (AJ). ~3/16/89 – 2/20/12~

## Inspiration: Artist Sammye



With a love for all things art and a heart as big as Texas, the lovely Sammie has made an immeasurable difference in the lives of some elementary school artists. An artist in the Dallas area for years, she decided to move into a smaller place and did not have room to accommodate her art supplies. Sammie created sketches, paintings, greeting cards, jewelry, and even yard art. Consequently, she had many rooms filled with art supplies, and her love for art refused to let those supplies go to waste. She graciously donated several truckloads of art supplies. The supplies were in mint condition, well stored, and catalogued. These supplies are now being utilized by several elementary school students throughout the Dallas/Fort Worth area. The looks of wonder on the faces of the young children when they saw the various types of supplies to work with was priceless. We appreciate Sammie and we certainly wish her the best in her retirement. She paid the gift of art forward for generations to come!

## Small Business Spotlight



Owner Renee Thomas has a passion for design and a tenacity for detail. She will listen intently to your ideas, thoughts and visions and then turn them into a logo, t-shirt design, website, program design or anything that is needed for your business, family event, church or

non-profit. In an industry that has literally millions of choices, Midnight Hour Designs leads in creativity, integrity and affordability. As the logo designer for the Artis The Artist Foundation and MM@TC! (Meet Me At The Cross), Midnight Hour Designs is constantly working on updates, changes and ideas to improve branding and exposure. Renee Thomas owner/designer burns the midnight oil to ensure that clients are successful in their business and ministry endeavors. Renee considers it a privilege to make a client's dream come to fruition via her designs. Her motto is "Write The Vision", Habakkuk 2:2. Renee is indeed a blessing to the community. To schedule an appointment call 817.456.6857, visit [www.midnighthourdesigns.com](http://www.midnighthourdesigns.com) or email [designs@midnighthourdesigns.com](mailto:designs@midnighthourdesigns.com)

## SAVE THE DATE! 10/20/18

### Meet Foundation President and Author Arlene Steels-Poydras

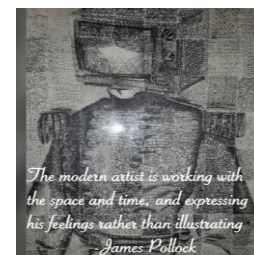
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Drawing is titled "Message Soldier" by Artis the Artist-2007. It was created using words, numbers, symbol& letters. The message has yet to be decoded.