

Honors Day Abstract

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The Art and Design Senior Show is a combination of individual research, artistic experimentation, and creative development of work over two semesters or more by the 2026 graduating senior class. Our show is brought together by a diverse range of works across multiple mediums, reflecting our diverse approaches, interests, and personal perspectives from each artist and designer. Over the course of two semesters, students engaged in independent demonstrations of skills, research, critique, and hard work to refine our own creative plans and technical abilities. The works presented spans a wide array of mediums, including painting, graphic design, animation, photography, comics, nail art, and other mixed medias. While each student's collection is distinct, our projects share a community of thoughtful self exploration and a strong desire to uplift creative practices at Alma College. As students, we were challenged to investigate themes meaningful to our own experiences and perspectives, allowing personal identity, cultural influence, and social awareness to inform both concept and execution. This exhibition emphasizes the importance of artistic expression and knowledge of your practice. Each senior curated their own bodies of work, demonstrating an ability to make informed creative decisions while navigating both professional criticisms and personal challenges. These works highlight the many diverse creative pathways that both art and design can be expressed, communicated, and experienced. The Art and Design Department is an inclusive and diverse community of artists, The Senior Show is meant to reflect, uplift and support not only that environment but also each student individually and unite through our community of creatives.

The Art and Design Senior Show serves not only as a celebration of individual progress, but also as a collective reflection of growth, resilience, knowledge, and creative exploration.