Hi,

My name is Jazmin Maldonado.

I enjoy many forms of art including: ceramics, painting, photography, and even makeup! This past semester I was introduced to oil painting. Never in my life had I received such positive feedback from an art instructor. This motivated me to do better in the class.

For my final assignment, I decided to paint my mother.

My mom means the absolute world to me; she is hardworking, loving, but most of all she is kind. I spent numerous hours working on this specific piece. No one ever tells you how hungry you can get while painting.

Anyways, I’d determined that this would be the perfect gift to present to my mom for Christmas in front of the entire family.

My mother’s reaction was the total opposite of what I had imagined it would be. At first my family laughed at the content, specifically the woman in the painting’s expression: sad, somber, and tiresome.

Eventually everyone was able to admire the painting and my hard work.

Before this no one in my family took me serious when it came to my art. But after this day even my grandfather told me how proud he was of me.