

JEANNIE MILLECAM ARTIST'S STATEMENT, BIO, AND AWARDS

When I told my Grandfather that I was majoring in art, he lit up and said, "When you create, that is like being a God". That statement has always stuck with me. He was an inventor, and he knew about the power of creation. I have seen this power change the lives of many people. To build something out of nothing is very gratifying. A blank canvas and paint can evolve to express an idea or emotion, make a social statement, or convey the beauty that surrounds us. I love to paint everything from apples to people. I am drawn to color, light, and atmosphere. When I go for a morning run or a bike ride, I am surrounded by potential paintings. A splash of red poppies in a green field, an ominous, grey cloud threatening a glowing patch of yellow wheat...those things excite me.

Jeannie Millecam has taught both high school and community art classes for over 20 years. She currently teaches watercolor and oil painting at Sky View High School. Her art students receive multiple awards and scholarships each year, including the UWS Student Scholarship. "I believe in giving students a good foundation. At Sky View, we focus on mastery. Students work on basic skills until they can pass them off. Then they move on to more advanced work. Mastery is key to a successful education. It gives students the confidence and skill required to move on to more complex problem solving. Once they have mastered the basics, I function more like a personal trainer and help students one-on-one with their paintings. It's incredibly rewarding to foster the learning and individual growth of my little "greenies". They come in with no painting experience and end the trimester with amazing works of art."

Jeannie has received several awards for her artwork throughout the years. Some of her most recent awards include; Award of Excellence and Jurors' Award – UWSCVC Spring Exhibition 2016, Honorable Mention – UWS Fall Exhibition 2015, Award of Excellence and Jurors' Award – UWS "Small Works Show" 2014, Award of Excellence – UWS "Small Works Show" 2013, Jurors' Award – UWSCVC Spring Show 2013, Judges Choice Award – Logan Summerfest 2012, Award of Merit – UWS-CVC Spring Show 2010.