



Night of the Arts at UPAD



Each year, U Prep students host a Night of the Arts (NOTA) for Detroit's art community, including the College for Creative Studies (CCS). This event is free and open to the public. Guests take a tour through four floors of extraordinary fine art, created by young artists in the U Prep Art & Design District. The Metropolitan Detroit art community flock to the event to see the student's creative growth and capabilities

from one year to the next. This year's Night of the Arts fell on May 19. The highly anticipated was back in its physical space after being virtual in 2020 and 2021 due to COVID. U Prep Art & Design Middle and High School transformed into an art gallery for the night, providing space for students to showcase their creativity.

Our young artists, grades 6th through 12th presented the paintings, fashion, sculptures, drawings, graphics, digitization's, storyboarding and performances they spent the school year preparing. These young artists were given the opportunity to practice entrepreneurship as they stood beside their pieces, offered explanations of their work, and sold them at prices they determined themselves.



Senior, Musanna spoke of his previous experiences with the event known as NOTA. He offered this testimonial, "[NOTA] was a relatively fun experience, just being able to see everyone's art. There was a lot of passion and a lot of artists from our school. So it was just seeing everybody's stuff, including mine in it, even though I'm not the best artist ever. Just getting to see all of that together was really nice because it's like a timeline of

all of our stuff we've done since we've started this year." He went on to speak of what he was most excited about for this year, "I want to see everyone's final pieces. I know a couple of artists that are going to do really well and have really good pieces they're going to be putting up. One of my friends has been working on an art piece for months and I want to see that. It's going to bring a lot of attention to her and I like seeing my friends doing well." U Prep Art & Design District's Night of the Arts will return next school year in May of 2023.