

Colleen Sweet & Katie Wilson



Colleen Sweet, Teacher

I have the pleasure of teaching what I love: graphic design. I am a minimalist designer by nature. By combining type and imagery, I seek to find a clear, concise, graphic solution. Each typeface, symbol, or swoosh must flow together in a unified way.

As an educator, I bring to my students the fundamentals of graphic design. Through the use of typography, word and image relationships, color theory, and composition, students are able to explore this realm of visual communication. Design is a process that is unique to each individual artist. In class, students brainstorm, sketch, critique, and then design. They gain a better



understanding of the world around them and an appreciation of how things are made. In a world filled with technological advances, graphic design is a medium that speaks to this highly visual generation.



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Katie Wilson, Student

My mind works in abstract mode. I try to mix abstract with “modern” styles and techniques to create a unique piece of art. I use bright colors and complex composition to express myself. Before I begin, I make blueprints of my ideas and make comments on certain aspects of my design.

My designs are inspired primarily by music. When I hear lyrics I like, my mind automatically begins designing. I love working with different tools and use different



resources so I can try and create something fresh and unique. While my designs let me express myself, I want other people to look at them and have their own view, meaning, and reaction to it.



COLOR:

Katie Wilson is a senior at Hopkinton High School in Hopkinton, Massachusetts.



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