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**Medium:** Stained glass panel

### Artist Statement

I discovered stained glass as a medium at the start of my senior year of high school and I have fallen in love with the medium. When I create, I like to make art that is fun, colorful, and whimsical. Sometimes art is created so serious and sometimes art is just meant to be enjoyed. I was able to incorporate a variety of textures and colors in my piece using an eclectic mix of glass. I wanted to challenge myself with a larger piece-- this was my third and largest panel to date. The pattern started with a simple drawing and developed into what is 167 hand cut pieces of glass. To push myself further I experimented with some wiring technique on the flowers and butterfly. I also learned how to strengthen my piece using wire reinforcement and incorporating larger cuts of glass in my design. Creating art and specifically, stained glass, keeps me grounded and coming to school. My dream is to one day become a high school art teacher and show students how to create and give them a reason to come to school.

### Description

A 20-24 inch stained glass panel

**Status:** Exhibit only