NCUIH Youth Council Highlight: YC Megan McDermott Launches Virtual Storefront

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NCUIH congratulates member 2019-20 Megan McDermott (Descendant Piegan Blackfeet & Plains Cree) as she takes big steps in establishing an entrepreneurial presence as an Indigenous artist throughout Indian Country. YC Megan launched her own Indigenous virtual storefront that has many amazing Native art pieces, prints, handcrafted Native jewelry, greetings cards for purchase. YC Megan also provides a free coloring page for download.

As an Indigenous artist, YC Megan continues to leave a positive impact on AI/AN communities both locally and nationally. She has collaborated and led various native art therapy events and programs for AI/AN youth for the greater Seattle Washington area. She also completed a prestigious art residency program with the Yəhaw' show and the Seattle Office of Arts and Culture. YC Megan also participated in various art competitions in Washington State and throughout Indian Countrymost notably the #HealthyNativeLoveis Photo Contest!, the 'Art Battle Seattle 'contest in May of 2019, NCUIH's National Call for Artwork Contest.

YC Megan's latest endeavor includes supplying the <u>Chief Seattle Club</u> with 7 coloring page files as part of their Native Care art packages for their members and working with other Native organizations in providing coloring pages to their AI/AN communities. Megan also did a weeklong Twitter takeover for <u>IndigenousBeads</u> with the intention to spread positivity during these challenging times.

YC Megan's artwork has been sold in many state-wide art festivals and events, including- the 2019 Seattle Indigenous Peoples Festival and the 2019 Black Friday weekend Duwamish Longhouse Holiday Market. Megan appeared on King5 New Day Northwest TV station to talk about her artwork, beading, and briefly demonstrate how to bead.

To learn more about YC Megan McDermott and to support an inspiring Indigenous artist-please visit her virtual storefront at https://gobsofcolor.com/shop.

Free Coloring Page: Be Like The Butterfly