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“Onlyness” to me is the balance of healthy community. While reading Merchant’s ideas, the value of hearing all voices comes to my mind. My work represents the cyclical flow of all things. I included the Chinese yin-yang symbol to represent the inseparable opposites of the world. Like people, these sides, although sometimes opposing, can only exist together. Whether it be values, experiences, or ideas of others, we need it all to function as whole. I see these blending together to create a powerful community, a place where we can truly thrive, as long as we listen to each other.”

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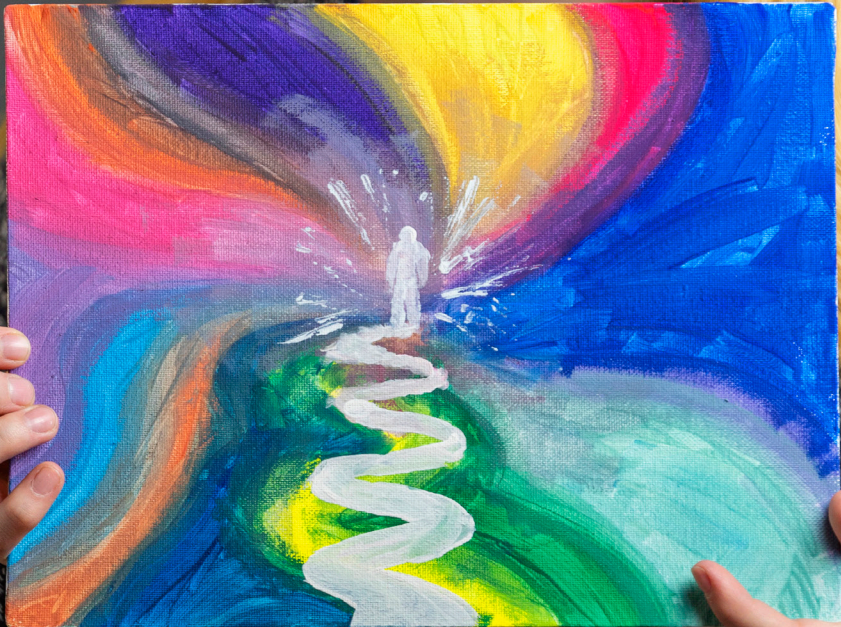


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This piece inspired by “onlyness” embodies the light that is within me, and how it grows when I share it with others. The golden lines represent how the warmth of my community has strengthened my sense of self, my creativity and my passions. Embracing who I am is an intensive process. This work represents how I am allowing the changes ahead into my journey of self-actualization.”

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As I pondered the concept of “onlyness,” I began to understand the power and influence we have as individuals. Our values, experiences, history, culture, visions, dreams and essence are encapsulated into a singular soul, mind and body, holding incredible weight.

These many aspects of our lives determine the space in which the self can only occupy, displaying the cruciality of building upon our own purpose to inspire connection. The multitude of elements we possess reaches into the community and world beyond. As individuals, our voices should be heard.”