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Dear Mrs. Blinchikoff:

I want to thank for sharing your expertise for displaying, publically discussing, and writing about art with my son Zemi and I. The many visits to your home helped Zemi broaden his art vocabulary, develop and improve his talking points, polish his public speaking skills, create a professional resume, and acquire a proficient artist statement.

Your tireless dedication in assisting him to prepare for his audition for Maryland Distinguished Scholar Talent in the Arts Program paid off. Zemi is a finalist and has the opportunity to receive \$3000 annually for four consecutive years as long as he attends a college or university located in the state of Maryland. He has been invited to Bowie State University on September 6<sup>th</sup> to attend the Distinguished Scholar Recognition Day. The event will take place from 12:00pm to 4:00pm and he has been asked to bring a few of his pieces to display.

I hope you continue to offer your skills through workshops. The Howard County Arts Council and the Columbia Arts Center are great and affordable places for blossoming artists to learn from a professional. Not being able to attend your workshops at the Howard County Arts Council afforded us the opportunity to work with you privately. The private consults proved truly rewarding. We look forward to working with you again in the future.

Very truly yours,

Nesa Herring

Parent & Art Advocate