

Isabel Martynenko

FREESTYLE STUDENT OF THE YEAR

LAHS DIGITAL MEDIA STUDENT

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Isabel Martynenko (or Izzy, as we know her) is the quintessential Freestyle Academy student: passionate, creative, ambitious, and respectful. She happens to possess a talent for visual communication – a talent she showed coming into the program and advanced during her two consecutive years here. One of the greatest pleasures of being an English teacher is working with students like Izzy who are intrinsically engaged in literature and art and who bring to class each day an honest eagerness to explore new territory and improve their thinking. Izzy’s subtle urgency to advance herself makes her stand out; whether she is working with peers or conferencing with me, she demonstrates a genuine desire to improve herself. It has been a joy to see her develop an increasing sense of confidence as a reader and writer, embracing her English work as an essential part of her growth as a student and artist. Izzy’s impeccable attitude and work ethic complement her talent in a powerful way, raising the quality of the Freestyle experience for everyone around her.

~Jason Greco, Freestyle Academy English Teacher

Yes indeed, Izzy make everyone in the class better including me! I can’t wait to see how she blossoms in the years to come beyond Freestyle.

~Leo Florendo, Freestyle Academy Digital Media Teacher

Izzy is the penultimate art teacher's student. She's passionate about drawing, painting, digital dimensions, exploring new mediums, developing her skills with both traditional and digital methodologies, and is incredibly talented as the cherry on the top! But what also makes her so special is her kindness, positive attitude, generosity of spirit, and selflessness regarding her techniques and knowledge. Izzy’s career is bound to be highly successful and I eagerly await her future projects!

~Leslie Parkinson, Freestyle Academy Design Teacher

Izzy is quite a character, and I mean that in the best possible way. We don't talk as much as I'd like, but I can count her as a good friend. She has a personality that I think, and believe I'm not alone in thinking, that people should strive towards; essentially, not only does she put out good energy into the Freestyle Community, but she also works hard and develops work that people have enjoyed, which is why I agree (even though my voice is not recognized with the staff decision) that she makes a great choice for Student of the Year.

~Eric Garcia, Classmate