

When I was thinking about how my time at Oxbow would go, it took a completely different turn than I expected, and that's totally okay. My ups and downs were more heightened here because of the distance from home, the people I have met, and the things that I have learned. In all that I've been through, I am overjoyed with the person I have become here and I want to continue nurturing my personal growth, change, and transformation into something beautiful. A butterfly is a significant symbol of these ideas and others such as rebirth, freedom, life, hope, and endurance. Interestingly enough, when butterflies spread their wings they are also spreading joy and color. Throughout my process I found that it wasn't hard to make art of personal memories and that I can use multiple mediums to illuminate and brighten my piece. In certain wing spaces of the butterfly I wanted to capture the memories that I've made here by collaging, painting pictures, and adding intricate designs for more variety. My butterfly is my own Oxbow scrapbook, and I will always cherish the time I spent here.

WINGS OF JOY

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