

Hello! My name is Kimberly Torres. I am a 19 year old artist aspiring to become a high school art teacher. Currently I am a full time student at College of the Desert majoring in studio arts. A main aspect of my chosen aspiring career includes my passion of spreading knowledge and conveying messages along with emotions through a visual form. The Ocotillo Park bench project is an excellent way that I am able to portray the feeling of nostalgia and community with using familiar imagery that resonates with a large number of, not only Cathedral City, but the valley as a whole; including me! After Covid, a large number of the valley's paleteros businesses were affected by the price fluctuations of their products. Due to the airborne nature of Covid-19, paleteros were not able to do their job, which at times may be their only source of income, going around the neighborhoods and local areas such as parks regarding fear of passing and/or contracting the virus. Paleteros, I believe, are a well known part of the “park experience” and a child and even an adult as they bring joy and happiness to people in the community. Bringing the nostalgia to the adults and furthering the existence of this, almost tradition, park familial experiences is important to me for the fact that a park is a great place to make memories with friends, family, and even making new friends whether its playing on the playground, skating with friends, kicking a soccer ball around, or even sitting down and enjoying an ice cream, memories at the park are guaranteed.

Hello

I'm Kimberly Torres



Skills

- Bilingual: Fluent in English and Spanish
 - Conversational in French
 - Beginner in ASL
- Creative: can paint with many mediums (acrylic, watercolor, gouache), able to create mini-figures, brings new ideas
- Communicator: Assisted multiple peer conflicts to a resolution using communicative skills
- Teamworker: communicates and works with a team effectively, enthusiastically, and calmly, work will always get completed

Work Experience

Burlington- Palm Springs

February 2024 - Current

- Sales Associate/Cashier
- Experience in; cash handling; cash registers; customer service; sales; multitasking

Education

Cathedral City High School (CCHS)- Graduate

August 2019 - June 2023

Final Cumulative GPA: 4.0

Participated in many activities 2022-2023. These activities include but are not limited to being a founder and vice-president of *Creative Corner club* (Art Club); Equity Ambassadors; co-managing trading post; volunteering/assisting with Desert X, CCHS Ballet Folklorico, Nellie N. Coffman, multiple peer counseling and peer mediations.

College of the Desert, Palm Desert - Associates to Transfer (In progress)

August 2023 - In Progress

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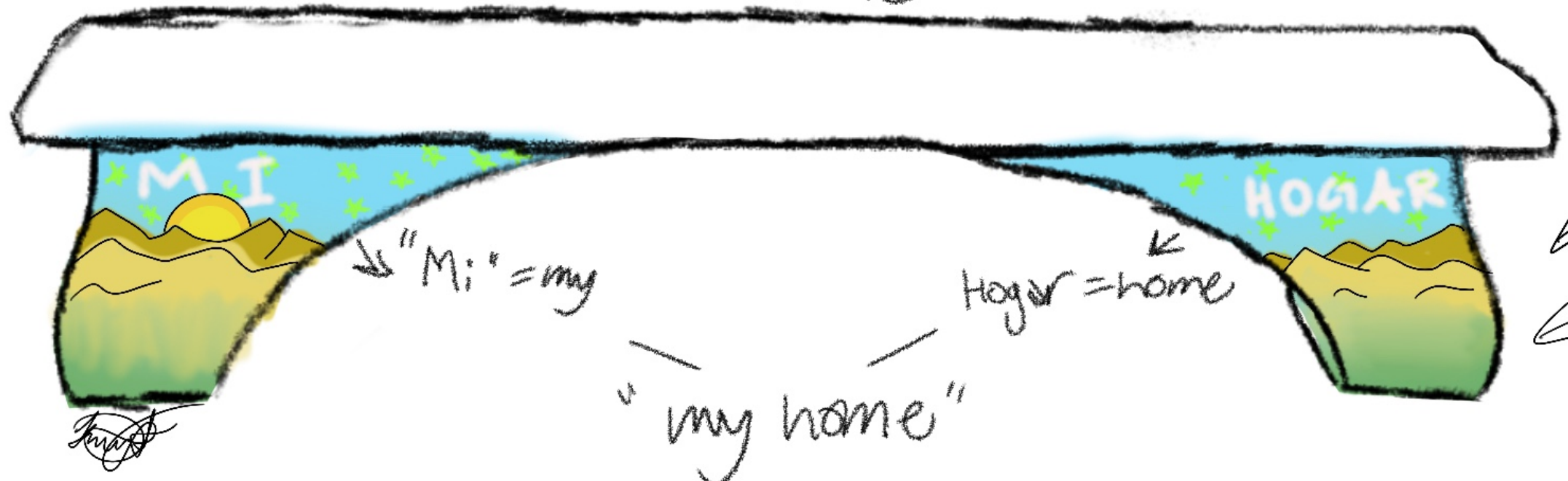
First-year full-time student at College of the Desert with extensive art knowledge. Aims to further knowledge on art while majoring in studio arts associates transfer. Strives to become a high school art teacher.

Awards

- Cathedral City High School Golden Lion Award: Visual & Performing Arts (May 18, 2022 & 2023)
- Art Contest: Palm Springs Art Museum for the "Imagine an Antiracist Future" (March 16, 2022)
- Certificate of Recognition: Riverside County Office of Education | Quality Craftsmanship | Fine Arts Spectacular (May 12, 2022)
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Mi Hogar:

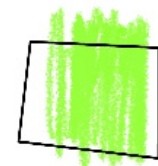
"mi hogar" painted on the clouds



↓ "Mi" = my

↓ Hogar = home

"my home"

 Glow-in-the-Dark

↙ colors subject to change
↙ More of a realistic landscape

Final product will be the same but with different ice cream (this current picture is from google and only temporary for this sketch)

Hispanic "Paletero cart"; Aspects of my culture

Painted realistically









