

## The MEMORY PROJECT at Hilton High School



“Sostine” Laura Berardicurti

Students in Mrs. Jan Dentino’s **International Baccalaureate Visual Art class at Hilton High School** had the special opportunity to participate in the world-wide Memory Project. This unique program was started by Art Teacher, Ben Shumaker from Sun Prairie, Wisconsin. When Shumaker was volunteering in Guatemala he realized that many orphans don’t have keepsake images of themselves in their youth. He started to get his art students involved by having them create portraits of orphaned, abused, neglected or unwanted children, and thus the Memory Project was born world-wide. For more on this worthwhile program visit: [thememoryproject.org](http://thememoryproject.org).



“Fortunate” Gina Sacino



“Eve” Christina Lodato



“Rose” Carolyn Voldan



“Mark” Danny Cocuzza

**Mrs. Dentino’s class took on the challenge of creating portraits for fourteen children from Uganda, sponsored by Mr. Tim Ackroyd, IB Coordinator.** The students had a 4”x 6” colored photograph of their orphan to start with. They researched facial proportions, practiced with mediums to get the proper flesh tones, and researched about the culture of Uganda and current conditions in the orphanages there. On the back of each portrait is taped the original photo of the child and a photo of the Hilton art student who created it.



“Faridah” Jessica Iuppa



“Noelina” Heather Allen

The Hilton students working on the portraits were very excited and anxious about creating a portrait for a special child they may never meet, but very much hope to impress. Their artistic skills were put to the test and they worked very hard to get a good likeness of each child. Now, the completed portraits will be sent back to Mr. Shumaker who will deliver them to Uganda. The last step will be for him to send us back photos of the children actually holding their portraits! **This has been an enriching cultural, emotional, and technical experience for our IB Visual Art students.**