

KJ and Likuye from Hardy Middle School describe their process curating the 2020 Everyday DC exhibition

KJ:

Hello! I'm KJ, and I am an eighth grade-student at Hardy Middle School.

LK:

I'm LK, and I'm also an eighth grade student at Hardy Middle School. We are curators for this year's exhibit, and we are here to tell you more about how we organized the walls you are seeing.

KJ:

We are also going to talk about why this exhibit exists: to expand your knowledge about DC.

LK:

As curators, we organized the pictures and put them into different categories. We created walls with images that we thought fit together perfectly. For example, some images fit together by color. Some images fit together by shapes.

KJ:

I worked on a wall that showed that people in DC are very creative. There is a photo of paintbrushes with contrasting colors, a close-up of colored pencils, an image of splattered paint and a landscape picture of a barn with multi-colored flowers painted on it. Together, these photos have an artistic feel that shows how artistic people in DC are.

LK:

I put together a wall where I started with images that shared the same color: green. There was a close-up of a purple flower with a green stem, a garden outside of a school, and the cousin of one of our fellow curators cutting up greens in her kitchen. When I put them together, I saw that they also represent that some people in DC have a green thumb. They work delicately, and care about nature.

KJ:

There are 11 of us from Hardy Middle School who curated this exhibit. As curators, our hope is to open people's minds about DC. A lot of people have stereotypes about this city. They might only hear or see certain stories. They might not research for themselves. We hope that this

exhibit breaks barriers and changes what people think about our city.

LK:

So as you walk around the exhibit, take your time to look at the way we organized the photos. What photos stand out to you? What story does the photo tell, and why? How do these photos change your perception of DC?