



Lexana Echegary

Lexana Echegary (Pascua Yaqui), a sophomore from Desert View High School, is the winner of the 2020 Indigenous Stewards Cover Art Contest! Her artwork is a reflection of the current global pandemic and our connection to Mother Earth.

“My art piece represents how Mother Earth is weak and needs our help and she puts her trust in the hands of the youth. It’s up to us to make a difference.”

The inspiration behind Ms. Echegary’s art submission is the current global pandemic and the way in which the world is suffering. She has realized that during our quarantine when we had to take time away from jobs, schools, and many other things, that people were able to put their lives on pause and see things about our planet they would have otherwise ignored.

Ms. Echegary mentions how her generation, Gen Z, has been especially active on social media throughout the pandemic calling attention to a multitude of issues, including climate change.

Besides being an artist, Ms. Echegary is also a partner in a local small business called PopColorDesign. The business upcycles items, which range from cans to couches, that would have been trash, and turns them into art. A portion of all their sales are donated to a new charity each month.

“I am so grateful that my art can make a difference.”

Ms. Echegary aspires to pursue a career related to sustainability and business. Her dream job would be sustainability consulting because it is a combination of both fields.

On behalf of the Indigenous Stewards Advisory Board and community, we would like to thank Ms. Echegary for creating this beautiful piece of artwork. We wish her the best on her future endeavors and look forward to seeing more of her art.



Full size image of Lexana’s art that is featured on the cover of the magazine

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