

The Town of Smithtown Anti-Bias Task Force and Youth Bureau invited high school students in Smithtown Township to explore the theme of Bias Awareness through their artwork.

A Bias Offense is when someone is bullied or attacked due to their race, color, national origin, ancestry, gender, gender identity, gender expression, religion, religious practice, age, disability, or sexual orientation. Graffiti and property destruction targeting one of these groups is also considered a Bias Offense.

The students were asked to consider questions such as:

What does Bias Awareness mean to you?

How would you feel if you and/or your friends were bullied because you belonged to one of the categories listed above?

How could the world be different if we eliminated bias?

The works submitted are extraordinary; the artists looked at Bias Awareness through many different lenses. Please enjoy their art and read their statements.

Our sincere appreciation goes to the Smithtown Township Arts Council/Mills Pond Gallery for hosting this thoughtful exhibit.