

# AAVC EDUCATIONAL GRANTS & SCHOLARSHIPS

## TAPE SCULPTURES - KENDRA VAAGE

McMINNVILLE HIGH SCHOOL (FROM WINTER 2009)

Dear Arts Alliance of Yamhill County:

We are recipients of your \$80.00 grant for creating taped sculptures. The sculptures are now complete and anxiously awaiting permanent placement throughout the high school. My students were grouped in threes and given four rolls of clear packaging tape and a specific human gesture to accomplish. There were those laying down, sitting, and standing. They chose one group member to tape. As part of the assignment we talked about what these transparent student sculptures communicate to their audience. The students came up with ideas such as how some kids can become "invisible" in a large school, how some students are "transparent", and how some are empty, waiting to be filled with knowledge. We even had one sculpture that took "The Thinker" (of empty thoughts?) position.

I thought tape would be difficult to work with and the students would have difficulty staying with it. However, they were fully engaged the entire time, and were stewards of the materials.

I became a little concerned when I saw a group taping their model's head instead of using the clay provided. They managed to get her head out of the tape without casualty. We had a blast!

Again, thank you for your support in making this creative endeavor possible.



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