CMX 304: Making Comics 1
Final Projects

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Mikyla: For my final, I wanted to create something that reflected on a situation I went through in January. I was interested in using color to represent emotion (like I did for my last project) but I thought it would be cool if I created panels out of paint swatches and incorporated cutouts. This comic was very difficult for me to make and it brought up a lot of emotions, but I think it actually helped me process my feelings by putting them into an art piece. Hopefully this isn't too depressing!
2.) DENIAL

For a while, distraction became my best friend.

3.) GUILT

I couldn’t help but think that there was more I could have done.

4.) ANGER

Impatience

RAGE

Outrage

Irritation

5.) DEPRESSION

Depression was like a virus, taking over my life and eating away at my time.
6.) ACCEPTANCE / HOPE

ART
MUSIC
FRIENDS
and
FAMILY

Little things made me feel like music again.

And my heart began to heal.

Bringing around people even virtually really kept me going.

How even the bad days help me grow.

Therapy
Nature
Reading

Hiking
Why do you keep going?
Stay awhile.

Why do you keep going?
Stay awhile.
PROCRISTINATION
(or why I stopped worrying and learned to love myself)

Bonnie

This is me.
Today

My comics final is due today.

I have had plenty of time to work on it; if you don't count...


Creating a syllabus for an English 1A Composition class, for my.

Driving 4 hours to meet with no puppy.

Writing 6 pages for 2 classes on teaching college English, including a grading contract and a worksheet. Almost done, yet again.

Hours spent worrying that tumor in right breast is cancer = 504
Hours spent sleeping after surgery = 47 (really)
Hours spent celebrating being tumor-free = 0.21

2 or 3 bruises, bleeding hands, broken nails, yellow hair, pet stains.

2 or 3 Litters, Writing 6 pages from you for 2 classes on teaching college English, including a grading contract and a worksheet. Almost done, yet again.

Bonnie
Hello! And welcome to your first day as a paraeducator.

In Special Education, we like to JUMP RIGHT IN!

Do you have everything you need?

- Water
- Snack
- Tissues
- App

Good. Let's go.

Working in Special Education can feel like a Manager Soup.

Special Day Class (SDC) is a self-contained special education class which provides services to students with intensive needs that cannot be met by the general education program.

Classes consist of more than 80% of the student's day.

IEP

The IEP, Individualized Education Program, is a written document that's developed for each public school child who is eligible for special education. The IEP is created through a team effort and reviewed at least once a year.

The IEP contains:
- Goals
- Current Academic Levels
- Personal info such as likes, dislikes, triggers and historical behavior.
- Ask your classroom teacher for an IEP at a glance.

HIPAA

Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act

HIPAA is a legislation which provides security provisions and data privacy, in order to keep patient's medical information safe.

As a paraeducator, be aware that you are responsible for protecting student privacy.

Autism Spectrum Disorder

ASD's are a group of developmental disabilities that can cause significant social, communicative and behavioral challenges.

People on the Autism Spectrum don't behave one way. Deep in their mind, it's the world.
These are the four functions of behavior. When thinking about student behavior, consider which of these functions is at the core of the behavior.

**Escape**
1. Break free from confinement or control.
2. Fail to be noticed or remembered

**Access**
- Scoring behind misunderstood reasons
- Refusal to line up/sit down
- Throwing or breaking items involved in teach

**Attention**

**Sensory**

In Class, try...
- Use a timer
- Sensory breaks!

Clear expectations
- First things
- Breakfast
- Circle Time
- Math
- Recess
- Reading
Attention

1. Notice taken of someone or something
2. The action of dealing with or taking special care of someone or something.

Yes, it's the most frequent award we give. Some kids will try anything to get it. Well, I know you won't.

Anyway, gotta pick up the louse at the stop. Don't want your mom to wonder why you're sick.

Sensory

Relating to sensation or the physical senses transmitted or perceived by the senses.

(You might also see this called ‘somatic’)

People need attention and recognizing it is normal. And inhibiting the behavior typically does not differentiate between negative or positive behavior.

It is our job to teach appropriate ways to gain attention.

Do your best to only acknowledge positive behaviors. If you show a student a behavior that does not work, they will stop.

Selective Reinforcement

Replacement behavior

Understand

Check In

Sensory Diet

Replacement Sensor

Adjustment Strategies

Teach Self Care

In Dante’s case, we might change his dietary supplement used at home, or see if he would wear an Фр. sensor.
access
/ak’ses/
1. a means of approaching or entering a place
2. an attack or outburst of an emotion.

People do many things to get what they want. It is essential that you teach appropriate access skills, as well as self-regulation when access is not safe or available.

This isn’t everything but it’s a start.

This job is hard

But with knowledge strategy and support

I promise,

What do you want for lunch?

You got it! Good job using your device!

Want... Chicken, please.

Thank you... Ms. Amy.

It’s worth it.

First thing:

First, we will work on our essay. Then you can have five minutes of computer time.

Do not give in to tantrums. This shows the child that the behavior works. This encourages the child to continue doing so.

Meet Needs

Teach Language

Set Expectations

Can I have the laptop? You will do math problems until nine.

Don’t
Deep into the woods, there lived a monster.

But sometimes, the monster wished he had someone to talk to.

Someone who would give him a name and call out to him.

But alas, everyone he met was scared of his sharp, long horns.

And his blank, soulless eyes.

Because of this, the monster was very lonely.

The monster had no name for it had no one to call out to him.
Once, one day, he noticed a small girl.

He had never seen her in the forest before.

The monster was intrigued by what the little girl was doing.

Rustle

He wanted to get a closer look, but he was afraid of scaring her away...

...when suddenly, the girl had noticed him.

Um, my name is Emily.

Don't be scared.

Here.

What's your name?
you don't have a name?

then, I'll call you Flower.
Phonophobia by Cody

I can't hear half of what people say.

My mind is filled with thoughts of the unknown.

They said it was an old injury...

Or all the music.

I think it just bad luck.

Bad luck fucks you up...

When you hear half the conversation...

Cheap ass red wine.

Almost out my voice on the trumpet.

Cheap ass real bad.

You contribute half as much.

Can it be lonely?

Not that loneliness bothers me.

The one beautiful I wear.

Just the god damn noise!!!

I need to leave.

I graduate soon.

Figured I'd go pick someplace real far.

Someplace quiet...
MY NONNO TALKED ABOUT ITALY A LOT.

NICE QUIET PLACE...

WHAT ABOUT YOUR GIRLFRIEND?

"Just like that?"

"Yup."

THINK I'LL GO THERE.

"Really...?"

"Yup?"

SETTLE IN...

"What will you do there?"

"Don't you care?"

"About myself, yes."

LISTEN TO THE WIND,
GOOD, CHEAP, FAST, BAD LAYOUTS.
BAD CATS, BAD COMIC.
HOME IS WHERE HE BELONGS BY KEILA MICAL

SAM LIVED IN A GOLDEN WAVE.

SOMETHING HAPPENED, EVERYTHING WAS MISTAKEN.

EVERYTHING WAS HAPPY, EVERYTHING WAS TENSE.

BUT SAM FELT OUT OF PLACE.

HE KNEW OTHER TOWNS EXISTED...

SO, I DECIDED TO TAKE A TRIP THERE. I'M SURE I'LL FIND A BETTER PLACE.

THE WORLD WAS RIGHT FOR HIM.

BUT IF THE POND...

AND A BEER FOUL.

HE HADN'T FIGHTED OFF.

THE LIFESTYLE WAS UNCHANGING.

THE GRASS THAT TURNED SO THAT'S WHEN HE DECIDED TO LEAVE.

SO TO THE YELLOW TOWN HE WENT.

EVERYONE WAS HAPPY IN YELLOW TOWN.

EVERYTHING SEEMED NORMAL.

JUST LIKE THE TOWN SHAWN COME FROM.

BUT THERE WAS A PROBLEM.

EVERYONE IN THE TOWN WAS RUDE.

ONE PERSON COULD BE RUIN.

AND THE OTHER WOULD LAUGH.

SOMEONE WAS MEAN TO SHAWN, AND HE DIDN'T FIND IT FUNNY.

SHAWN LEFT THAT NIGHT SO THAT'S WHEN HE MADE THE DECISION TO LEAVE.

THE GREEN TOWN WAS DIFFERENT.

SOMEONE LET HIM USE SAM'S WALTZ TO.

EVERYONE BUILT THEIR OWN GODUSE.

THEY EVEN PLANTED THEIR OWN LETUS.
Sam stayed at his home in the town, like he did for the others. He felt like he couldn't keep up with their lifestyle being a poor man. He didn't even have enough money to build a house.

So Sam left the house and made the journey to blue town. Sam knew what to expect when he entered blue town. It rained, people called.

The flood in the town pushed Sam out.

Past the Indigo Desert...

And past violet citizens...

Sam then washed up... back to his home.

Sam forgot how much he missed the place. Walking around is when he realized...

He was right where he belonged.

The End
This is question-Mark.

Hi, I'm question-Mark! Do you like direct or rhetorical questions better?

Where am I? Am I really lost?

Naomi
This is Andy.
Hi, I'm Andy! I like making connections and bringing different groups together.

Peanut butter and jelly are the perfect pair!

This is Cora.
Hi, I'm Cora! I like to debate between different alternatives or possibilities.

Which pet should I get?
a dog or a cat
This is When-dy.

Hi, I’m When-dy! I like to know the dates and times things are happening or have happened.

Great news listeners! The county fair is coming back to town...

I wonder when...?

...next week! It will be open every day from 10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
1 in 5 people* have dyslexia.

*in the U.S.

That's roughly 20% of the population.

Growing up I didn't know I was part of that 20%.

In most people, the left side of the brain activates when reading and writing.

In people with dyslexia, the right side of the brain fills in for that missing "something."

Some learning disorders are discovered early in 1st or 2nd grade, like ADHD.

Dyslexia normally doesn't display itself until 4th or 5th grade.

This is because, instead of learning to read, we read to learn, and students with dyslexia begin to fall behind.

Until this time, many students are able to mask their struggles.

Many times I felt like an imposter.

Which is why dyslexia goes unnoticed so often, or is written off as laziness.
I struggled so much in school, but I pushed myself so that I'd always get good grades, except in spelling.

Spelling became my enemy.

I would sit for hours rewriting words 5 times each.

My mom was the first to realize that something was wrong.

Because of the school I went to, I couldn't easily be tested.

But it wasn't until my sophomore year of high school that I was actually tested.

I took a series of tests over two days that had to do with things like letters, numbers, shapes, colors, and order.
The oldest test consisted of pressing the space bar when I saw the letter ‘x’ but doing nothing when I saw the letter ‘y’. This test went on for 20 minutes.

And so at 16, I finally had my official diagnosis.

Hello, my name is dyslexic.

The older I get the more I can rely on technology to correct my mistakes, and the less insecure I have become.

I now think of it more as a fun fact about myself, instead of something holding me back.

Because dyslexia is genetic, I would have a 50% chance of passing it on to my kids, but I know the signs and how to manage it.
to show the most honest version
of dyslexia I know, I decided not to
spell check any words for this comic,
so that it was authentically from my brain.

a big thank you

to my roommates for reading all
my comics this semester❤

Sources:
healthline.com
do something.org
Bailey: Here is the final comic, it has a lot of interactive elements that can only be achieved with a physical copy, I will show everyone how it works during class.
WE'LL NEVER FIND IT HERE...
AND DON'T EVEN THINK
ABOUT TASTING FOR IT!

IT'S QUITE BILLY,
IT'S JUST A PIECE
OF PLASTIC.

IT WILL ULTIMATELY JUST
END UP HERE ANYWAYS.

THE REALITY IS,
THE RECORD ISN'T WHAT
I'M REALLY MISSING.

IT'S MORE.

IF AUNI WERE HERE SHE
WOULD KNOW WHERE TO LOOK.

SHE WAS THE ONE WHO GAVE IT
TO ME IN THE FIRST PLACE.

CITY DUMP

LET'S GO HOME BUDDY.
I'VE GOT A PHONE
CALL TO MAKE.

THE END

BAILEY HAWORTH

HOW TO SEE MORE OF MY WORK:

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ETSY: WWW.ETSY.COM/SHOP/ARTTHEMENACE
LINKTREE: LINKEDIN EG/ARTTHEMENACE

ARTTHEMENACE
Edmund: This comic is dedicated to my mom, who unfortunately passed away 4 years ago due to cancer. I made it into an actual 4-page book by folding paper rather than just drawing on my sketchbook because I wanted it to look like the cards my siblings and I used to do for our mom and dad when we were kids. The timing of this was perfect because Mother's Day was just a week ago and this month is also my siblings and I's birth month.
The things that I incorporated in my comics that we learned in class were panel structures, lettering, poetry, and influences.
I knew it was tough, physically and mentally, but you fought hard, with all of your heart and strength. You stayed strong. Even when things were difficult, you did everything for your loved ones, even till the end. You never became selfish. You are an inspiration to us and everyone. We'll continue to make you proud and love everyone the way you did.

We're thankful to be your kids, it's our honor. Tonight we want to quote 2Pac, "Dear Mama".

Dear Mama by 2Pac:

"And there's no way we can pay you back, but our plan is to show that we understand: You are appreciated!"
Kiana: This comic is a story based on my time going to elementary school in Japan.
SOME CLASSES WERE PRETTY HARD...

LIKE KANJI CLASS...

SCIENCE CLASS WAS SUPER FUN!!!

AND SO WAS P.E.

AND OF COURSE...

LUNCH TIME!!!

"HERE YOU GO!
LUNCH IS CURRY TODAY!"

"OH MY GOSH!!!"

"I MEAN LOOK AT THIS!
THIS LUNCH ACTUALLY LOOKS GOOD!"

"IF ONLY YOU COULD SEE WHAT THEY SERVE US
IN AMERICAN SCHOOLS!!"

"YOU SEEM SO EXCITED ABOUT LUNCH!
YOU DON'T WANT TO EAT ANYTHING ELSE?"

"PEOPLE & CRAFTS BEING MUGS
GET TO EAT LUNCH!
THANK YOU FOR BREAKFAST"
After lunch, we all have to clean!

Clean the classroom, the bathroom, the halls, and the front entrance.

And finally after a long day of school...

It's time to go home!

In Japan, kids walk home after school with their friends.

Lucky for me, the friends I made today live in the same direction as me.

We made plans to play after we go home and put our school bags down.

And so we walked home...

See you soon!
"I'm home!"

"Welcome back! How was school?"

"It was great!"

"Oh, I'm going to go play with my new friends now!"

"Oh, wow!"

"Come back before sunset!"

"Hey guys! This is Kiana! She's from America!"

"Guys look at this!"

"Look what I caught!"

"Wow, a butterfly!"

"We met up at our houses! She really loves our house!"

"We played video games too!"

"And then we decided to go to the park!"

"School was fun but..."

"After school is even more fun!"

"It's time to go home!"

"Bye guys!"

"Today was so fun!"

"See you!"

"See you tomorrow!"

"I'm home!!! What's for dinner?"

"Yay, so that was my first day of school! I can't wait for tomorrow!!"

"This is why you have vacations!"

"The end."
Or at least what felt like heartbreak to my 19-year-old self.
My Favorite Super Hero

It's been so long since I've been here.

The last time I was here, I was...

Oh, yeah...

Oh, boy...

I really didn't mean to talk to you. Back then, I was... I'm so new. And that was...

Oh, hey! Say that!

Wow, it's really been 3 years hasn't it?
HE SAW THE LOOK ON YOUR FACE. YOUR EYES WERE WIDE WITH SHOCK.

ALL WE HAVE LEFT IS HIS CASSETTE PLAYER.

WHAT? NO! NO NO!

WHAT DO YOU MEAN, HE DIDN'T MAKE IT?

THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE!!

HE SAID HE'D COME BACK!!

WHAT EVEN WAS ON THIS THING?

THE TAPE LOOKS WORN OUT IN HERE.

HE MUST HAVE LISTENED TO THIS THING A THOUSAND TIMES.

I CAN'T EVEN READ WHAT WAS WRITTEN ON HERE.

WELL, I GUESS I'LL FIND THAT OUT IN A SECOND.

HE'S GONE? WHERE CAN HE BE?

WANT TO EAT A LITTLE SNACK WHILE WE SEARCH?

THINKING ABOUT ME IS PRETTY MEAN.

OH, I GUESS IT'S DONE REMIXING.

Haha Haha
"Wait, isn't this... HE WAS LISTENING TO THAT MIXTAPE I MADE HER BEFORE HE LEFT?"

GOD DARNIT!

"THE LAST THING YOU EVER HEARD FROM ME WAS THIS STUPID MIXTAPE I MADE FOR YOU!"

SURE DAD

"YOU'RE NOT SAYING THAT!"

IM TELLING THE TRUTH! YOU'RE MY FAVORITE LITTLE ROCKSTAR!!"

I'LL BE BACK, I PROMISE.

AND WHEN I DO, YOU BETTER PERFORM YOUR SONG TO HER!

GONE ON A MISSION.

Yepp...

NOT YET.

WHO IS IT?

THAT'S LAKE DAD?

IT'S REALLY THOSE OLD SONGS?

IT'S YOU, YOU GUARANTEED IT WOULD BE!

SO WHAT DID YOU THINK ABOUT IT?

I THOUGHT IT WAS AMAZING!

I ACTUALLY THINK SHE'D LIKE IT. SHE'S JUST... I WASN'T SURE SHE'D LIKE IT!
BECAUSE YOU TRY YOUR BEST TO SAVE EVERYONE!

WHAT ABOUT WHEN WHEN YOU HIT THE BAD GUYS?

ESPECIALLY WHEN YOU HIT THE BAD GUYS!!

AND WHEN YOU COME BACK FROM THE VILLAIN YOU'LL BE THE HERO WHO SAVED THE WORLD!!

YOU'LL BE EVERYONE'S HERO! JUST LIKE HOW...

YOU'RE MY HERO!

GOOD DAMNIT...