FIRST PLACE HIGH SCHOOL ART

Hope is Never Lost Jiyun Woo, Grade 11 Crean Lutheran High School, Irvine, CA Teacher: Sherrie Lah Survivor Testimony: Hilda Eisen



Hilda Eisen had escaped bravely not once – but twice – from Death. The dove in the artwork represents the Jewish symbol of peace. In the background, Hilda is climbing the fence with a broken ankle while the German officer shoots at her. As she "flies" towards freedom and peace, the dove flies with her, representing Hilda's hope. Her statement – "Never know how I did it" – shows that a miracle happened, as she was able to escape. Hilda's courageous actions show us that, when faced with challenges, hope allows us to maintain a positive mindset and envision a better future. It gives us the motivation and strength to persevere, even when times are devastating. Hope serves as a guiding light during difficult times, helping us navigate through adversity and find the strength to overcome obstacles.