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Breaking Out of Darkness, 32" X 51.5", Acrylic Paint on Canvas

ARTIST STATEMENT

My work is a very representation of me whether it's intentional or unintentional. My work is about my struggles, my vision, and my isolation. It's about me trying to overcoming obstacles and fitting in. Triangles are incorporated in to my work to show the underlying meaning in Christianity as Trinity (The Father, The son, and The Holy Spirit) to represent God with me. Faith as well plays a huge part in my life as well as my work; it's what I base a lot of the things I do on. A lot of times I am bounded by the many obstacles in my way that I must overcome such as having the strength and endurance to complete my work. I always feel that most of the times I have to prove myself because I always tend to see myself at a level below my peers. Especially since I'm the only African American Senior Visual Artist at my School. Having Faith allows me to be hopeful and allows me to overcome these very obstacles that I am faced with. Overcoming obstacles is everything to me. I have to continue challenge myself, I have to continue to see things differently, I have to continue to push myself to the next level, and I have to continue to reveal and embrace my identity — that's what my work is all about.