













## SQUALICUM HIGH SCHOOL Bellingham, Washington

As Squalicum High School students and faculty gathered back together in the Fall of 2021 in a Covid-influenced world, several teachers pursued a grant to create a collaborative sculpture which would symbolize the ongoing process of unity and healing among the school community.

BioDesign Studio volunteered to work with art students and teaching staff to create a kinetic art installation to host 1300 acrylic pieces painted by every student in the school. Inspired by Jacob Hashimoto's art, this ambitious project was novel within the school district and endured a vast array of opportunities

and challenges. In the end, determination and aspiration prevailed, resulting in a phenomenal permanent art piece that will serve to inspire students for years to come. This community art piece not only symbolizes unity and healing, but the importance of engaging every voice in the high school to create powerful and impactful placemaking.

Team: Volunteer/Professional Team included (but was not limited to): SQHS Faculty Kristen Ingman + Sarah Marshall, BioDesign Studio, Architectural Elements, Bellingham Schools Facilities, Bellingham Public School Foundation, Coffman Engineering, Dawson Construction, and, of course, many amazing SQHS art and design students.

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