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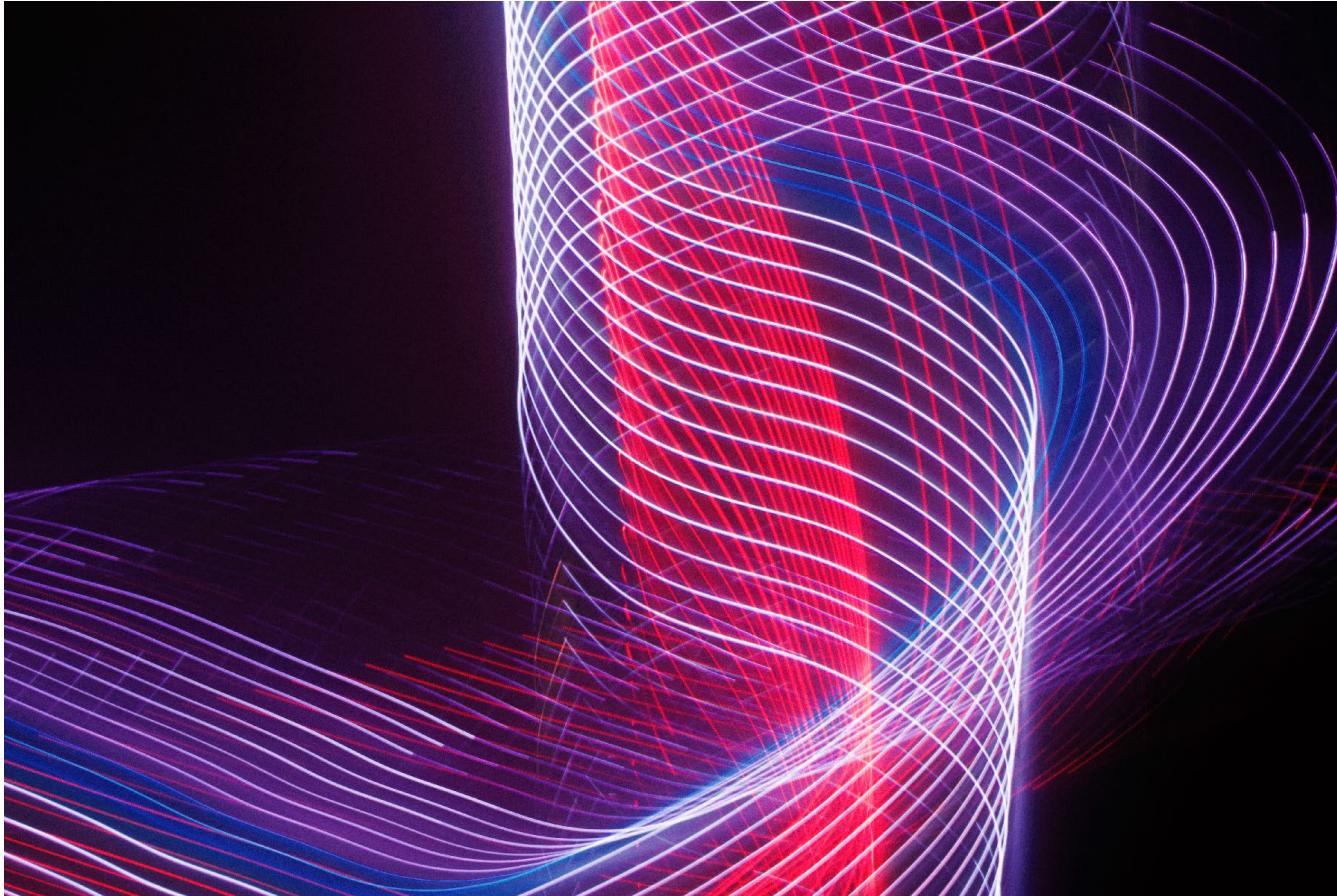


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STUDENT RESEARCH  
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# “Dancing Lights: A Long Exposure Study”



“This long exposure shot of LED strips is one of dozens I took during a study. It displays my discovery of intuitive photography, transforming still dots of light into dancing lines by shifting my camera and body to simulate movement that is inspired by expressionist art. A Canon EOS Rebel with a 5-second exposure time and ISO of 100 was utilized to capture the shot, then edited using Adobe Lightroom to enhance contrast and vibrancy.”



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**A**



# “Synurbization”



“This image captures two pigeons resting on the underside of a pier. Pigeons have been around us humans for thousands of years, and they have adapted to our urban expansion far better than any other wildlife. Even after our abandonment of them because they were no longer useful to us, we can still find them everywhere we go. Taken on a Nikon COOLPIX S3300.”



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**B**

# “Hawai'i Junglefowl”



“Hawaiian junglefowl, descendants of the red junglefowl brought by Polynesian settlers, hold cultural and ecological significance. They were originally introduced as a food source and their feathers were used in traditional Polynesian regalia. Ecologically, they play a role in seed dispersal and soil turning while also keeping the populations of potentially crop damaging insects in check. Without the introduction of these birds centuries ago, Hawaii's cultural and natural history would be profoundly altered.”

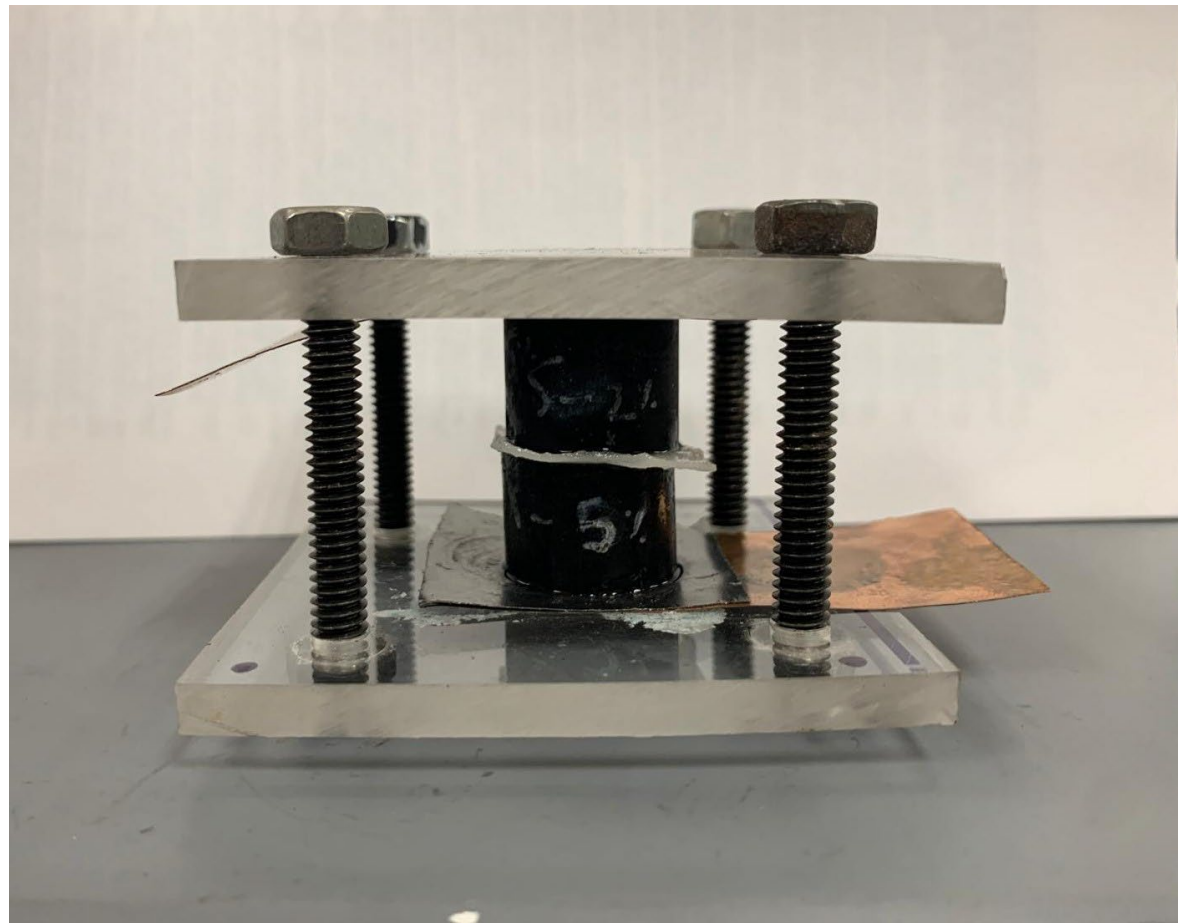


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# “Energy Storing Concrete”



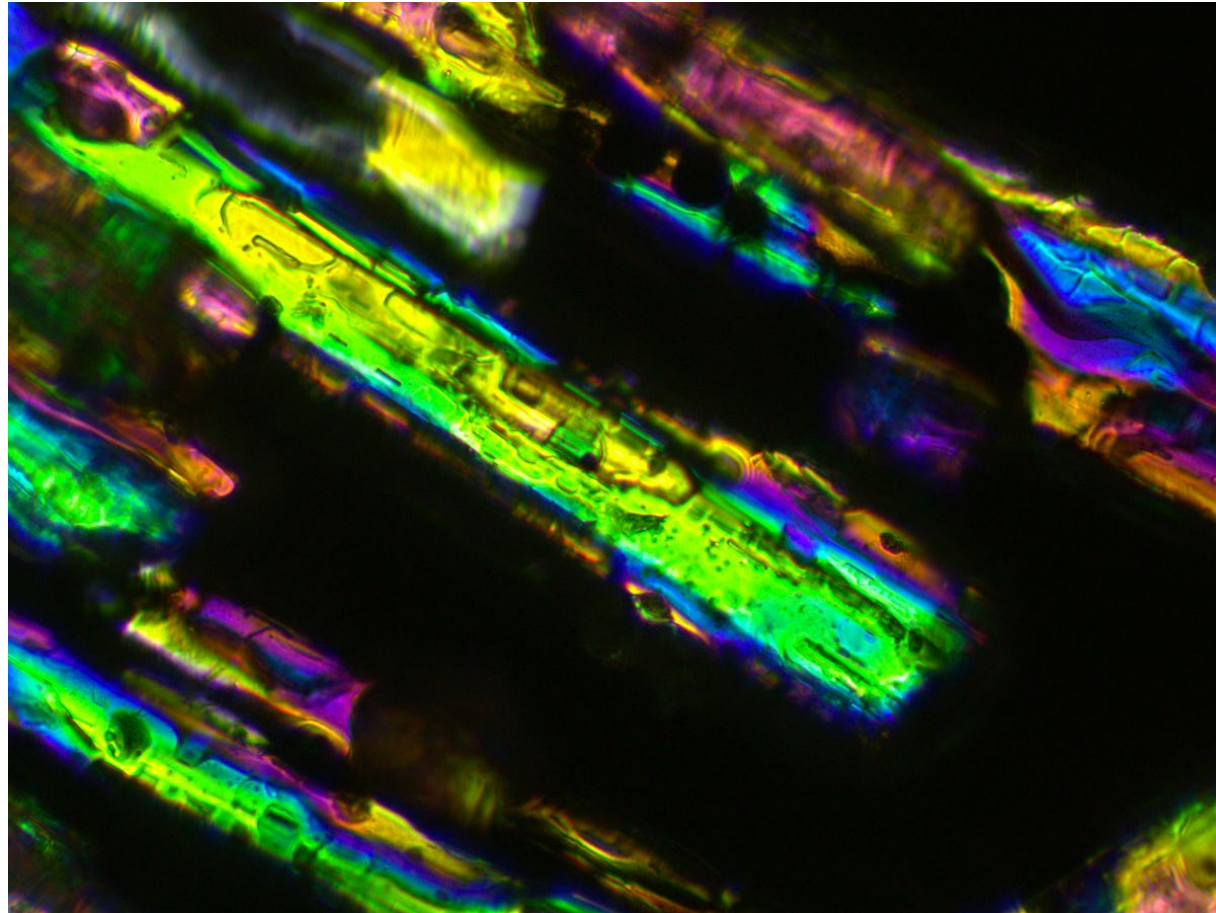
“This image shows a cement-based structural supercapacitor designed for energy storage applications. The setup includes a conductive cementitious composite sandwiched between copper electrodes, held together by an acrylic and metal frame. This research advances multifunctional infrastructure materials by integrating energy storage into Buildings. Inspired by sustainable energy solutions, this device was developed to explore the electrochemical properties of cement. The image is a photograph taken in our laboratory setting, showcasing experimental energy-storage research in construction materials.”



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# “Crystalline Kaleidoscope: The Art of Molecular Order”



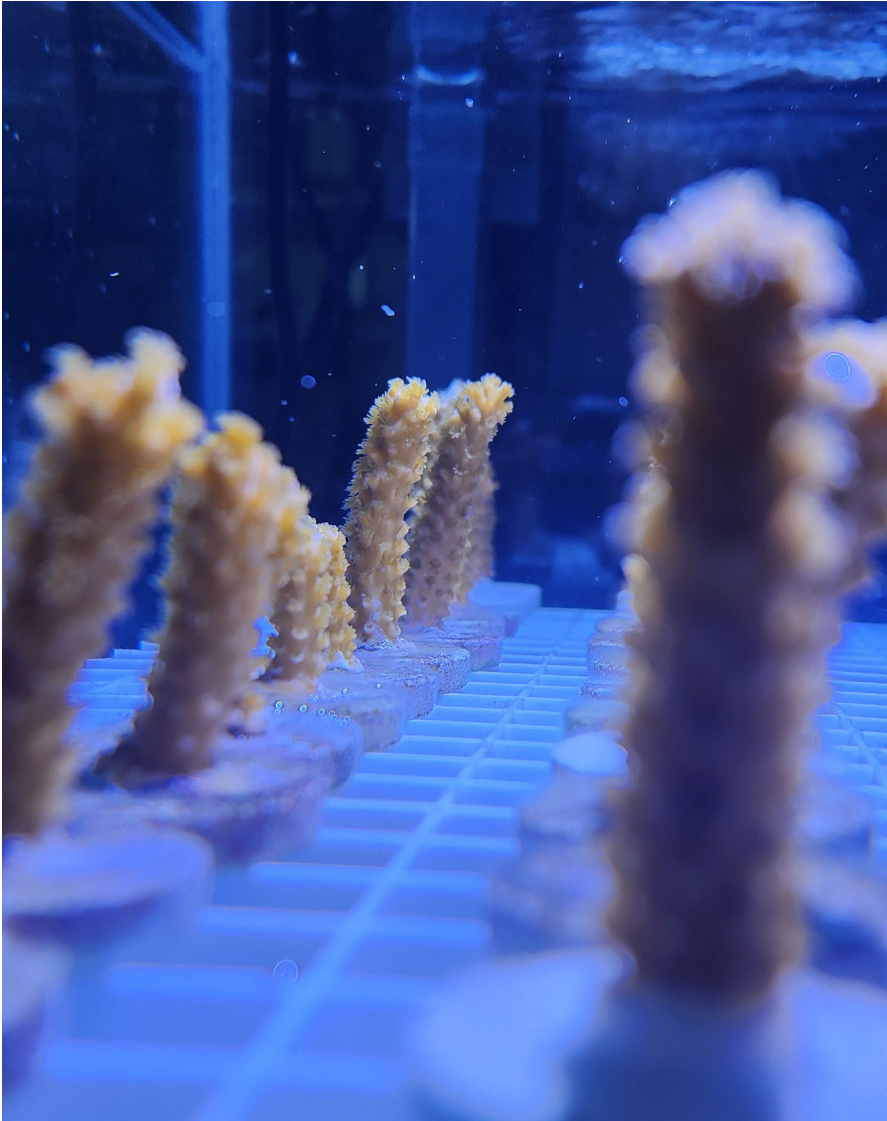
“This image, captured through a polarized light microscope, reveals the hidden beauty of a crystalline structure from a molecule I synthesized. The vibrant colors emerge as polarized light interacts with the ordered molecular lattice, showcasing the intersection of chemistry and artistry. This piece represents discovery at the microscopic scale, where structural organization and optical properties converge to form stunning, natural patterns. No modifications were made—this is purely the molecule’s natural form under light.”



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# “Awaiting Heat Stress”



“The research in this image connected coral color to health in a project intentionally bleaching corals with elevated heat. This unedited photo was captured at the angle and with perspective of individual coral fragments awaiting thermal treatment in a captive, aquarium-based experiment. These corals, through being subjected to stressful conditions by human researchers, contributed greatly to our understanding of how visible coral color correlates to their health responses.”



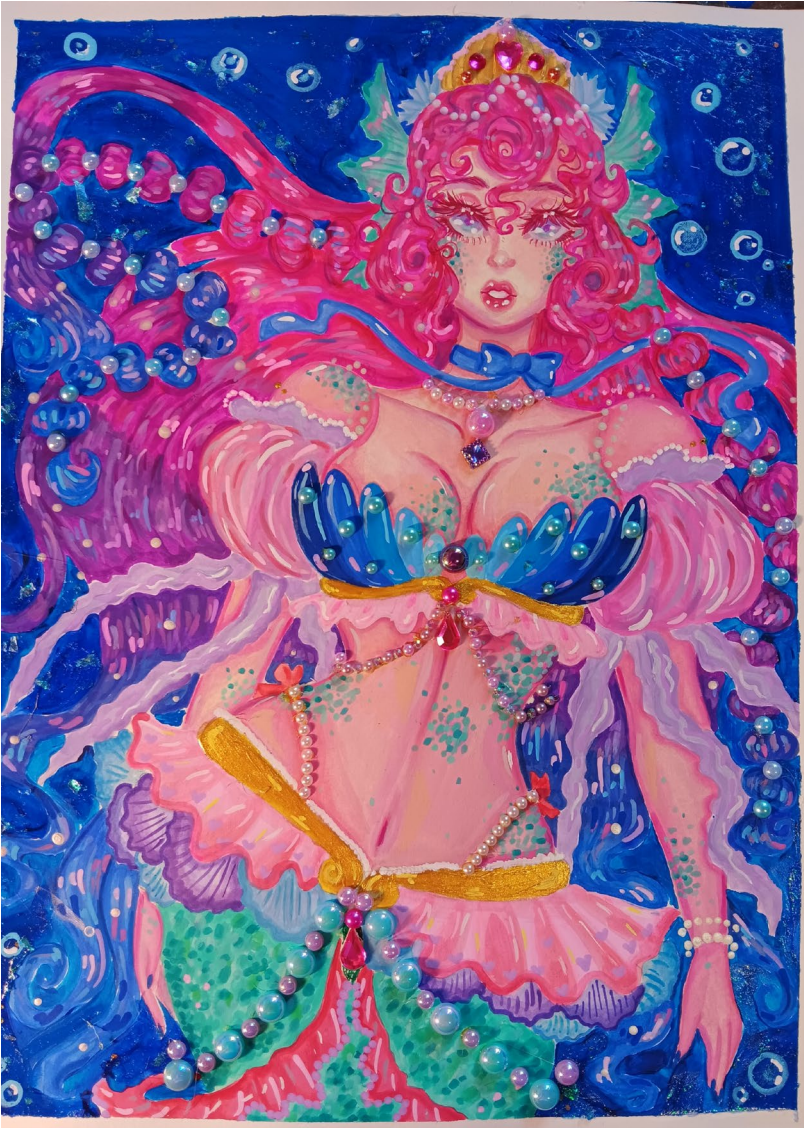
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# “Mermaid Beauty”

“As I dive in Into mythological creatures I came across mermaids I began to imagine them as beautiful creatures full with colors and pearls. My inspiration where mainly the the pearls I had just obtain for free and siren like melodies in my playlist. I created this image with watercolor, acrylic, glitter, rhinestones, pearls. This highthen up the saturation to show the true depth and array of colors. Making this piece vibrant and dreamy.”



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# “Wrapping Up”

“This sunset photo shows a group of coastal enthusiasts returning to land after a long afternoon out in the water.”



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# “Edification of Growing Minds”



“My piece, “Edification of Growing Minds,” highlights the beauty found in all fields of work, with a particular focus on students. The journey of a college student is one of immense growth, fueled by passion and determination. At TAMUCC, students may pursue different disciplines, but they are united by a shared ambition—to shape the world through their talent and dedication.”

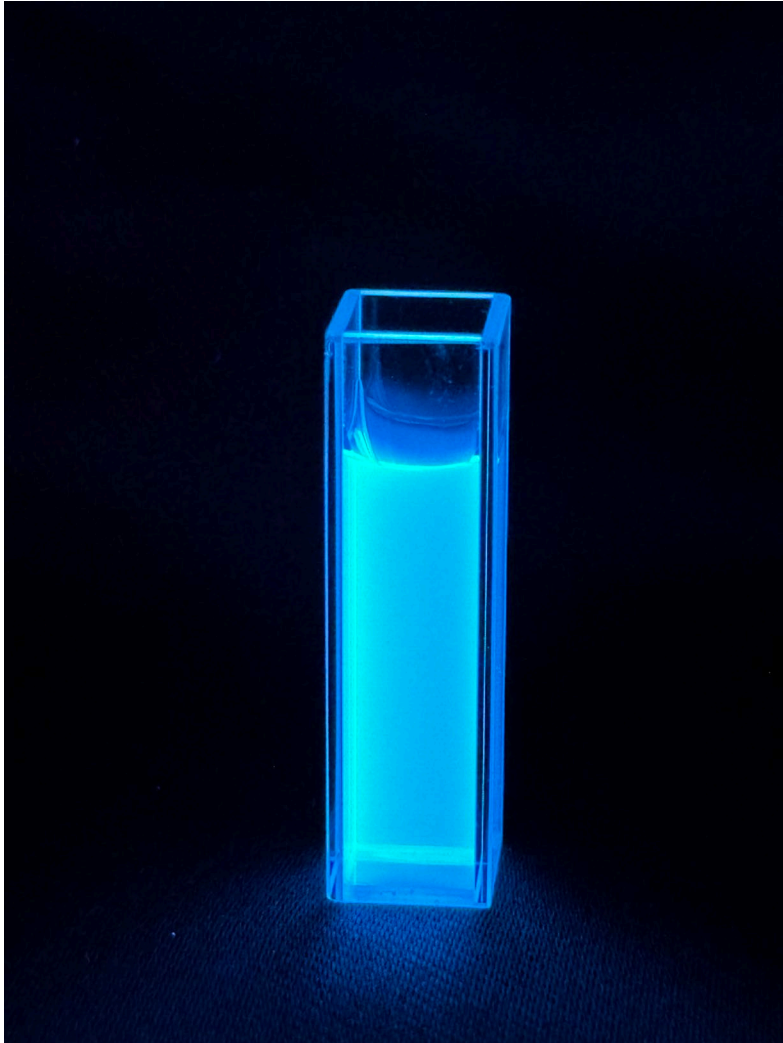


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# “A Fluorescent Snapshot: A Glowing Moment Captured in Time”



“This glowing solution that was photographed in a TAMUCC chemistry research lab reveals the hidden world of molecular fluorescence. In the absence of ultraviolet (UV) light the solution appears clear, however, when exposed, the molecule absorbs and re-emits a visible blue glow demonstrating chemical fluorescence. Inspired by the beauty of unseen science, this unaltered photograph was taken in a dark room to capture the molecule's glow while in aqueous solution. Fluorescent molecules often play significant roles in biological imaging, fluorescent sensors, and materials science.”



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# “Skylines of Peace: A Drone Symphony Above Tomorrow”



“This image captures a visionary night where drones illuminate the sky with glowing peace symbols above a futuristic city. The architecture is inspired by the campus of Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi, blending coastal elegance with innovation. Each drone forms radiant icons—globes, peace signs, and celestial rings—symbolizing unity and hope. AI-generated, the image reimagines knowledge-making as a public spectacle, where creativity, technology, and global harmony converge to transform the skyline into a celebration of progress.”

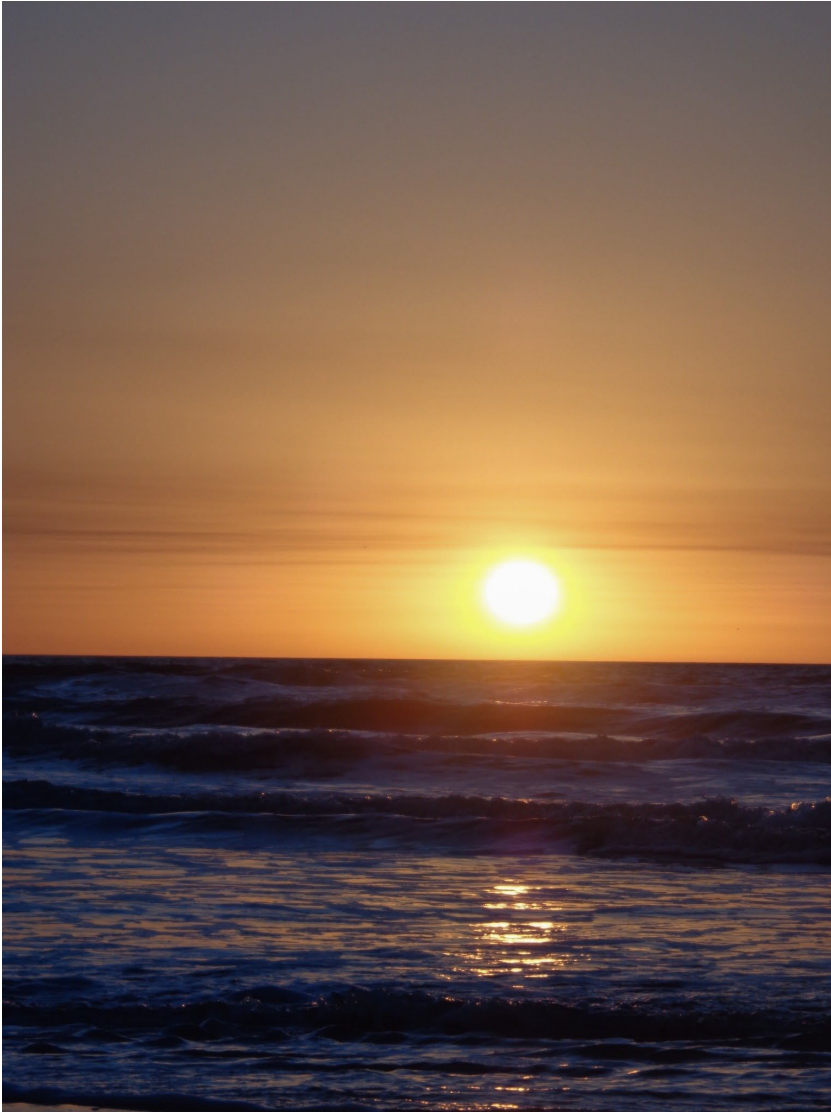


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# “Born from the Horizon: A New Dawn's Embrace”



“This image captures the quiet revelation of dawn, symbolizing knowledge-as the world awakens to new possibilities. Inspired by the way discovery emerges from darkness into clarity, the sunrise mirrors the process of learning-gradual yet illuminating. This a photograph taken on a Sony Cyber Shot dsc-w830. This, a raw moment, allows nature to become a storyteller, reminding us that every day brings fresh insight, just as the sun rises to unveil the unknown.”



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# “Reflections”

“This image is a chemigram, an experimental photographic technique that utilizes chemical reactions on light sensitive paper. Through applying various chemicals- such as hydrogen peroxide, isopropyl alcohol, acetone, developer, and fix- a dark background is featured interspersed with numerous white speckles and dots. Additionally, subtle warm-toned areas, brown and beige, softly blends into darker regions.”



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# “Crown Shyness In Layers”



“Crown shyness is a phenomenon where tree canopies avoid touching, creating distinct gaps in the sky. This photo captures a similar effect with layered palm fronds, where light weaves through the leaves, forming intricate patterns. Inspired by nature’s quiet balance between growth and space, this unedited image highlights the beauty of natural design and the small discoveries that come from simple observation.”



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# “Daddy’s Lil One”



“This tableau photograph captures the bittersweet transition from girlhood to adulthood—a moment when growth comes too soon. It invites reflection on the experience of leaving childhood behind, navigating an accelerated passage into responsibility.”



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# “Nationwide Eclipse Ballooning Project – Kentucky Pod (UK & TAMUCC): A blackout in the sky”



“This photograph was taken by me during the Solar Eclipse in 2023. In the picture, we can observe both the TAMUCC and University of Kentucky teams together watching the natural event during the highest point.”



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