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Harnessing Creativity

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Earlier this week, Cunningham’s students practiced drawing horses from photographs. “Thursday was the big day,” said Cunningham. “My students were challenged to draw an animal that is never still. Today’s lesson was about flexibility and patience as much as it was about learning to see. These are important life skills.”

Elliot and Moonpie were on campus from 9-11:30 a.m. Students were given permission to miss announcements so they were able to immerse themselves in the drawing process for a full hour and a half.

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