



Artist's Statement

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To make this photo illustration of Tyson Jackson, who won NebPreps 2025 Class D-1 Offensive Player of the Year, I started with a black 1080x1080 page on Canvas. Then, I added the "OPOY" text and the text above it. From there, I added my dominant picture of Tyson so I could build around it. I then changed the background color from black to a gradient dark-to-light maroon color to represent Crofton's school colors. When adding effects, I chose glow for the "OPOY" and "Tyson Jackson" text and transparency for the rest of the text. To add additional effects, I used the Easy Reflections app that is built into Canva, as well as the Slice app to add texture. After that I added some slight blur to finish off the reflection. To add texture to the background, I

chose black smoke elements, which I also used to fade out the bottom of my dominant element, as well as the “OPOY” reflection. From there, I felt that I needed more action shots to display Tyson running the ball, so I added the two action shots with the background removed and some more smoke elements to blend them in. Finally, I added the NebPreps logo to show what organization gave him the award.