[***Transcript***]

When he was a student in India, Adarsh Alphons got in some serious trouble for **doodling**.  
But he kept on drawing and eventually found himself **commissioned** to do a painting for **Pope John Paul II**.  
When he moved to New York, Alphons was trouble to find that almost 30 percent of public schools didn't have a full time art teacher. So, he opened up free classes.  
Art has a power to let children discover who they are.  
Every child needs to have a space for them to create.  
When I moved to New York City, I noticed that access to our education was lacking. I decided we need to be the ones to put art in the hands of kids.  
We open our classes in public libraries that are near the schools that need us most.  
Our goal is not to create artists. Our goal is to let kids discover themselves.  
I use art as an escape. I do look forward to coming here every week, and on most occasions, I persuade them to let us stay longer.  
See how you can take it, right?  
After we bring art into their lives, they become more confident. The changes are quite remarkable.  
At the end of every semester, we **showcase** this student's artwork in **contemporary** art galleries in New York's art district.  
I tried to use water to make it darker and tuned for the weather.  
When I saw my artwork in a real gallery, I feel proud of myself.  
That's amazing.  
I hope it sets a **spark** that it's OK to chase after your dreams, but you should go after it boldly and fearlessly, and that anything is possible.

[***Words List***]

1. doodle *vi.* 乱写乱画

e.g. *Shark Encounter* started out as a random **doodle** in my sketch book.

《遭遇鲨鱼》的灵感来自于我在速写本上的一幅涂鸦。

2. commission *v.* (正式)委托 commission sb. to do sth. 委托某人做某事

e.g. You can commission them to paint something especially for you.

你可以委托他们专门为你画点什么。

3. Pope John Paul II：教皇约翰-保罗二世

4. showcase *vt.* 展示（优点）

e.g. Restored films are being showcased this month at a festival in Paris.

本届的巴黎电影节将展示一些修复版的电影。

5. contemporary *adj.* 当代的，现代的

e.g. They still get treated differently from almost every other **contemporary** British band.

他们所受到的待遇与几乎所有当代其他乐队都不同。

6. spark *n.* 灵感

e.g. It has to have that creative spark and joy.

必须要有那么点创意的灵感和乐趣。