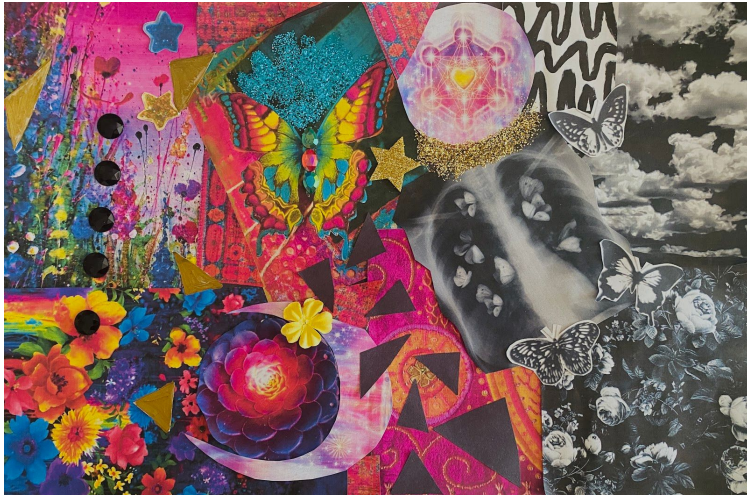


Chaotic Purpose: Identity in Bloom

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This piece encapsulates my inner world and displays fragments of what I perceive as my “identity”. Starting from the left, the piece shows bright colors, blooming flowers, and a large butterfly. The flowers represent growth, and the butterfly represents transformation. The left side overall represents the light side within me. As the piece continues to the right, a darkness begins consuming the paper. Within the darkness, there are dark clouds, dying flowers, lungs filled with butterflies, and dying butterflies flying out of the lungs. The dark side overall represents the dark side with me. There are shattered pieces of darkness making their way into the

light side, representing that the darkness tries to step through and destroy the light. There are also some dark spots (gems) in the light that can never be removed. This symbolizes that light cannot exist without at least a little darkness. In my case, the darkness feeds into the light because without my BPD, I would have never become a mental health professional. The great purpose in my life is to directly impact and help others to participate in advocacy and activism for BPD. The most important symbolism of this art piece is that the light is overcoming the darkness, signifying healing and hope. The light will always prevail.