A person with a beard and a red headband

Description automatically generatedA person wearing glasses and a striped shirt

Description automatically generatedA person smiling with her hand on her cheek

Description automatically generatedA person wearing a hat

Description automatically generatedA person with a head scarf

Description automatically generatedA person smiling with a scarf around her neck

Description automatically generatedA Survivor 47 Player Went On Social To Defend Voting Out An Ally |  CinemablendA person wearing a straw hat

Description automatically generatedA person standing with his arms crossed

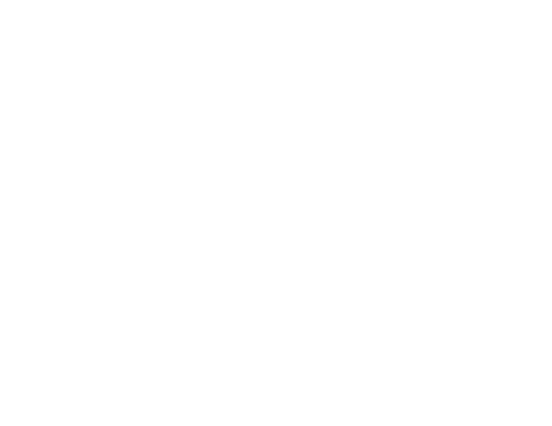
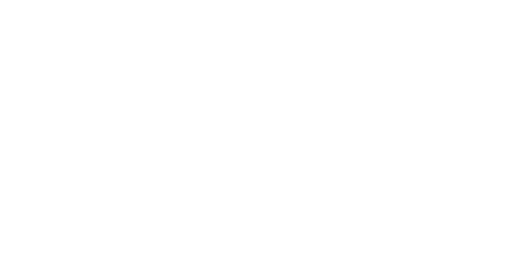
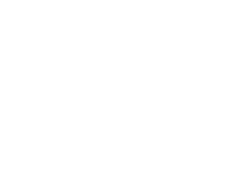
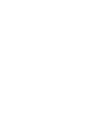
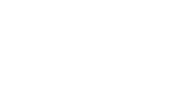
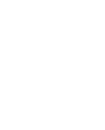
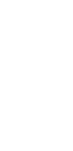
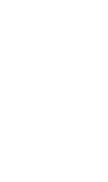
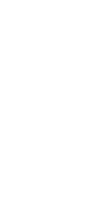
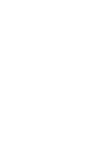
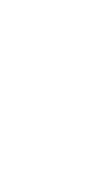
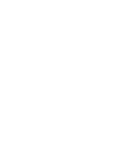
Description automatically generatedA person with long curly hair and a bandana

Description automatically generatedA person in a garment laughing

Description automatically generatedA person with wet hair and glasses smiling

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Change has always been a big factor in my life ever since I was little. I haven’t stayed in the same place, or with the same friends, or same sports team and for a while I was really angry about this. But since then, I have come to love change, to crave change. It’s not that the changes are any easier to deal with, it’s just that I know I will discover different parts of myself and expand how I move about my life. This mindset has been extremely valuable with my move to Philadelphia and into college. The transition hasn’t been easy at all but anything bad that happens isn’t as bad because I know I have the ability to adapt. I wanted to reflect this characteristic in my self-portrait, so I took inspiration from my favorite show: survivor. Adaptability is the most important skill needed for survivor. To win you need to adapt to tribe swaps, unpredictable allies, new advantages, injuries, all while isolated on an island with no food. I think about survivor every day, with every decision, every hard interaction, every gym trip. Survivor to me is a way of life - embracing change by pushing yourself and not staying complacent. So, for my portrait I used an outline of a picture of myself and imprinted different players on top of where my face and body are. The players I chose are some of my favorite players, and some of the most successful and entertaining players. Not every person I put has won the game, in fact around half have not. What they all have in common is their resilience and drive to grow. The start of college has not been the smoothest but, taking inspiration from survivor and my favorite players, I know that the bad times only sharpen me and I’m so excited to see how I will have changed by the end of college or even this year.