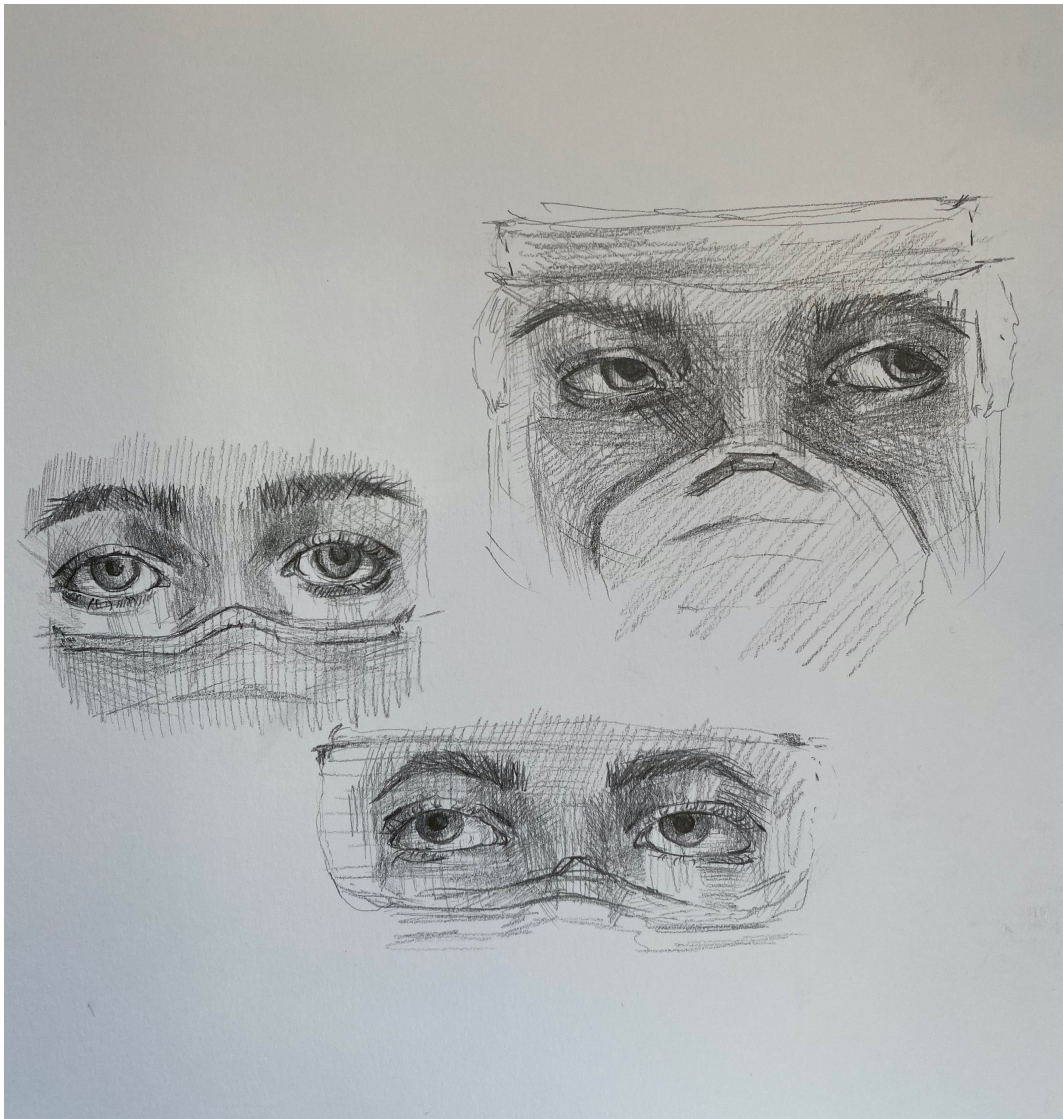


**Title:** Eyes in PPE

**Artist:** Kiah McSwain



**Artist description:**

This concept came to me as I heard the first stories of healthcare workers fighting COVID-19. They were exhausted and resource deficient. I had just begun my clinical years of medical school when I drew this. It is a representation of the frustration that I felt for my colleagues. I believe that the eyes speak volumes, even more so with the heavy guild of PPE that we must wear to protect ourselves and our patients. This piece is also reflective of the new view in which ophthalmology patients see their providers. An ophthalmologist's main focus during a visit is on the eyes, now, so is the patient's. Pencil was selected for this work as it can be easily blended and used to portray emotion without a touch of color. Furthermore, I chose to use open lines to represent the lingering battle our healthcare system still faces against this pandemic.