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Flow

-Pictures-

My project depicts the flow of my life at MIT as represented by the flow of water through a faucet. The picture was taken from the faucet in our photography classroom. The droplets closest to the faucet are my most recent memories, while droplets closest to the bowl are memories from freshman year. Freshman year I took the sailing PE. The sailboats floating along the bottom of the photo reminds me of this experience. They follow the ripples of water, like they would on the river, rather than a bowl of water. Within a droplet in the bowl is also a picture of my puppy at home who connects before, during, and after college. The first droplets entering the bowl are the letters Sigma Kappa. I made these letters freshman year, right after I joined the sorority. SK has been a huge part of my life; I live at the SK house and have held several leadership positions. Thus I made it one of the first, biggest memories of my college career. The next droplet up is a picture at the beach from the summer after my freshman year. I think of this picture as a transitioning picture since it includes friends from my high school as well as college. The next droplet is a picture of me and my MIT roommate of four years after a dance we performed in for a philanthropy event. The next droplet is a picture of me at my first Red Sox game. A picture of my MIT experience wouldn't be complete without a picture representing the Red Sox and the passion that Boston has supporting its baseball team, particularly since they won the World Series in 2004. The next droplet up is a picture a flower made of M&M's that I created with my mom at home over the summer after my junior year. I put the picture larger and more centralized and bold because it reminds me of how important and supportive my parents have been throughout my college life. The next picture is on my 21st birthday after my first shot of tequila. Then I included a picture from Honduras where I spent IAP senior year (I am holding a rooster in the picture!). Finally, the top picture is of me skydiving.

-Techniques-

The sailboats and dog are full fill and full opacity to make them stand out on the water. Pictures within the stream of water are lower opacity and fill closer to the bowl and higher opacity and fill closer to the faucet. This technique was done because I wanted the pictures from longer ago to appear more faded while the more recent pictures which had just come from the faucet (and real life) stand out more. I blurred the background a bit to make the stream of water stand out more. I also accented the edges to make the stream of water and droplets stand out more against the background. This effect also made the ripples in the water held by the bowl stand out a lot.