**Personal Biography**

Xuan (Jingxuan) Zhao is a 2nd year medical student at UBC. For her, art is a medium for personal expression, advocacy, and exploration, be it through visual or performing arts. It’s also a nice escape from lectures and studying! She prefers being outdoors among the trees, but making art is one of the few things that can keep her indoors for hours (or even days!) on end.

**Artist Statement**

“Congestive Heart Failure”. Ink and Pencil. Our impact on the natural environment is like a disease. Current economies prioritize consumerism and expansion, congesting our limited world with garbage and contaminating our air, soil, and water. The belief we have a “right” to exploit the earth (right heart) has led to the rapid deterioration of what is “left” of the natural world (left heart). How long can this last?