Austin Montessori alum Caleb Freese is a mixed media, painting and printmaking artist based in Brooklyn, New York. You can see his beautiful work [here](#). Caleb began at AMS in the early elementary program and continued through part of the upper elementary program (grades 1 through 4). He moved away from Austin after elementary school, and went to junior high and high school in North Carolina, Boston and Washington, DC. He attended Whitman College in Washington State.

Before becoming a professional artist Caleb worked as a whitewater rafting guide in Colorado, North Carolina, South Carolina, Oregon and Washington. He also worked part time as a climbing guide, instructor and certifier for American Mountain Guide Association. He ultimately landed in Brooklyn, where he now pursues his art career. Of Montessori, Caleb says that its “self motivated learning has prepared me to manage being self-employed, and to keep honest with myself about the quality of my work and time management.” That is his dog Ophelia in the picture with Caleb.