

CATCHING HIS DREAM JUNIOR creates sketches for TATTOOS

SITTING IN THE CORNER OF THE TATTOO SHOP, minding his own business, senior Jeremiah Parrozzo sketches a dream catcher.

"I want that." A customer walks up to Parrozzo and asks to have the exact picture replicated on his body.

"It was really profound and humbling to me that someone would want my art on their body forever," Parrozzo said. "I was told by my coworkers to keep progressing and not think that I had made it, that this moment was a peak point of my career."

Parrozzo, who currently works at Forsaken Tattoos, plans to continue moving towards becoming a licensed tattoo artist.

"Art is mainly going to be the way I make a living,"

Parrozzo said. "I will go wherever tattoos take me, but I will stay in Texas for a few years to build up a base and a good portfolio."

Developing both an appreciation for drawing and for tattoos at an early age, Parrozzo's background has set him on track to



meet his goals.

"My dad has a lot of tattoos, and I love the fact that people want to get art on their bodies forever," Parrozzo said.

According to Parrozzo, his dad was even more



excited about the dream catcher tattoo than he was.

"He was extremely excited because this meant that I was going to make something out of myself," Parrozzo said, "even though I had not started using the tattoo gun."

Parrozzo has had seven more requests for sketches created by him, but the dream catcher design will continue to be an important piece of artwork

for Parrozzo. It was a starting point which help increase his ambition to become a tattoo artist.

"They customers loved it," Parrozzo said. "I wasn't the one who tattooed it on them, but the fact that it was my design that they wanted made me happy. And they were super happy." story by Christiana Peek