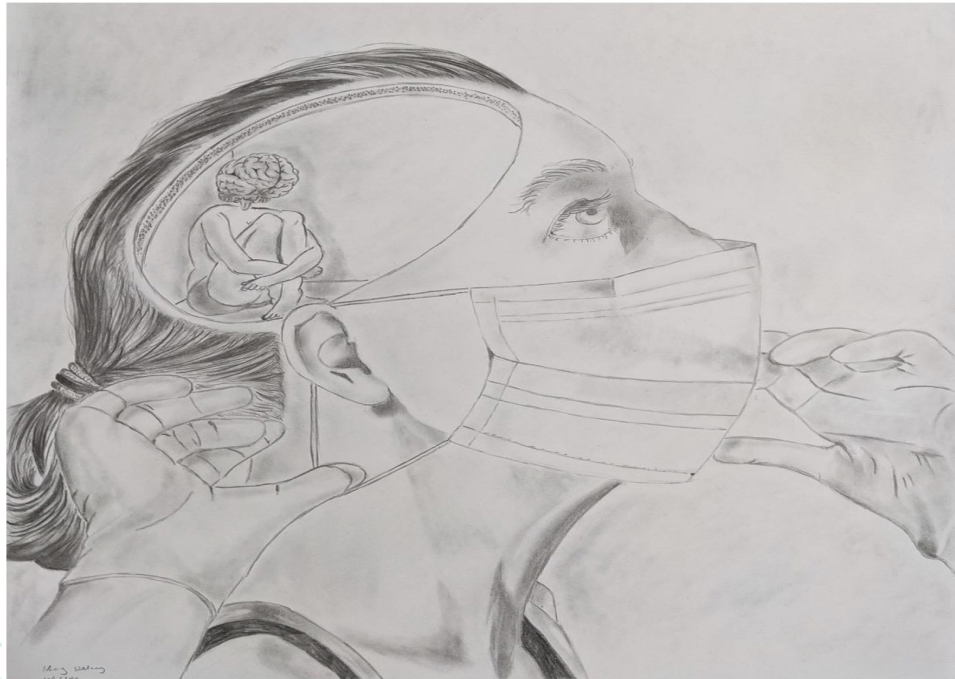


THE MASKS WE BEAR

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This piece demonstrates the mental stress and exhaustion that we have all faced in the fight against COVID-19. The woman in the drawing wears a mask, and carries a brave face looking up and ahead. However, the drawn-out process of the pandemic has taken a toll on her mental health. This is highlighted by the brain personified by a huddled woman in the corner of her cranium. The contrast between her outer and inner self emphasizes the fragility and importance of mental health in a health crisis that primarily causes physiological harm.