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DEBUNKING THE MYTH OF THE “JOB STEALING” IMMIGRANT

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I plan to construct 10 life-size, human-shaped piñatas, each representing the top migrant-dependent industries within the United States, as a way to explore the vulnerability, pain, and resilience of the migrant workforce.

Each of the piñatas will reference body language attributed to unfair working conditions (i.e. crouching, squatting, lifting, sitting), and will be molded using real migrant worker bodies and casts to recreate the experiences of working in the field.
MIGRANT FACTORY WORKERS
MIGRANT AGRICULTURAL WORKERS
MIGRANT FARMWORKERS: SORTERS & PICKERS
THESIS STATEMENT

*Dale, Dale, Dale* is an interactive installation that touches upon systemic and symbolic violence against Latinx immigrants using the traditional act of piñatas to reference the commodification of a community and culture.

I seek to address the exploitative treatment and discriminatory practices aimed at migrant workers in the hopes of deconstructing the paradoxical nature between immigration and the economy, while also humanizing individuals through narrative and shared experiences.
INSPIRATION
UNCOVERING FAMILY HISTORY AND SHARING STORIES
RESEARCH

EXPLORING HISTORY OF DISCRIMINATION AND EXPLOITATION OF LATINX BODIES
DEL MONTE
MINERVA CUEVAS
With These Hands

The Hidden World of Migrant Farmworkers Today

Foreword by Robert Coles

Daniel Rothenberg

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UNDOCUMENTED
MIGRATION PROJECT
JASON DE LEON
PROCESS
TRADITIONAL PIÑATA MAKING TECHNIQUES
MOLDING PROCESS
PAPER MACHE PROCESS
FINAL PIÑATA FORM
Because she became very sick
FINAL INSTALLATION
INTERACTIVE & PERFORMATIVE ELEMENTS
COMPLETED PIÑATA FORMS
ADAPT: SENIOR THESIS SHOW
APRIL 12TH / 4:30 – 6PM
DOWNTOWN STAMPS GALLERY
GRACIAS.
THANKS.