**Digital Signature & Smoothing Tool**

**Image Tracing**

1. Sign your name on a piece of paper. Please make sure that your signature is legible and dark enough for a picture to read.

2. Take a picture with your phone.

3. Send the picture to yourself (via email) or upload it using your chord.

4. Open up Illustrator

5. Start a new document by going to File > New> New document. (You can select which ever size you would like.)

6. Draw your picture from the folder that you saved it in to the Illustrator document.

7. You will now see your photo in Illustrator. There should be a giant blue “X” running across it.

8. Once you have your image in Illustrator. Size it however you would like.

9. Once you have sized your image, go up to the top where it says **image trace** click on the arrow to the right. Select “sketched art, or line art”

10. Once you have selected one of the image traces listed in #9, hit the button **expand** to the right of image trace.

**Smoothing Tool**

1. Once you have expanded your image, you’ll notice that you have *anchor points* surrounding your signature and there will be a bluepaths connecting the anchor points- this is good!

2. Use your white arrow to select your signature/object and then click on the smoothing tool (found under the *shaper tool.*

3. Before you use your smooth tool, make sure that your signature is highlighted and blue!

4. Smooth out your edges with your smoother tool!