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Every snowflake is unique. Each one journeys from the sky to the ground, and its intricate shape is formed by the atmosphere and experiences it has along the way. This snowflake is uniquely McDaniel, created with natural elements from the McDaniel Environmental Center (MEC). Rooted in sustainability efforts, the MEC was developed by students and for students to engage in hands-on learning opportunities. Its fields, forests, meadows, wetlands, and stream provide natural settings for community-building and education in agriculture, conservation, and environmental sciences. This snowflake features the American Goldfinch that can be found making its home nestled among the Timothy Grass in the fields of the MEC during late spring. Serviceberries throughout the property provide a source of food in early summer and oak leaves that fall to the forest floor in autumn provide shelter for a variety of wildlife. McDaniel Run is part of a network of rivers, streams, and tributaries that make up the Chesapeake Bay watershed. The stream is a temporary home to the migratory Eastern Blacknose Dace until they make their way into the Potomac River. It flows through the MEC and supplies a source of fresh water year-round. All of these elements come together to form our 2021 snowflake celebrating the MEC — naturally beautiful in every season.



AMERICAN  
GOLDFINCH



TIMOTHY  
GRASS



SERVICEBERRIES



OAK  
LEAF



EASTERN  
BLACKNOSE DACE