



Jailene Rodriguez Artist Profile 2021

1. **Major and minor, graduation year:** I am an Art major and a Biology and Spanish minor, Class of 2021
2. **What kind of media you work in:** I typically work with oil paint on canvas on most of my work and I do some photography.
3. **Why do you make art:** I make art in this form because it is easy to forget things, and to become unaware of certain topics. Art gives me the voice to be able to still make topics relevant and to make people aware of their own world. It is a form of a voice that is bigger than me, creating art that dissects life.
4. **The artists who you find most influential and why:** In this piece, it was Jeffrey Stockbridge whom I found most influential. This is because his series titled, "Kensington Blues" was created in my neighborhood, North Philadelphia. I have seen and been a part of many crazy things in life but hearing and seeing the images that Stockbridge was able to capture, it allowed me to feel, feel these people and their stories. He spread the content in different forms like videos, images, voice recording, letters, etc. This helps to reach more of an audience, as more people can relate to the diverse and meaningful work.
5. **Briefly describe a recent art-related "Aha!" moment:** I have "Aha!" moments all the time. My family does not have many photographers nor painters, so I am one of the first that is starting up. Anytime I walk around, and I see beautiful things to capture, I do so to create this moment of realizing, well, "Aha!" I see these things everyday, yet I always walk by them yet today I want to capture it.

