

My name is Diamond Chavez. My whole life I've lived in Boyle Heights. I was born on April 12, 2002, my race is Mexican and I am a senior in the City of Angels Independent School which is located at Hollenbeck Middle School. Since this program starts in June I would have already graduated but I'm planning to take college classes as soon as they open up for summer. I always look at the bright side to everything and try my best to make the best out of my life. I don't want to live my life in regrets to holding myself back and not doing anything. I want to experience the most out of everything. When it comes to my education I want to do the best to have my career as a physical assistant. Doing this program will bring me to experience a ton of new things, and for that I am so excited. I believe that I am going to have a lot of fun, but also I will learn a lot too. I don't have a lot of knowledge into this program so everything will be extremely new and interesting. What makes me feel like my life is meaningful is what success I have done, the special people in my life, and the help I can give to anyone. When asked about what documentary I would make, one of my answers was about sexual harassment and such, I myself have experienced minor situations like that. It's really a feeling that one can't get unless they experienced it themselves and it's horrible. When I erased those moments from my mind I really forgot how serious that topic is, and how it shouldn't be overlooked. I wish something had happened in those moments but because I didn't know how to handle it it was overlooked. I wanna do something for those who experienced it too. They should have someone to go to in moments like this. In the documentary question I also said about young women holding themselves back. This is also something I want to talk about because of my experiences. It's not as serious but I do think it's something to be talked about. Other girls just like me have lived through a crisis of who we are. We are confused and are too afraid to go out our circle and be ourselves. I believe this is because of our own self and of others judgment, or should I say what we think they think. A mixture of all three. As said, not as serious, but it should be something talked about. Now about other problems such as family, or race I can say I am lucky to live without seeing prejudice or problems within those subjects. I do listen to my friends problems about it and it frustrates me so much that I can't do anything about it. I want to learn how to help others and inspire others too. I know people my age who are a huge inspiration to others and help others as well. I want to do that also. I really look forward to joining this program, thank you.