

My name is Jennifer Araceli Cordova. I'm 16 years old. I was born on August 19 in the year 2002 in Oakland California at Highland Hospital. I am the third of four brothers and sisters. I have an older brother, an older sister, and a younger sister. My brother's name is Edwin and he is 26 years old, my older sister is Stephanie and she is 20 years old, and my younger sister is Cristal and she is 12 years old. My parents names are Bercelis Blanco and Rogelio Argueta they both came to the United States from El Salvador when they were really young. But I come from a very close family we all love and care for each other we also all support each other. When I was in middle school I used to get bullied and it was really bad and I was very depressed I didn't want to do anything because I always felt so tired. And I also was very quiet and very shy and it was hard for me to make friends so I was alone all the time. But then I started getting into photography and I felt like I could express how myself when I took pictures and edited them and I felt free so that kind of helped me. Then this helped me become more social I wouldn't be so quiet and I would try and talk to people and I actually wanted to go out to places so I can take nice pictures. And when I was a freshman in high school the same thing kind of happened I wouldn't talk to no one and I would just be on my own I was so quiet that I wouldn't ask people around me or even teachers for help because I was quiet and scared that they would judge me. And I through out freshman and sophomore year I wouldn't speak to anyone or try and make friends and then I started taking pictures again and then for my junior year of high school which is now I was able to talk to people who are also into photography and I was able to make four new friends because of photography and we always go and do like small photo shoots and go out to nice places and take nice pictures and post it on social media to show people what we like to do. So I'm a weird way photography kind of helped in two different ways. It helped me in middle school because I was depressed and it helped me express myself. And I'm high school photography helped me talk more and make new friends that I can talk to without feeling awkward or without feeling like I have nothing else to say and I'm grateful and I have realized that photography is something I want to do later on in life. And I would really like to do this program over the summer so I can learn more about these things because I am really interested in everything we are gonna do in the program.