



By Deborah Afolabi '21

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#### Where are you from?

I was born and raised in the Dominican Republic. I came to the USA in 2010 to Long Island NY and in 2015 my family and I moved to Allentown.

#### What organizations are you involved in on campus?

I am a member of the Hispanic Culture Club, I am the vice president of the Albright Visual Arts Organization, I am the Social Media coordinator/treasurer of the World Affairs Club and contributor/member

to the AM magazine. I am also a student committee member for Visual Arts Committee for Albright.

#### Any campus jobs?

I am a Resident Assistant at Krause Hall, I am a student ambassador for admissions and an ELCDC Peer Educator.

#### What are your hobbies/interests?

I am a painter and I enjoy drawer. I also enjoy cooking new recipes almost as much as I love eating.

#### How long have you been in AM and what is your favorite part of teh organization?

I have been in AM since I was a freshman. My favorite thing about AM is the diverse group in e-board, and that contribute to new content for the magazine.

#### What is your favorite thing about Albright?

My favorite thing about Albright is the endless possibilities, I was never limited to do anything I wanted to do, like having two minors and two majors.

#### What is your favorite thing about art?

Art is anything you make it. There is no guide on how to create art or how to present it.

#### What is your preferred art form(s) and why?

My preferred art forms are painting and drawing, as well as wheel throwing, because I enjoy to see the process of how the pieces come together, especially in drawing and making ceramics. You can start with one line and end up with an entire world. Or clay you can start with a ball of clay and end up with a pitcher.

#### What major projects/works/shows have you done/ been in?

I have shown my art work in the annual student show at Albright and I had a piece be shown in the Yocum Art Institute for the Berks Art Alliance Member show celebrating Women in the Arts (won recognition).

#### What has being at Albright done for your artwork?

Albright has helped me become more confident is all I want to do. It has opened doors to so many opportunities.

#### What inspires your work?

My work is mostly inspired by people around me and my culture.

#### How has your art impacted the world around you, or how do you think it has or can?

Art helps me see the world around in

with a different perspective. I notice that I see and notice things others might not. Art takes a new form everytime it presents itself. And what many people don't realize is that art is always all around us, they just have to look.

#### Do you have any advice for future students? If so, what is it?

To future students: take every opportunity that crosses your path you don't know where it could lead you.

#### What are your plans for the future/after graduation?

When I am done with Albright I plan to travel, and get back home for a year to work. After that I will start applying for jobs around the world, and possibly apply to teach English in Japan.



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