

YOU DESERVE TO FEEL BEAUTIFUL

This photoshoot series is a unique experience for children of color to celebrate and recognize their power and impact. This experience allows them to express their individuality, feel empowered by their beauty, see themselves as powerful agents of positive change in their communities, and feel seen, valued, and celebrated for who they are.

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If you could give a piece of advice to a younger girl who looks like you, what would it be? I would tell her to be confident in her skin and to be her individual and unique self. Never let anyone make you feel like you aren't smart, beautiful, or talented.

What's a hobby or talent that makes you feel incredibly special and proud of yourself? It's definitely dance. I've been dancing since I was three years old. I feel proud when I receive scholarships and recognition from famous choreographers and see improvement in my technique.





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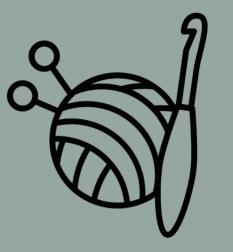
What's one thing about your culture or heritage that you absolutely love and want to share with the world? I love my Jamaican culture/heritage because it's such a large group that allows tons of other cultures to come together and celebrate.

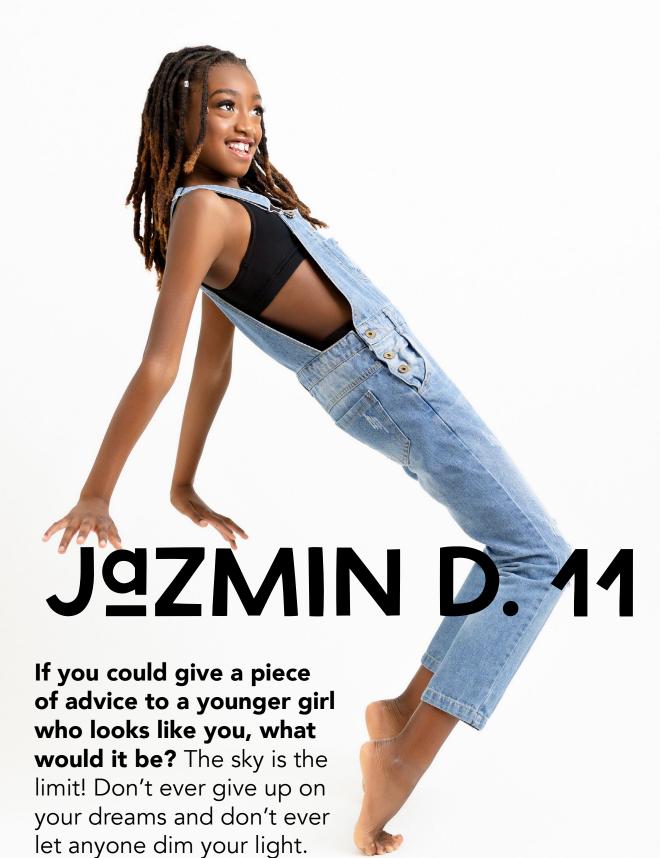




What's one thing you'd like to achieve in the future that will make you even prouder of yourself? One thing I'd like to achieve in the future that will make me even more proud of myself is getting a job in astrophysics. I've always loved space, and achieving that will just boost that love.

What's a hobby or talent that makes you feel incredibly special and proud of yourself? A talent that I have is being able to crochet. It might just be something I learned, but I'm proud because I remember crying while learning. I figured it out the next day and got the hang of it.







What's one thing about your culture or heritage that you absolutely love and want to share with the world? I love that I am Afro-Latina. I get to experience the best of both worlds. On my mom's side, I get to experience the Panamanian and Cuban cultures. And on my dad's side, I get to experience the Trinidadian culture.

Who is a role model or inspirational figure in your life, and how have they influenced you? My mom is my role model and my inspiration. She always tells me that I am beautiful and never change who I am for anyone. She teaches me to embrace who I am and that although our world can be ugly, I never let it get me down; I always adjust my crown and keep pushing because I matter. My mom also used to dance, so I feel like I am following in her footsteps, which makes me happy.







If you could give a piece of advice to a younger girl who looks like you, what would it be? I would say to any girl of color who feels like she doesn't belong with others, "It doesn't matter what you look like on the outside; it's the inside that truly counts. Everyone is beautiful, and the beauty within defines the true essence of a person's heart."



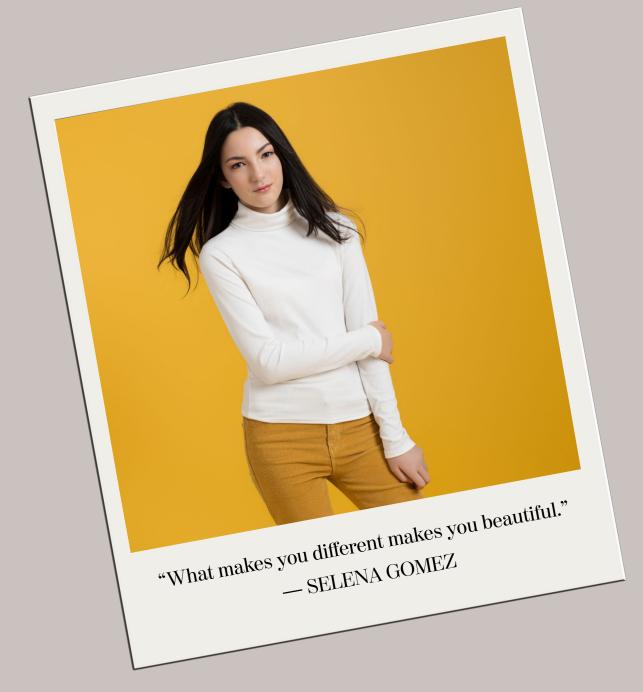


Do you have a favorite quote you'd like to share? My favorite quote is from the song Buffalo Soldier by Bob Marley. The quote goes, "If you know your history, then you would know where you're coming from." This quote emphasizes that understanding your background and roots is key to self-discovery. Knowing your history is essential, as it forms the foundation for understanding and defining your true identity.





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What's one thing about your culture or heritage that you absolutely love and want to share with the world? I love that my Korean heritage is becoming more mainstream, and I can see myself represented more often on social media.

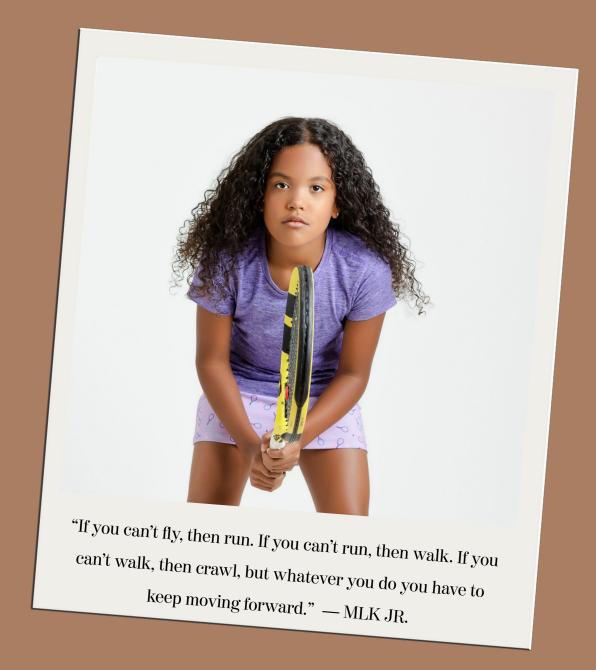
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What's one thing you'd like to achieve in the future that will make you even prouder of yourself? I would like to be a special effects makeup artist when I grow up.

What's your favorite way to express your unique style and personality? I love skin care. I have a whole regimen that I practice every day that keeps my skin healthy and free of blemishes.







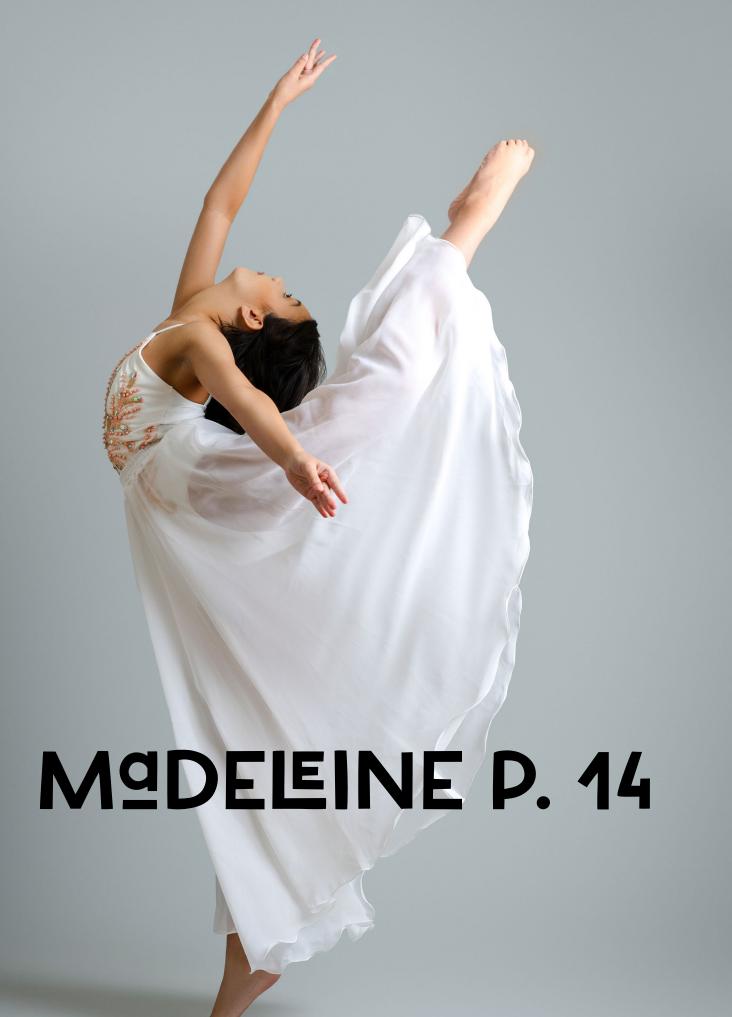
What's a hobby or talent that makes you feel incredibly special and proud of yourself? Tennis. It makes me feel special and proud because I can see my progress through my continued hard work.





What's one thing you'd like to achieve in the future that will make you even prouder of yourself? To become a professional tennis player and a scientist.

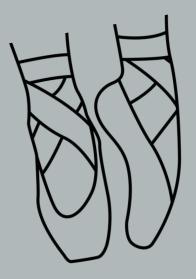






"I have parents and family who will never allow me not to be grounded. If I thought for a second that I could possibly lift off the ground, I have a thousand people who will grab my ankles."

— SELENA GOMEZ







What's one thing about your culture or heritage that you absolutely love and want to share with the world? I love my culture's food because it is very rich and savory. It also helps bring the family together for more memories.







What's one thing you'd like to achieve in the future that will make you even prouder of yourself? I would like to go to a good university to fulfill my dream of being a Marine Biologist.

Who is a role model or inspirational figure in your life, and how have they influenced you? My older brother has been my role model since I was born. I admire his ability to excel in school and his grit on the volleyball court.







What's a hobby or talent that makes you feel incredibly special and proud of yourself? Soccer makes me proud because I went from being a substitute to a starter to playing whole games and making the state team.

Who is a role model or inspirational figure in your life, and how have they influenced you? My mom because she teaches me to persevere through tough moments.

If you could give a piece of advice to a younger girl who looks like you, what would it be? To just keep caring and to never give up.







What's one thing about your culture or heritage that you absolutely love and want to share with the world? The food! I love roti and curry chicken!

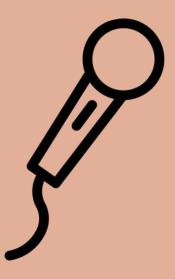


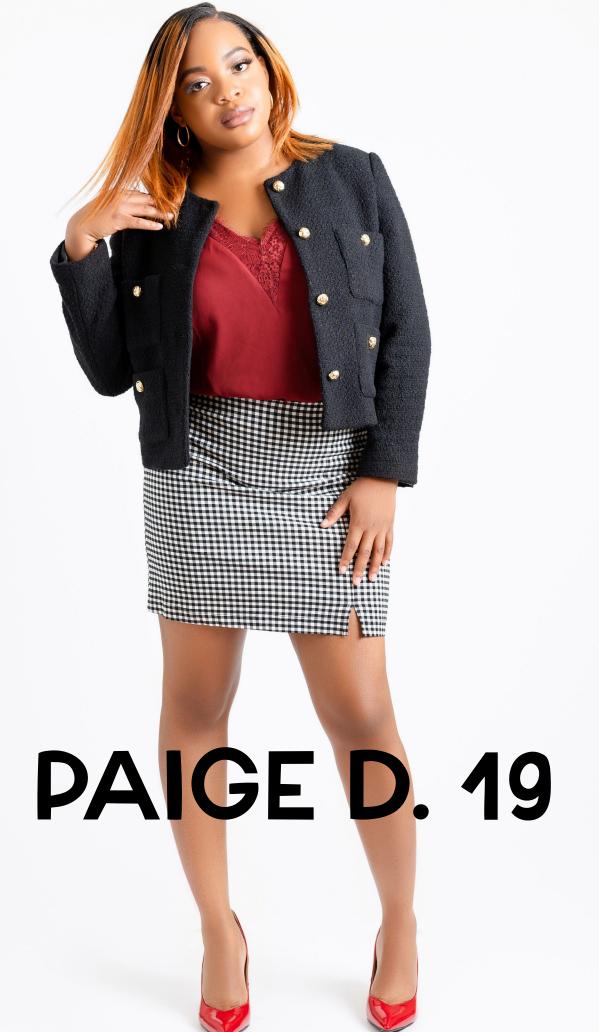
AYEIGH V. 8



Who is a role model or inspirational figure in your life, and how have they influenced you? My mom and grandma. My mom has taught me how to be strong. My grandmother has taught me not to pay attention to negative thoughts or people.

What's one thing you'd like to achieve in the future that will make you even prouder of yourself? To become a famous rapper or entertainer.







Can you share a moment when you felt the most confident and proud of who you are? When I graduated from boot camp, I officially became a Navy sailor. I was so proud that I made it through such a tough time that I thought I couldn't. And to know that the purpose was bigger than just me. It was for more than just me but for my family and America.

What's one thing about your culture or heritage that you absolutely love and want to share with the world? Jamaica is a very diverse country. We have a variety of ethnicities in our country that speak our native language, patois. They may not all look the same, but we are all one people. We love each other no matter if you are black, white, Chinese, etc. Our motto is "Out of many, one people," which speaks to how we view our people and treat each other— especially our tourists. I feel like if other countries were taught the same values as we do in Jamaica, there would be a lot more peace and love to go around. That is what I feel everyone should know about my culture.

If you could give a piece of advice to a younger girl who looks like you, what would it be? You're not too young. It's not too early. And it's not stupid. Do what you know you're called to do. No matter what anyone tries to tell you, as long as you believe you can do it, then it is possible. And when it gets hard, that's never the time to give up. That's the time to push even more. Nothing you want in life is going to be easy. Everything takes hard work. Don't forget to love yourself, take breaks when needed, and never be afraid to ask for help.





If you could give a piece of advice to a younger girl who looks like you, what would it be? The story behind your skin is beyond beautiful, whether there is a noticeable color difference. Never feel ashamed of who you are and where you come from; that makes you unique in a crowd. People like us are meant to stand out and display such effortless beauty.





"Beauty is being the best possible version of yourself, inside and out." — AUDREY HEPBURN



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