**At Penn, learning and growth happen outside of the classrooms, too. How will you explore the community at Penn? Consider how this community will help shape your perspective and identity, and how your identity and perspective will help shape this community. (150-200 words)\***

The digital arts, mainly photography, videography, and graphic design, have allowed me to contribute to my community in many aspects, be it through promotions in student council events to creating a film to raise awareness on plastic usage. I learned first-hand through my curated medical Instagram page that beautiful graphics was a way of drawing in the public attention, no matter how off putting the content might be. Using the arts to attract people towards the sciences, using the lessons learned from the sciences and applying it to art.

With a passion in medical sciences, alongside skills in the arts, I believe that I can continue my growth in both sectors through Penn EduCare, where I would be able contribute to the medical community using my skills. I hope to be able to not only provide graphics, but also become an advocate for deeper understanding in medicine through one of Penn’s many media clubs, which would allow me to become a more well-rounded and global minded individual.

Learning at Penn would give me the opportunity to use the skills I have and gain new skills through the many communities I hope to be a part of. Like adding new layers to the artwork that is my growth.

*Hi Valencia!*

*I think focusing more on the community and perspective/identity aspect would help make this essay more compelling.*

*Right now, I get that you are interested in both visual arts and medicine. I’d love to see how these are connected to the sense of community, and how will your interests help shape the community, and how the community at Penn will help shape you in concrete, specific ways.*

*All the best!*

*--Paul*