

# CALLIE GAINES

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My creative work includes photography and videography. I consider the impact parents make on their children because of their choices in their careers, traditions they carry, and how they were raised by their parents, I believe it is important to showcase the result. My most recent body of work focuses on my father, who owns a clock repair shop with his mother, aunt, and cousin. He did not have a choice on his career, he had to take over the family business and doing so affected the way he raised my siblings and I and the support he shows us for our own careers. These photographs are representational and documentative of the life my parents live, communicating a way of life as they know it, and how they choose to raise their children. With my mother being born in Poland and then coming to the United States as a child, she had a different upbringing by her parents. In these works, I mainly use a form of documentary photography, mainly in color, to showcase the small details of the lives of parents, specifically mine. I also use self-portraiture to tie myself back into the narrative. My goal is to explore how easily it is to be influenced by our parents, and how the way they were raised affects the way they raise their children. In the end, I want to show the result, why I am the way I am because of my mom and dad.