My name is Janice Ramirez and I am a senior at Oliver Wendell Holmes High School. My school offers a class called Independent Study Mentorship (ISM), in this class students get the freedom to conduct research on any topic they desire, whether it be art, technology, literature, literally anything. This year what piqued my interest was pharmacology. I knew I wanted to do research in pharmacology, but I wasn’t sure about the specific topic until I began researching more, and I came across opioids.. As I began to learn more about how opioids work with the help of my mentor Dr. Kelly Berg who earned her PhD in pharmacology, I began to understand how opioids can affect a human's body. The opioid overdose crisis keeps on expanding and many teens are almost never aware of the dangers associated with opioid use or how to get help to handle addiction. Since my ISM class requires us to create a final product on our chosen topic, I decided to work towards writing an article for my school’s online newspaper informing students about opioids. I also want to offer resources to them or anyone who has an addiction problem. I think this is an important topic that many people never really discuss, especially since there are many people out there who need help but don’t know where to go. I hope that by writing this article I catch people’s attention, especially the students in my school. As the years go by, I feel like teens and younger generations are beginning to drift away from careers in the medical field. I hope to bring awareness to the fact that it's important that we stay engaged in science.