

Voices From Within

In the following poems my students ponder their uniqueness. They write about who they are and who they want to become. They think about their goals, their hopes, their dreams. They struggle with their need to feel loved and understood. Through their writing, my students each begin the long and arduous journey of building a healthy and promising identity.

- Robin Rosner, Louis Gossett, Jr. Residential Center Teacher

Over the Years

by Frank

Over the years I became me.
I became unique, like a footprint in the sand, like no one else.
I became me.
Although I've learned things from others
I made up my own colors.
Over the years I became me, like a signature that can not be forged,
I became unique, I became me,
Distinctively shaped, enormously composed of different experiences and things,
Yet I am a single being, I became who I am.
Over the years I became me, like a ball of dust collecting everything I could lift.
But no two balls of dust are the same.
I am me, different, like a strand of hair, like a fingerprint, like a snowflake,
Like a raindrop, like a seashell, like no one.
I became me, like the footprint, the unforgable signature, ball of dust.
I became different.
I became me, over the years I became stronger, greater, different.
Unique, this is what I became over the years.

Goals: Past and Present

By Ricky

I once had a goal to get a hundred on a test,
I got a ninety.
I once had a goal to run a mile,
I ran three-quarters.
I once had a goal to beat my father in a basketball game,
I lost by two.
I once had a goal to win student treasurer in school,
I became student secretary.
I once had a goal to be the best,
I came in second.

I didn't study.
I didn't train.
I didn't practice.
I didn't campaign.
I didn't try.

I once had a goal to get a hundred on a test,
I got a hundred plus ten points extra!
I once had a goal to run a mile,
I ran two!
I once had a goal to beat my father in a basketball game,
I won by four!
I once had a goal to win student treasurer in school,
I became student president!
I once had a goal to be the best.
I am not quite there yet.

I study.
I train.
I practice.
I campaign.
I try.



ImPACT At Work - Students at Myers Park Cleanup.

ImPACT Works For A Better Lansing

By Christian Jones, Grade 9

A new Lansing high School group has recently formed to community service to Lansing and surrounding areas. The group is called **ImPACT** (Importance of Participating, Acting and Coming Together) and it's made up of local youth.

Because we're a relatively new organization, we haven't actually completed many projects, though we've gone to Ithaca to so painting for Ithaca Neighborhood Housing. Some other projects that we have planned include cemetery, park and roadside clean-ups, volunteer work at the Lansing schools and Woodsedge and community events.

The group consists of approximately 12 students and two adult supervisors. Our goal is to enable students to speak their voice and make a difference.

We invite the community to contribute any ideas and to suggest future projects. To share your feedback with us, please contact Curtis Ogden (275-0122), Liz Gravatt (275-5475) or Lansing High students Christian Jones (533-8860) or Shannon Sullivan (533-4721).

The Unknown Novel

By Edward

I like to see myself as an unknown novel.
You pass me by in everyday life
You say "maybe next time," or
"I just don't have the time right now."
I hear rumors going around about me
Just because I live in one section of the bookstore
Don't judge me by my cover.
You don't know what is inside this unknown novel.
There is love, compassion, humor,
There is a book wanting to be wanted.
One day, you are going to come along,
Pick me out from the rest of the books and you are going to say
"This is a good book!"
And you are going to buy me.
You'll lend me out to all your friends
Who will lend me out to all their friends.
Then, everybody will know me.
Just maybe I'll be on the Best sellers' list.
Then I'll have a name like "Lawyer" or "Doctor" or "Chef."
But for now I'm just
An unknown novel.

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	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
May 12-16	Chicken Nuggets w/ Rice & Gravy	Taco w/ lettuce & tomato Cheese Bagels	Shaved ham Sub Hamburger on Bun	Cheese Pizza Cheese Calzone (MS/HS) Bologna Sandwich (ES)	Fish patty on Bun Chicken Patty on Bun Salmon Nuggets w/ Rice
May 19-23	Ribs on a Bun/ Cheese Bagel (HS/MS) Hamburger on Bun (ES)	Memorial Day Indoor Picnic Grilled Footlong Hot-dog Oven Baked Chicken	Grilled Cheese Sandwich	Cheeseburger Pizza Cheese pizza	No School Memorial Weekend

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