

Today and tomorrow are not promised. Not just because of old age and sickness but because of the color of your skin. Justice means that everyone should get the same treatment and be treated equal amongst each other. But that is not always the case. We cannot change someone's behavior, but we hope they will change themselves.

Life is too short to be rude to someone. We should spend our days making new friends and doing what we love to do. Use your voice to help this world change. I go to a predominantly white school but every day I get up and go to school because the color of my skin should not affect my education. We deserve to be taught about the great African Americans who have lived before us and how they changed how we live today.

I have used my voice as a disruptor for good on numerous occasions. One of those times was when I gave a speech to my entire 5th grade about the pros and cons of being a Black METCO student at a predominantly White school. Another time was when I gave a presentation to the school principal and a few teachers on Black History. Also, along with a few other METCO students, during morning announcements we read quotes and stated inventions that were made African Americans.

One thing that I hope you learn from this is that Whites, Blacks, Hispanics, Asians, Indians, Native Americans, and any other underrepresented group of people should be able to walk around and not be scared of being discriminated against.

I want people of my age or younger to know we are the future, and we will make decisions that will affect the next generation. We have the power to make a change. We all just need to know that who you are and what you have done is the past and the past is what leads to the future. So, when you see someone on the street do not look down upon them. Because we have to build each other up before we can change the world.

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