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writing into the future

Milwaukee Urban League

By Crystelle, 7th grade
Atonement Lutheran

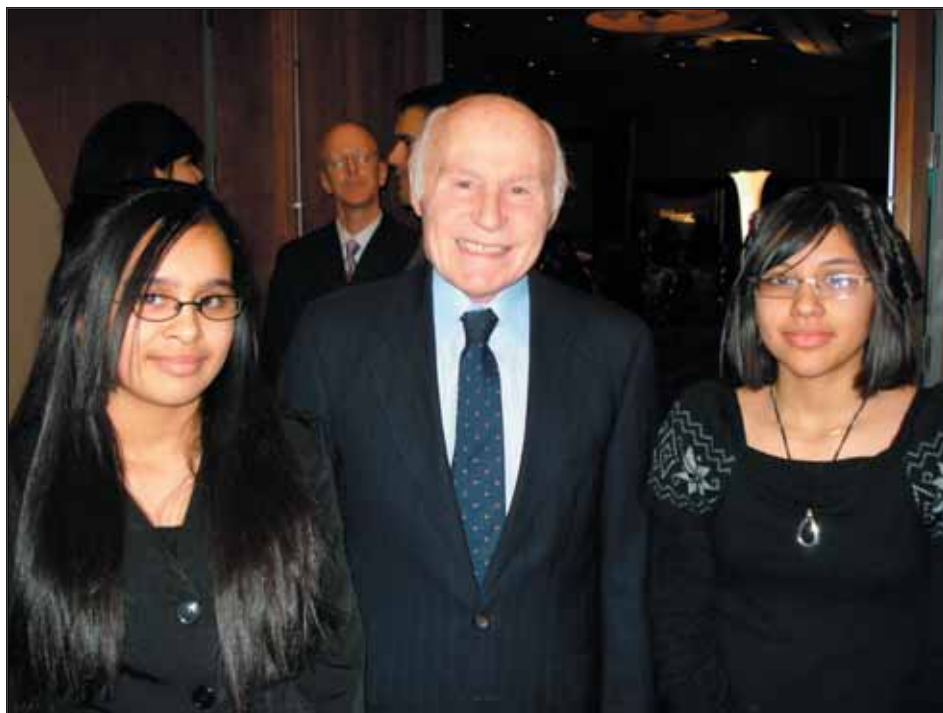
Is it urban? Is it suburban? No, it's Milwaukee Urban League! But what is that?

This program meets once a week at Wisconsin Lutheran College with Pathways to College. The people from Milwaukee Urban League who teach Pathways students are Shaunte James and Greg Fanning.

In Milwaukee Urban League, we have learned about saving money and about leadership. For example, a couple of months ago we learned about how much we should

put in our bank account. Greg Fanning told us that we should put at least fifty percent of our money in the bank.

At a meeting in February we learned about leadership and what we should do when we are a leader. As future leaders, we learned that being a leader we have to be patient and listen to what people have to say. We also learned what kinds of leaders there are and how we should act. In this program I expect that we are going to learn a lot more information that are going to apply to our life.



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Briana Barillas and Maria Almarez meet Senator Herb Kohl at the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of Wisconsin Banquet in January 2009. *Continued, HCCW BANQUET, back page*

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Pathways joins St. John's Military Academy

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You may think Pathways just meets at Wisconsin Lutheran College, but St. John's Military Academy is a new meeting space for us! St. John's has so many things for

Pathways students to do.

First, there is an obstacle course where the military students show us how to practice. The obstacle course is filled with ropes, logs, and walls to climb. There is also a swimming pool.

Once when we visited we built rafts in the pool and we got to sail on them until some self-destructed. Then there is the scary part...the 43-foot rappelling tower! My first time getting on the wall, I climbed up and looked

down in awe.

We climb up using rocks and jump down with a rope and harness. Lastly, the food is delectable! We pray and then we line up (Pathways first) to eat these assorted foods that they make for us.



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Left: Ebony Hayes and Danielle Jones, in the pool at St. John's Military Academy. Right: St. John's and Pathways students build pool rafts.

A visit from Still Waters Poetry Group

By Lauren, 7th grade
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On February 21, 2009, we at the Pathways Program were graced with the presence of a Spoken Word artist from Still Waters Poetry. Dasha Kelly recited a poem called "Celestial," which was a favorite about how people have tried to put her down and look down on her and discourage her. It was also about how she would look at them and laugh for how they were acting and how

she would never let them get her down.

Many students received a sense of pride and encouragement hearing how she could look at the actions of people who put her down and succeed despite them. Students who heard felt that they could succeed, too.

Dasha Kelly, an experienced writer, founded Still Waters Poetry, a group that builds empowerment through the spoken word art. During her visit

to Pathways to College she brought Ainsley Burrows. He recited a poem he wrote called "Prada Baby," which was about all the material things that people want but that do not last, like wanting a designer purse. He is also very talented and focused on the obvious issues in people wanting so many material things.

After Dasha Kelly and Ainsley Burrows recited their poems, the students of the Pathways Program

got to work with them.

The students wrote down smells they liked, things they would miss, things they would look forward to and more. After doing so, they combined their answers and read aloud, creating a very cool poem! Everyone had fun in the workshop and it kept everyone's attention. Thank you to Dasha Kelly, Ainsley Burrow, and the Pathways program for allowing such a great opportunity.

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YOUR FUTURE IN YOUR HANDS

Introducing: Freedom to share opinions

By Lauren, 7th grade
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I think kids should have more freedom to do things - who says the freedoms that most adults have don't apply to us? One example is freedom of speech. Why can't we express our opinions?

When I don't like how something is going, I talk about it. People say that if you don't like something change it. Well, how can I, if you put me in a box? So let's explore teens' minds, what they think, how they

think, and their opinions on everyday things.

I asked a few students about what they think of the stimulus package and how some people are reacting toward our new president's idea and plan.

Billie from Atonement said, "I think that people should be more willing to listen to his ideas instead of judging right away." Thanks Billie, your opinion is important! I asked Alexis from Atonement the same question and she replied, "I think people

are reacting negatively towards it. Telling people you disagree with something is fine but they are totally going about it the wrong way." Alexis, your opinion matters.

Next, I asked an adult what his favorite song is and he replied, "Battle Hymn of the Republic" then I went on to ask a teen what her favorite song was and she replied, "'Diva' is my favorite song."

Though their opinions in music are different, both opinions matter the same.

It should be the same way in everyday life. Both of our opinions matter. As young people, we hardly ever get a say so in these "FREEDOM" articles, I would like to interview more kids and get their takes on everyday things.

If you have something you would like to voice, send a letter or talk to me in person and it will be in one of my articles! And remember everyone has the right to an opinion and the right to voice it!

A lesson in domestic violence

Billie, 7th grade
Atonement Lutheran

I am very positive that you have heard about the "Chris Brown and Rihanna" story. I bet you know this story so well you can say it backwards. You probably have your take on the story as well.

Now, I have a question for you. Do you know about domestic violence? Do you know about domestic violence so well that you could say it backwards? What is your take on it? How about this question: How can you stop it?

Domestic violence is when someone tries to control you by abusing you either verbally or physically. Usually, when people (especially children) see domestic violence continuously and do not talk about how they feel about the situation, they lash out at their loved ones later on in life.

Chris Brown is an excellent example. When he was a young boy, Brown's stepfather used to abuse his mother. When Brown got in the argument with Rihanna, his anger possibly came out from his past

which made him lash out at her.

If you know about domestic violence happening anywhere, do not keep it to yourself. Here are some ways that you can stop domestic violence:

- Know what domestic violence is.
- Speak up if you see domestic violence. Talk to a trusted adult or friend about it.
- If you are in a relationship and your boyfriend/girlfriend is abusing you, let them go! If you can't do it alone, ask for help from trusted family mem-

bers, friends, etc.

- Stay encouraged! You are a beautiful child of God, and don't let anyone tell you different!

- If you want more information, go to www.ndvh.org. The National Violence Hotline website gives information about recognizing, avoiding, and escaping abuse.

Domestic violence will give you nothing but hurt, grief, and oh yeah, jail time. Don't end up with an ending like Chris Brown and Rihanna. Stop the cycle of domestic violence.

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- St. Marcus

Book club teaches valuable lessons

By Dante, 6th grade
Carver Academy

If reading is not your thing, try to read something that you like. Don't think of it as reading; think of it as something you are doing. I'm in a book club with a few other kids in the Pathways program. We read a book titled *Safe At Home* by Mike Lupica. In this book there's a boy named Nick, and he loves to play baseball. The problem with Nick is that he's bad at school.

but it's just not working.

Nick is on the varsity baseball team. At first he is not as good as all the boys, but that changed when he helps the team win one of the biggest games of the season.

After Nick helps win the game, his grades go up. The guys on the team still are mean but not as much. The next game the team wasn't that lucky.

Nick starts to mess up again. Then the coach comes to Nick's house and talks to Nick and tells him

team. Zane is his name, but Nick isn't scared. Nick is the one who makes the winning play. Then Zane comes and gives Nick a handshake. When Nick's team sees Zane giving Nick a handshake, they start to treat him with respect.

This book made an impact on me because it showed me that I am lucky to have my real parents. I'm also lucky to be in the Pathways to College program because, like the book, the program teaches me the importance of good grades and friendship.

Pathways gets to Know Thyself

Learning personal betterment

By Alexis, 7th grade
Atonement Lutheran &
Treesa, 6th grade
Christ-St. Peter Lutheran

Know Thyself is a very fun part of Pathways. Ms. Williams, Ms. Tatum, Ms. Staff, and Ms. Fitzgerald teach Know Thyself. They are encouraging and loving people, and are a very important part of Pathways.

They teach you skills about everyday life like manners, how to set a table properly, and cell phone etiquette. We also have a pledge, which we recite every time we come, that talks about our dedication to the program and what it means to us.

We learn something new every time we meet. Our topic that we have

been discussing lately is the Chris Brown and Rihanna domestic violence situation. This topic is something that is taken very seriously. These two people are role models for kids today as singers, and it is important to understand what happened and how to avoid it in our lives, too. The Know Thyself teachers tell us that it is very abusive and have taught us signs to look for.

They give us very important advice that can be used in everyday life.

The teachers in Know Thyself are very kind and caring people. We learn important life skills through Know Thyself, like all the programs at Pathways to College.



2009 by Kelly Gilbertson

Ashley Campbell, a Wisconsin Lutheran College junior, teaching the Book Club with 6th graders from Carver Academy.

When Nick was growing up, he was an orphan. When I heard that I started to understand why he was so bad in school. But that's not a reason to act irresponsibly. His foster parents are trying to help,

he might have to go back to the junior varsity baseball team. Nick gets one more chance. This game is the championship of the season.

The best player in the state is on the opposing

HCCW Banquet

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In January of 2009, two Pathways sixth graders, Briana Barillas and Maria Alvarez, had the opportunity to attend the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of Wisconsin Annual Banquet.

It is the premier Latino event in Milwaukee and was held at

the Midwest Airlines Center. The girls were able to meet and speak to Milwaukee Police Chief Ed Flynn, President of the HCCW Maria Monreal-Cameron, Judge Phil Chavez and Senator Herb Kohl.

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*This issue's
sidewalk:*

*If your actions inspire others to
dream more, learn more, do more
and become more, you are a leader.
~ John Quincy Adams*

Milton's Message:

By Milton Cockroft
Pathways to College Director

First of all, Kelly Gilbertson, Assistant Director of Pathways to College, and I would like to congratulate all of our Pathways scholars on completing another academic year. We are proud of the great things that all of you are doing in each of your schools!

We would also like to thank our students who wrote the newsletter. Your efforts with the articles and your commitment to learning, even on Friday afternoons, have made us proud of you!

We are looking forward to seeing all of you at the Summer Program in July!

A Special Thank-you

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