

CALVERT CITY'S YOUTH VOICE MONTHLY WRITING CONTEST

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THIS I BELIEVE

By Skyler Ford

I believe that people should use every bit of their potential and not waste a drop of it, so they can be the best versions of themselves. When you look in the mirror each day, you are looking at your competition. Whether it's in school, in sports, in work, or in doing a tedious task such as cleaning up a mess, people should give it their all.

I have believed this from a very young age. In fact, I can remember as far back as when I played little league baseball, and I was just a small tot. One could say that I wasn't a shining star, but I would always make sure that I gave it my all every time that I played. I have continued to carry this philosophy with me throughout my life, and it is just as much a part of who I am as my fingerprint.

Everyone's ability to find their unique potential and to make personal progress toward their own ultimate level of greatness is the best way to measure success. Instead of comparing yourself to other people, your potential is what you should strive to meet. For instance, compare yourself to how good you were at something the last time you tried it. Just yesterday, I beat my lap time in P.E. by 40 seconds from last week, but you can do this for other things as well, not just in physical activity. Maybe see how much better your school grades can get, or see how you can help around the house more. Try to be just a little bit better than you were yesterday, and as long as you are making progress, you are making yourself better. Even if you are slow as a turtle, the turtle will eventually get to the top of the mountain if it keeps moving forward instead of simply doing nothing.

As you can see, simply doing these little things will lead to you giving more and more effort in everything that you do in life, and it will lead to you becoming the best "you" that you can be. You must unlock your potential the same way that I strive to do all the way back in little league until this very day; this I believe.

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