Wishing that she was here to listen As I gage upon her beauty while reminiscing of a love so true, it compels me to think of you Not knowing where you are, do you think of me? How far are you? Oh love come set me free

Wondering why you have left and abandoned me I feel alone waiting at the alter down on bending knee As I stand falling into darkness, I will never forget love at its hardest Never to forget, I will always think of you To the love I miss, but didn't come through

#4: The Silent Killer

Its no spectical so it ain't no thriller

You never know where or how it comes Sneaky and quiet, it all seems to go Respect the body, respect the mind, respect the soul or be sent down into the deep dark abyss of out of The bible teaches love, not death, so respect yourself and all that is left I wonder, would you like to live on the next his story or go about living to see history? Death has no name, it does not lead to Hollywood fame, so live life respectfully without all the shame

I watched death take one I loved I hope and pray she's with the most High up above, The silent killer that doesn't sleep day nor night

Please make sure you do your best with respect and do right The silent killer is of many things, live right and remember what serving God brings Not death, but life So please live right. **#5 Deceive You Not** If I lied to you and hid the truth,

l ask, "Would that make life better for you?" To hold back all my wrongs and terror, Would I be considered a fox, oh so clever, Deceive you is what I won't do,

Because I know in my heart I want better for you, I'd rather be honest and tell you the truth, Because if you heard it from someone else, I don't want to see the disappointment in you. Deceive you is what I won't do, Because I don't want my past to be apart of you, My secrets are to share,

So from my mistakes you learn from and know through my honesty I truly care, Deceive you is what I won't do, Because of my love, honesty, and loyalty I will always want the best for you, Deceive you I won't do, Because you are apart of me and I you, for that matter my love and honesty will remain true #6 Missing You

There is not a day that passes by that I am not thinking of you, Patiently awaiting the days of joy just to see you, Wondering when that day comes too,

Until then I am missing you Sorrow and heartache flew through the mind as I patiently await that time to see my beautiful child But until then all I can say is that "I am missing you."

As my thoughts travel in the midst of my mind, I unravel the deepest thoughts to find, Filled with emptiness and longing for love to find, I sit at this window as the sunshines watching as time Wishing I was there by your side, knowing you're in pain brings me shame, but I know within I can't cry Standing strong is all I can do, but I know deep down inside I am missing you, Mom, are there any words of hope I can say to you, I wonder, but I know beyond my soul, as of right now there is nothing I can do,

I wish that I could reach beyond there windows and bars just to get to you, but I've come to realize that without God answering a prayer, as I said, "there is nothing I can do," In all reality, all I can do is sit and watch as time passes by and think of you because in my heart I truly care in policibilities and No direction, no restraints, no bars, Just you floating high in the sky,

No one telling you when, how, why or what to do, All total con troll is up to you, No lines determine how far you can go, No specific color or race can stop your flow, As free as the wind your heart is able to go, There no limitations on what you say or what you do, You ask, "what is this?"

Free as can be is what awaits for me,

A feeling that should be cherished and enjoyed, rich in fulfillment in love and joy. This is what it means to be free.

Why put a title on everything, is it as you say it is, no that's what it means, Can you honestly label a relationship and know that its true, no what do you do if they cheat on you, Can you honestly claim love at first sight, not knowing that the person is mentally or spiritually right, Do you wonder as much as I do, I guess my conclusion is true, We live life in hope, if you know what I mean, walking around putting litter on things,

Hoping that all decisions and choices are good and true, so we don't have to talk around feeling sad or Which means life is all a risk, don't rush into anything, not wen that first kiss, Sit back relax and enjoy the ride, don't be afraid, be smart and don't go to far to the wild side, Take a minute to yourself and ask God about what's important in life to you, then decide what to do,

Put god first in all you do and in the end he will see you thru. As I ponder on relationships of old, I find myself in deep reminiscing down to the soul, Of a lovers part of many, but then to remember why sometimes this one lover feels so empty and alone As I contemplate on what love may seem or support to be, I am beckoned to terms of how much deeper

When I realized what love was to me, I noticed that it's part more than mere words for me, Love is deep, love is passion, but it is something that is rare, but true to find and everlasting, I don't comprehend why love is treated like a game, until you realize how bad you hurt that special someone and walk away in shame.

The 50th Anniversary, March on Washington

As a young, man I feel that it is

and what does it mean to you!

very important that we as people

storted by Martin Luther King and

so many others. To me it signifies

rights and the end of segregation.

To believe that the morch on washington

shows how real unity in the community

or major contribution to human

was suppose to be! The march on

we be as a people today?

washington is significant because if it

was not for that march where would

I must also inform you that it

saddens me as well because as

a young mon who knows about the

historical contributions made for

us as a people to get where we are

How has the John Jay Prison To College Program benefited me?

opportunity to attend college upon release I immediately applied. Going to college

is something that I wanted to return to for a long time. My plan was to do so once I

or may not be transferred in the future, which depends on the individuals major. I

never participated in a prison college program, because I felt that I would be

taking classes that have nothing to do with my career interest. This program allows

me to strengthen my skills in core classes, and when released I will be offered the

classes, and improve our academic skills. The program also provides a workshop

that teaches us about thoughts and behaviors students may have that can get in the

way of him or her being successful. This program is preparing all of us to be

released from prison. College initiative will help us with Financial aid and/or

tuition payment planning, scheduling, and tutoring. This assistance is essential for

any college student. The program will also connect us with Osborne agency to

assist us with life planning. This will help us because many of us will need

This is very important for inmates who have never been to college or have not

been in a college setting for a long time. This would help us not feel overwhelmed

success of its participants. Reentry is a very important part of an ex-offenders life,

and this program will make the transition back into society productive. This

program is not only beneficial to inmates, it is beneficial to their families, and

elite team of maniacs creep on their prey.

am released. Now this program ensures that I will have the chance.

opportunity to attend John Jay College and get a degree.

assistance to find jobs, housing, etc.

in future classes.

society as a whole.

successful in life, and in turn be productive citizens in society.

When I first heard that John Jay College was going to be giving inmates the

Other college programs in prison give classes on various subjects that may

This program is essential to prisoners. It gives us the chance to take college

The program is connecting us with agencies that will assist us when we are

The program also allows us to have class settings with John Jay students.

This program is very unique, and has many elements that will ensure the

Moving with the stealth born from experience, Mathius and his

nius orders his team to do

November 15, 2011

the way society is now, is bormble!

acknowledge the march on washington

Another factor in how my educational background has become useful is in the Arthur Kill Downstate Call Center where I work as a trainer preparing other men in a classroom setting to take and pass a test on License, Registration, and Enforcement. After taking the 6 month training cycle each person can be able to provide this general policy and procedure to customers over the phone. This is a prime example of how higher education has given me the necessary pride and confidence to teach others. These examples are just a few accomplishments which I have been able to make under the direction of higher education. I believe education is the fundamental key to being successful in any walk of life.

future plans are. Being accepted into this pipeline would be very beneficial because I would like to further my education by pursuing a Bachelors in Social Work from Lehman College. Consequently, a Masters in Social Work, as well. This will permit employment in the field which I enjoy, empowering at risk-youth. The criteria for employment or volunteer work may likely be higher education. of the importance of taking advantage of the education before him. It's only natural as a father that I want my child to graduate from high school and go on to college. Yet, I sometimes lack reasons as

However, all that I do has a direct relationship to what my

In addition to all the things I've mentioned, I'm a father to a 14 year old young person faced with and struggling with the dilemia to why he should get an education. But the one most dearest to me is to show him by example as to why he should pursue higher education with all his might. My experience will be his experience. It would allow me to change whatever perception he may have in not wanting to

get an education. Lastly, if extended the opportunity to participate in the John Jay Prison-to-College Pipeline I would make a strong addition to this program because I bring with me Leadership and discipline which is needed towards the inception of this project and the dedication and commitment necessary to maintain its course.

I have to say the amount of reading was a challenge all in itself. devertheless, the course allowed me to become familiar with literature that required my complete focus, as some were written in the 19th century. One of the more current texts I enjoyed was "Contemporary Moral Issues-Diversity, and Consensus." Mr. Lawrence M. Hinman. presented several moral, social, politial, and ethical issuses that effect our society today. 1. Achieving Democratic Equality- Forgiveness, Reconciliation, and Reparations

3. The future of Race in America Mr. Hinman, challenges you to examine each position, and than comment, and present a argument reflecting your understanding of the issues. This was exciting to me because, I'am reminded that this is a ever changing world, and it's people are

2. Hate Crime Laws- Progressive Politics, or Balkanization

constantly in motion. In closing, higher education is actually interwoven into every aspect of my

immediate, and future plans. So for me to deny, of over look the fact that life itself is about gainning experiences. The more expreinces you encounter, weather through you own travels, or from someone elses journey, the more enriched you become. So looking back at Marcus Garvey's words. We all should take advantage of every opportunity to acquire higher education. That is why I would make a strong candidate for the prison-to-college pipeline.

me with some intellectual conversation here with the staff and the Professors of Eugene Lang. Due to this, I can live my life with unanswered questions and it motivates me to move on knowing that the answers are closer, because I decided to move as I wait. However, I have waste to much time already being still, not I must seek growth daily.

A letter to Virgo

Oh Virgo your essence will always burn a hole in me,

As I have come from dark place where soul's stay a lifetime sobbing,

Sweet Virgo I am in debt to you for all your sweet nothings,

To Gift you all of heaven & hell would be a gift that falls into shortcomings

Thank you once again for being an amazing professor, person and mentor. You

I have many goals in life. One of them is to publish a book on poetry. I have many

I need to know that if I am legally retaining all my rights in submitting these two

have encouraged me to write, and have made me feel validated in presenting you my

poems, most of them on the same caliber of literary prose as "Exogenous" and

my sanity. I consider them the only things in life actually mine.

for my academic portfolio and to show my family?

Sam law, and various other prison regulation laws.

around, and have a designed cover). I need to know if

sole author of these works.

poetry. I was never told by anyone with such academic and naturally intellectual abilities

that my poetry is good. I am no professional but you have actually changed my concepts

"Franchesca". These poems have been my therapy in prison; they have helped maintain

poems to you, and which you gave me the honors of submitting to the Quill. Eventually I plan to re-publish these poems in my Book, (which I have bounced titles in my head

1) In submitting for publication for my two poems to The Quill, do I retain full rights

2) Will I receive a copy of the Quill's publishing in the event they do publish them,

3) Will I have any problem republishing my two poems, and will I be cited as the

4) What do you think about my plans to publish a book when I get home in 2 years?

I suppose it would be better to wait the two years to publish it because The son of

I don't want to sound, I just want to be 100% sure that I am retaining the rights to

the poems. Will I have to sign a consent form? I will pay willing to pay the filing

Professor you are one of the few people who continues to change lives on a daily

basis. I thank you always for your time, care, and consideration; I look forward to

refining my writing skills with you more. When I get home I hope you will allow

as our friendship always kept growing and I thought I

had got a friend I would lean on perhanps mending a wall.

Paragon hospital was all an interesting place of work though

the second phone call from this gentleman, my sibling come

ex ibited through her bright smile solly face with hands

from however bothered. Junior (the name commonly used by

family members) - yes I responded. Listen to me carefully, she

said: I pand great attention looking back over her shoulder at

some fear. I puzzled awareness that my relationship with her

would work the oracle. This is all plain souling - switch the

button I requested. I have a freend who needs a laptop urgently

for about 5 minutes please can you access one for me? I paid

if the compliment of taking it senously and partly compelled

myself though I bought up her I dea. The other fall we name

Hello Bradley (the pharmacist) can I borrow your laptop

for a mmute, 5 mmutes probably 10 minutes and swill return

it before you realise it. With all of on one's plate he fired to

hesistate but he walked the plank. Have the laptop but in

10 mmutes please I need it. With my two hands spread I held it and took it to my silling. Immediately she rushed the sun

though it appeared to be a brave assertion of the value of

an trying to locate my whereabout because I don't know where sam right now. Instantly the unhealed wound of my

grief over my arrest developed with great anguish. What

I am 28 years add but I was only born about 2 years.

ago, this is when I was forced to grow, forced to adapt;

It's fanny how a whole life can be defined by one singular.

moment, weather the body of this life was wholesome and

filled largely by good, a single lapse in judgement a moment

of poor decision, can leave even those closest to you

with the opinion that you are bad, and that your whole

As a small boy I only have memories of laughter, smiles,

praise and affection, my older siblings argueing over who loves

is up to now, I can't help but picture them sitting around

The ivery is that, if they could bring themselves to have some

form of contact with me, they being my brother Ben and my two

Sisters Rebecca and Gabe, they would see that not only am I still

there little brother that loves them, looks up too them and misses them,

but that I have more too offer them as a person and a friend

now, then I ever would have, had my life and lifestyle remained

glurgs the most prudent and true, and "you don't know what you

got till it's gone" resounds softly in my head, like yelling into

a large rocky opening in the side of a mountain, and hearing the

Another is "Youth is wasted on the young" and my outlook on

life now, compared to my teenage years and early 20's, definate

with Her cocking was unrivoled and she always

was amazing to us Rids, but quite, bossy and

had a fresh batch of cookies ready for the

grand children to gobble up. A love also shared

opinionated towards other adults she conversed

the way it was before prison. See the old sayings are

argueing over who loathes me the most, who "saw it coming", who

me more, Now as I sit in my cell and wonder what my family

life has been one gight slippery slope to destruction, to

death, to jail.

and the most shocked, the most burt.

echo go on and on.

by my Pop.

Stone faced,

Stern in its place,

Inversa City street,

Many see the same building,...

Crimson red flows down its sewers,

It hears the words of mommy,

So it becomes feelingless,

Seasons are meaningless,

As the world spins,

it can't use the phrase:

"This is new," again,

Built from stone,

Now Its interior is stainless;

Because men are out playing with the heat,

Shirtless body blocks the entrance to its lobby,

But come to different conclusions based off their viewing;

Another pays their rent from keeping it clean from being bashed;

As loiters commit iconoclastic behavior with their trash,

therefore its design isn't the most brilliant around here;

It's only those whose interests are aligned to them,

So the word family doesn't dictate its kin,

It doesn't know real from fake,

So security is armed at the gate,

forced to accept, this is when I came to prison...

Jumor, I have been conned I don't know what to do

making unconventional decisions in life

widely spread seemingly ready to receive a warm hung

to me bubbling with color of excitement which was

As an event of moment, six hours before I had recipied

me to help the development of this program that has changed my life.

I had to die like a dog.

the fall, I got up for her rescue

POUND OF FLESH

fee to copyright them prior to publication in The Quill (it's only 45 dollars), if

for my poems? In other words could the Quill try and sell my poems without my

In penetrating your darkest depth it is the most sensational sin,

Reincarnated in you, my old life is a half remembered dream,

Immortalized in our lust and laughter we will never fade away,

English 110

Dearest Virgo,

Subject: Poetry

Professor Dreizenger

A hole that is destined for all to see,

Encroach this missive in your throat's throbbing,

I am newly awoken corpse thrusting to stay in,

Resurrected I am in your muddy crusty seams,

No longer am I a walking dead life seeker,

Bury me in your sweet hole,

I'll die another way,

Professor Dreizenger,

of what I can accomplish.

Good riddance to my old existence,

Or a spirit swimming in the endless paths of ether,

Thy Womb that which springs new life from the old,

I can't recall when but it happeared More Than Love

Fredom

He resembled my mother but my young. mind was still unsure so I asked

her, who is that man in the picture? She

told me he was her tather; my grandfather.

She said yes and no again, but this time

She began to elaborate, and briefly

me that her mother was African

explain to me her background. She told

American, and her lather was mixed. He

was caucasian and African American,

would think he was Just caucasian. She

continued to explain alet of things to

Me. That was kind of complex for my young

fully understand until I grew up. And she

was right. Things like interracial triendship

relationships, she didn't use those

Deople. Up until then, I did not see color,

BROKEN WINDOW

But by looking at his picture you.

mind but she told me that I would not

words, She just said black or white

I look outside my broken windowpane

Kids are killing kids for fortune and fame

And young ladies selling their body parts

Just so they can buy poison to put inside their veins

While bums be pushing dirty shopping carts

Digging in garbage cans looking for food

And sleeping in the community parks

Talking about please "give me change!"

Windowpane.....

1114 8 LORY

INISDOM IS BETTER THAN EVERY SHING :

charl a write called Smiles, She was a beautifully

was permatilly agreed, much by tribe and our love was permatilly agreed, Intil the end of the world we shall nemain in the marrige I love her with my all heart. One day the wheather was hot and I was like sick. I received

visitor my brother in law, he found me lience

On Compaind Indes the free, I well come him but he was coing, I asked him what is wrong he told me boats of in law /father in law was dead, that we had to go for bural, I cool

hem. I test one bull in the finital with the reaching there we found thrown body is there

at home, So I told meg with let Buray my for father in law, I dreg the grave my Solf and my wife I miles was helping me fore

the soir. We bured my daddy in law well people came and help us only to put the liting in growe and I was fine but bured him

Whe when went back home enjoing our lairs my wife sniles death I took her to his pital

tried to treatment "It feeled then after

one week again shere became blind It was

problem in my side I though that it was the end of me life

One mounth later brother in law come to that

brother in law Santos your Mother in law is dead, so the your wife that her mother is

dead. It was wisdom that is really good

because I took the 84507 of degome the grave I gave her one by one and she inderstood

them It was really wisdom and I made

MY WAY TO PRISON

Som called Bodon John legend who, after of

Asega Tehan in Arua district, west rule heque.

and ugandan by nationality. On 28th june,

2012 was the period when I finished my

& Seventeen years old but unfortunately

fallen wearld. In my life, I never enjoyed

hard enough for me to say that I though

my life was over in the world at at al

Then policemen agreed to take me to lour.

but still I host hope in my heart since

I knew little about Court rules but

I was blind so minded about my life

As Soon as I reached to court man the price

wearders called me at "you young thief who

your problem" I felt like my life wea

our men I Said what a curse my mothe.

gave birth to me in the land of Suffering

me to way in prison, your less being dise

wraged thus I Sharked ealling Hand Laddy

for help but all in warn. When we read

ed in prison, I thought It was my end but

I met new immates with different behave

is bad and goodness finally from the my arrest in and inpresentally, son still behin

WAS BORN ON THE 3RD OF AUGUST 1989 IN

BELLFIELD WITH MY MUM, DAD BROTHER, SISTER SISTER

A BOUNCER IN 14INGS CROSS AND MY MUM WAS AN

I WAS AROUND 3. MY PARENTS BOUCHT A NICE

HOME AND EVERYTHING WAS GOOD. AROUND AGE

AND KILLING HIS FRIEND HE WAS TO THEY WERE

TO THE BACK OF HER WHILST SHE WAS

LIKE WHAT THE FXXX. THE FIREARMS WERE IMPLICATED IN SEVERAL ARMED ROBBERIES AND HE

lire is a path and experience is a series of turns, good

Fortune can easily become misfortune and misfortune can become

4 MY BROTHER WENT TO JAIL FOR STEAUNG A CAR

FROM CANCER, WHEN I WAS 7 OR 8 MY BROTHER

GOT OUT AND CAME TO LIVE WITH US IT WAS PRETTY GOOD . HE WAS ONLY OUT FOR ONE YEAR, I ACCIDENTLY

HANGING OUT THE WASHING THINKING IT WAS A TOY

WENT BACK INSIDE FOR A FEW YEARS. I STAPTED

PLAYING RUGBY AND PRETTY MUCH ANY SPORT, WHEN WAS PRETTY YOUNG BASKETBALL, FOOTBALL

BANG, BANG MY MUM TURNED AROUND AND WAS

AIR HOSTESS. WE MOVED TO THE GOLD COAST WHEN

ROYAL PRINCE ALFRED HOSPITAL IN SYDNEY. I DON'T

KIND OF STICK OUT. I LIVED IN A PLACE CALLED

me Iron bear bars.

Oh, while regresting affandes remaind

After Stayed in police cell for two wee

that wear ser Date when I fell in to

hard Ship unlike my arrest day was

And their parents are not home

In my broken windowpane

Soul, flesh, even their heart

I ask for the same thing

As I stare outside my broken

I've seen grown men go insane

And all I see is pain

So who's to blame?

So my next question was, is he white?

She said, yes and No. Had

The Ledings That I'm Trapped in Lost in ... Alive again I died back Then She gave me Oxygen Without a word, without a Touch Without a Look The gave me a book So I worke

Only because my heart is Taken my soul is invested my whole is connected 30 my words come from a place a place where works never could escape Now only she veceives Them Whigh She gave Them Freedom.

With more Love and more insight

my pen is charged with motivation

for those with Picket Fence Not for those Broken window Tene ments A Nation, which may stride Believes in life

With a Prevalant, Prison System

But a Nation, with Bright lights

Offering opportunities for any dream,

Professor Baz Dreisinger

Art of the Graphic Hovel

fabric of America.

page of "Incognegro".

("Incognagre" Pg. 38).

in America.

28 December 2015

Reflection # 15 : "Incognegre"

Artist Warren Fleece visually conveys Mat Johnson's

"Incompage" with the accuracy of the time and era this

story takes place. The imagery acts as an elaborative

"graphic" prose illustrating the festive brutality of the

Jim Crow south, while simultaneously constructing "the

phenomenon of white transparency" and how it was used as

an instrument of justice by the protagonist. If all of

text was removed the art alone can vividly convey the

dangers Flack folk faced in the 20th Century. On page 18

there is a series of panels that captures the artistic

thought of how the protagonist views himself. The page

is constructed to symbolize the merging of blackness and

whiteness in art and how they are used to develop the images

that convey the story before the reader. The panels act

as photo graphic negatives because the room in which the

protagonist is standing is black while the reflection

in the mirror is of a white room. The mirror is not just

a symbol of physical reflection but act as a gateway of

the protagonist consciousness of who he sees himself as

and what society see him as, a part of the history of the

The relationship between word and image in this novel

can be described as a coupling of 2 narratives that convey

one story. The author choice to use a first person parrative

made it easy for fleece to illustrate the protagonist

actions that mirror and deviate from the protagonist

thoughts. At times the relationship between word and image

is one of duality, serving the same master in different

ways. On page 10 the protagonist appears to be providing

s neighborly service while the narration box conveys

something different entirely. "Oh that. I just don't stay

long enough for those Crackers to figure it out", dobs

not fit with the image of the helpful neighbor. Both Johnson

and Fleece intellectually and artistically meet in the

middle to promote a sociological spirit that haunts every.

"Incognegro" allow the writer and artist to visually impress

Their vision of the world on the reader creativley. It

adds a crime noir element to that barbaric acts of lynching

while simultaneously adding visual elements of "Passing"

from the perspective of hero and journalist The graphic

as much as it is in "Mat Turner" and "Hellfighters" however

I could not overlook the intertextual and inter-visual

about to be hung. Unile on page 197 in "Tat Turner" one

of the last images you see is of Turner being hung. The

images are not the only content that connects the stories

but the reference made but a character in "Incognegro"

about "they going to wipe out the white men what kept them

down. Murder the children like Ust Turner done before",

historically connects theses 2 novels acting as a graphic

timeline of the American playe and his/ber descondants

to "Incognegro" because of the era they both share. The

'year, 1919 is the year "Incognegro" took place in. 1919

was the one of the bloodiest years of racial violence in

United States history making due the racial violence and

lynchings that were carried out around the country 1919

was the very same year the "Hellfighters marched home

triumphantly from World War I" to be treated like "dead

mice" by "house cats" especially "if it was a soldier

[Racist Whites] hate to see a uniform on a [Rlack] soldier

("Hellfighters", 2014. "Incognergo" Pg. 8). Both novels

also share an inter-visual link that is interchangeable

in not only the ink and brush technique used to illustrate

the novels but in also the visual content they both have.

On page 45 of "Hellfighters" and page 23 of "Inconegro"

both use language and images that are essentially the same

to convey the social climate that was the United States

of America. "Hellfighters" like "Nat Turner" seem to have

a sense of continuity that flows right into "Incognogro"

like the it was the intentions of the authors to provide

a continues graphic narrative on the subject of blackness

feelings about Fridays class. I've

never been in such a setting. The

intelect in the room was exuberant. I

as overwhelmany thirst for knowledge.

While hearing such an exchange of ideas,

I dido not participate as much as I

should and I that I've cheated myself

I realized that I've finally made the right

decision. The professor was very knowledgeable

So glad you enjoyed and gained a lot

walked away from this class with

I can not describe my

The "Bellfighters" novel is also inter-textual linked

The violence depicted in the story is lamented just

"Incognegro" opens up with an image of a black man

novel format also adds ability to convey

links that exist in all three stories.

Using the graphic novel format for stories like

Of unforgiven Humans

Change can conquer through outlets of forgiveness Rawanda Remission

Is an imagination to Nations of WAR Heads Victims can be victor through a Hug, Front an unwanted Brother and sister One who is truly bonded

Is the NOW-Rorgiver

1. What did you learn about yourself through this experience? I learned that I have a yearney to help prisoners.

Now stron back to the Community. Mathaining head and order within

a Community can start from a small and a kindness I sincerely believe that

2. What did you learn about your fellow students (think about misconceptions you may have we are all

bad of one another)? had of one another)?

Final Reflection Exercise for Prison to College Pipeline Class

What were the factors that made this a valuable learning experience for you? What couldespecially Valentine, and prison system? How has it impacted your future career plans?

bee Partor my family a part or my social * I heel that this experience has strengthend my gods and 5. Inside students: How did this experience change your perception of what college or education is? How has it impacted your view of release?

Dearer Capricorn,

Encrusted in my own soul's earth, I Gift you a new life and a new birth, As you laid dying in your Godly form of a body, I fell in love with you and my heart rose ever inclining. Crying I fell, drying the pelt of pain, I imagined you be lost, evaporated in the rain,

I picked you off the forbidden tree in the garden that death owns, I have castrated and emasculated 7 gods, your enemies, and thrones,

As only I can make your heart melt, tender, and wholly, Die with me, leak your pole, I am your lapping lustful hobby Fill me with your seed, live to be a vampire of Karma, I shall be your only whore, who will war with Dharma, Infernal kiss, Eternal bliss, my oath can give, Oh sweet Devil, in orgasmic bliss we will live.

This poem is actually a dramatization of dying and being reincarnated. Will our death be a sweet thing for the celestial embodiments? These heavenly betrothed marriage to her voracious lover.

What would happen if I let our love fall? Melancholy and Sappy, in which my fate would be forever enthralled,

Give your sin to me, allow me to be your one and only, Lie in your naked splendor, eat my soul, it is the universal body,

Animals are our food and we live off their death, which even becomes delicious to us. bodies seem to watch us, even when we don't remember to watch them. Life and death are playthings of Karma and without this Karma; we would never find Dharma or the plight and redeemer of life. Note opposites always attract. In Astrology Saturn and Venus are lovers. Thus the devil falls in love with Virgo because she represents his innocence when he was in God's Grace. And Virgo loves the Devil because she admires his originality and in visions his redemption to mean their unity, to mean her

Lady Spartan are you eeing this?

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What Prison Should Change

criminal activities. To have these men, women, and children build the self esteem needed to return to society

without falling to the stigmas or pressures that caused them to deviate in the past and to be able to fend off the

This system is used only to house and control those housed within the confines of this peculiar institution

Penal systems should focus on the value of those trapped within its perimeters instead of looking and treating

had an interest in. Making the vocational training a waste of time, because the person had no desire in learning

desired by many local government offices. These programs are all voluntary which makes them more

effective. The prisoner volunteering for the program has the desire to learn the concepts of becoming better

priority. This contributes to the rates of recidivism, parole violations, and parole revocations. Being released

feeding time and told to eat as much as you can. The likelihood of success is slim and the chance of becoming

three people have died. The medical staffs have no concerns for the patients. Just recently a man in my dorm

was diagnosed with bronchitis; he went to sick call and was told he had allergies. This man suffered for two

of lack of concern for the lives of patients should be criminal in a profession such as nursing.

Medical and mental health services should also be improved. Since I have been in Otisville State C.F.,

It is not uncommon to hear of a mentally unstable person perpetrating a heinous crime on television or

equipped for real life situations that have occurred and will undoubtedly occur again.

the deconstruction of these imaginary but all so real barriers are needed within the penal system.

My experience has shown me the prison system is not structured to rehabilitate those incarcerated

MACAC, 25" JUNE 2017 SUBJECT: ARTICLE ON PENAL REFORM PUBLISHED ON JUNE 24 "PRISONERS DESERVE AN EDUCATION TOO DEAR HES RACHEL BLUNDY, GREETINGS FROM MACAO PRISON

SCMP is THE ONLY ENGLISH WENSPAPER THAT GETS TO IN MATES TO READ. THE RELEVANCE AND INTEREST OF TIS CONTENT MAKES OUR DAYS EASY TO 90 BY WHILE PROVIDING US OF UPDATES ON THE "OUTSIDE WORLD

IT WAS WITH INTEREST THAT I PEAD YOUR METICLE ON THE TOPIC ABOVE, BING LIMITED TO NO CONFUTER ACCESS 1'O LIKE TO GET IN TOUCH WITH PROFESSED BAZ DREISINGER AND KNOW MORE ABOUT THE "PRISON TO COLLEGE" PROGRAM. WOULD YOU BE ABLE TO SEND AN ADDRESS I CAN WRITE TO

THANK YOU VERY MUCH IN ADVANCE KIND REGARDS

I am new to the prison system. Meaning this is my only penal commitment. My knowledge of this system is limited to my experience and what I have witnessed while integrated within the system. Ideally, BECAUSE I HAD TO DO IT ALONE UNTIL I MET AT would think of prison as the place where those convicted of felonies learn to address the causes of their THAT TRULY UNDERSTOOD. incarcerations. To educate prisoners in behaviors that confronts and alleviates the underlying causes of their

AND HELD GUEDE THEETE CHILDREN INTO A BETTER WAY convicts- those that have made decisions in the past that have gone against the norms of society resulting in a THROUGH THE KNOWLEDGE AND UNDERSTANDENG OF AN felonious conviction- as unredeemable. Like the idiom, "no man is an island and no island is without fortress", not one person can achieve his or her purpose without the help of others and not one person has not built walls to keep his or her self guarded. These barriers are the constructs that facilitated the ideologies EDUCATION IS GOOD BECAUSE BEING APENT OF THE which most imprisoned found the liberation and rewards for their actions. Structured programs committed to IS NEVER THE SOLUTION AND IGNORANCE IS NOT BLESS ?? MEANS THAT YOU ARE BLIND TO WHAT THE WORLD HAS TO Currently, in my opinion, the only true programs that may assist an incarcerated person are run by the IN 2009 I PASSED MY G. E. D AND THAT WAS A GRE incarcerated themselves. The prison system does have self-help programs (Alcoholics Anonymous, Narcotic ACCOMPLISHMENT. BUT AS FAR AS EDUCATION GOES I WA Anonymous, and various others) and vocational programs (Masonry, Custodial Maintenance, Building OF IT BECAUSE I KNOW WHAT IT FEELS LEKE NOT TO Maintenance...) These vocations are given to prisoners without any consultation with the prisoner. If a UNDERSTAND A CONVERSATION WHEN IT IS BEING S consultation is arranged, reasons as to why he or she may not participate in that particular vocation is the YOU AND YOU CANNOT PARTAKE IN ANY OF THE BENEFIT normal response. This process only leads to prisoners not receiving the vocational training that they may have

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HAVING MY EDUCATION IS NOT ONLY BENEFICIAL FOR ME ,

I WANT TO HELP BUT IT ALSO MEANS I CAN GUIDE MY

IT OFFERS YOU Programs that have been founded by the incarcerated have, in my opinion, a greater impact on the SPEAKING TO DIFFERENT PEOPLE ABOUT COLLEGE incarcerated. Programs that address the need for education in health related issues and social awareness for the GENERAL HAS GEVEN ME A NEW OUT LOOK ON THE population, reducing altercations, and provide transferable skills (Alternative to Violence Program (AVP), AS PRISONERS CAN BETTER OURSELVES. NOW L Prisoners for AIDS Counseling and Education (PACE) and Public Speaking) needed to return to society and COLLEGE PROGRAMS BEFORE BUT THEY WERE THISEN AWAY stay productive. There is an immense list of programs that have assisted formerly incarcerated citizens NOW THAT JOHN JAY HAS COME BACK TO THE DEPART OF CORRECTIONS I WOULD LIKE TO EMBRACE THIS continue to stay productive once released from their penal commitments that were formulated by prisoners AVP is now a nation wide program utilized by many government institutions. PACE training is accepted and

OPPERTUNITY TO FURTHER MY EDUCATION. I HAVE JUST A BOOK BY MANLY P. HALL CHELED THE TERCHENSS OF Preparation needed to succeed in this environment and in society as well should be of the utmost concern (society having precedence). At the present, preparation for returning to society has not been a AND THAT BOOK GAVE ME AN OUTLOOK OF LIFE THE into society without any preparation can almost be equated to being thrown into a den of hungry lions at

MYTHOLOGICAL, AND MYSTECAL WAYS OF HOW ONE WAS I LEGARN THE WAY OF LIFE THROUGH EDUCATION. I ME GET TO KNOW THE PAST SO THAT I MAY BE TO UNDERSTAND THE FUTURE AND WHAT IT HOL

weeks before the steady C.O. called the clinic himself to have the prisoner seen. Treatment in such fashion FURTHERMORE IN CONCLUSION I REALLY EN should never be accepted, more so, such treatment should never be given to those with any ailment. The staff READ AND LEARN MORE THAN I EVER DREAMED POSSI accepts no responsibility for the inhuman treatments they administer to patients. This treatment would be considered negligent if taken place in normal society. Another man in my dorm, who is diabetic, has gone to I SMBRACE EVERY SECOND OF IT. I WANT TO BE receive his meds and was twice given the wrong type of insulin. He says that the nurse is either trying to kill ROLE MODEL FOR MY CHELDREN AND I TRULY BELLE him or trying to set him up for a big law suit. He jokes and makes light of the situation but if he was not THES IS MY CHANCE. BEING A PRODUCT OF ONES ENVI thoroughly observant he could have been the fourth deceased inmate since my stay at Otisville C.F. That type IS NOT JUSTEFIED BY THE WRONG DECESTONS BUT IT! TO PROJE NOT ONLY TO ONES SELF AND OTHERS THAT COME FIRM POLERTY AND LACK OF EDUCATION BUT WITH in news papers. Only to find out that this person was recently incarcerated and has not adhered to his or her course of therapy and treatment. The prison therapist has allowed this person to curtail his or her medications EDUCATION AND SOMEONE WILLING TO HELP MUS ALOT just to avoid interaction with the individual. The prison therapist does not want to commit to the WORK WE CAN MAKE IT AND JOHN JAY COLLEGE IS , responsibilities of the field of career chosen by him or her. This leaves society the responsibilities of STEP TO THE REST OF MY LEFE IN A WORLD W appropriating the correct course of treatment. The problem is the individual has not been cared for properly PM NO LONGER BUIND TO THE TRUE MEANING O and his or her condition has now become more difficult to manage because the degree of psychosis has

Good Morning . today is 6:24am thursday october 8 2015 Al

about an event that took place yesterday. After I spoke t

my body feels good and my mind is pretty fair I'm really

EDUCATION.

been whirling through since his or hers incarceration; leading to actions that tabloids exploit and sensationalize. The nutritional value of the food provided by the state to inmates should be inspected by multiple

amplified. When the mentally ill prisoner is released he or she will continue on the downward spiral they have

agencies. The qualities of meals are below par by any standard. Food served in prison could never be served in a restaurant, school, shelter, or any establishment that the Food and Drug Administration oversees. Products served and manufactured by the state, called Quick Chill, is without a doubt unsanitary; due to the amount of time between production and distribution. Quick Chill produces macaroni salad, potato salad, tuna, a variety of juices, and coleslaw. These food products are considered fresh by inmates if they are served within a two week period. That is rarely the case. Most are on average produced three weeks to a month before being

consume its products. Estrogen is a steroid that tends to cause estrus (a state of sexual arousal in most female mammals). This steroid can not be conducive to males. The ramifications from a steady consumption of soy products are not yet known. But what is known is that estrogen is not produced in high quantities in males. Could it be the state may be trying to pacify male inmates by feeding them a product that produces sexual arousal in female mammals? That would play into their course of actions. Meaning, correction officers are very disrespectful and aggressive towards inmates. Many situations arise due to the level of inappropriate interactions between

The main ingredient in 90% of meals served is soy. Soy produces high levels of estrogen in those that

C.O.'s and inmates. The C.O.'s become forceful when someone does not tolerate the disrespect and lets them know that there is no reason to be insolent. Inmates have been severely beating and many killed over such minute misunderstandings. The atmospheres in many correctional facilities are so tense that it is felt as soon as you are let off the transport bus. Their logic behind the abuse shares the same foundation as members of gangs and violent offenders'. Making what is happening criminal. The same ideologies have brought so many to prison. Once inside prison the so called authorities are behaving in criminal manners. The incidents of violence and other offenses are covered-up by higher ranking staff. So the murders, aggravated assaults, and all the other criminal offences committed by the powers that be are more or less sanctioned by the state.

This is a quick view of the direction I feel reforms should be made within the penal system. Keep in mind my experience is limited to my introverted stay. There are many aspects of this system that I have no knowledge of or even understand. The most significant course of action would be to reform the system in its entirety. The lopsided portrayal of law and order within the justice system and corrupt treatment of those convicted of crimes will one day become unbearable for the population which these systems feed.

sgt. abut my greivence concerning an officers behavior. A fhours later I was subjected to the same type of behavior the same officer. She was real nasty. So now I'm conpelle move forward and write the superintendent so I may get be results. All I want to do is get my procedure done and re to my unit. All these rude remarks is really unnecessary as the man that I am, I don't deserve it. I'm not asking special privileges I just want to be treated as a human b I find the nurse's behavior very disturbing as well becau because of the officers behavior she doesn't even engage me as her patient anymore. I can swallow it, pour some to back to the unit and she wouldn't know anything until it' late. I'm really stating to believe what sqt. Q stated in orientation, "It's just a job to pay bills". With that att compassion is something that does not exists. As far as o events during yesterday I guest it was my inauguration fo bbecause I met with the sergant and he gave me a quic run of the operations and assured us to let him know if we ne anything. I met the superintendent and a fellow by the na: of Mr. Wright who is responsible for outside services bei admitted into the facility. I would really like to have a douwn with him and speak about life. HE seems authentic a sufficient. Cleaned up my clothes ironed them up. Remember presentation is everything. It's the difference between p hearing you out or declining before you even say a word. monday I'll write the dep. to remind Ms shaffer to bring cunny assessment math books upon her next visit. Had four yesterday. I was kind of broke down midway through. Found struggling to stay awake in one group and I really didn't the energy to workout but I mananged to get at least some done. I was scheduled to speak with jessica Ansterdam from project renewal at 1:30 through Mr. Bagley but he was tie in a meeting at the time and said we had to reschedule. He said that Ms. Amsterdam said that she doubt if anything w change however she still wanted to speak to me. Although like to diip that job I'm planning on working on two jobs I have enough income to move into a nice apartmrnt. As so as I'm off parole I'm looking towards Delaware. I heard p: are really cheap. The B.O.T.C is still going throug deba over the structure of the government they will chose to a The smaller states are worried about larger states having many members in the legistlature. I'm consemplating how I present my greivancesbut I'm pretty sure what direction I going. I just want it to be concise without missing any ke pints. I guess I should tuck my fears away and just write let the chips fall where thy may. As long as I get it aon is all that matters. Every paper isn't going to be perfect REmember gray area. I guess I can rap this session up of with Myself". Until next time, stay true to yourself.

at the very beging of the learning Exchange the reading by Herman Melhile, but my brain. I struggled with the language, but what I received from everyone as far as thought open my eyer to new Venus and ways to look at different topics. I remember when Prafficion Jama Adams Come in and he said " If you are the smortest Person you know your in trouble", Howa Knowing or getting to know the students in the exchange, I felt sake in net being in troubl' because of all the brilliance I am surrounded by month after month. I will never payet this experience and I hope to have mony more in the Feeture. Thompsu everyone, Sabina, Anna, Jaesph, Tadel, Ruby, Alex

and tonger, thank you par the opepartionaly and Pleasure of meeting some brilliant

Em primeiro lugar, espero que esta carta chegue até você no melhor da saúde, tanto mental quanto fisicamente, assim como emocionalmente e espiritualmente. Como você está? Meu nome é Robert, mas todos me chamam de Doolie; sentir-se livre para usar qualquer um que você gosta. Eu ouvi sobre o seu estado infeliz e, apesar de estarmos a centenas de quilômetros um do outro, ainda temos algo em comum, e que é, estamos fisicamente presos. No entanto, apesar de melhor tentativa do governo para nos manter estagnado, eles podem nunca nos encarcerar mentalmente, isto é apenas algo que podemos fazer a nós mesmos. Tenho vinte e três anos de idade hoje e eu fui na prisão desde que eu tinha 16 anos de idade. Eu não percebi o quão importante a educação era para mim quando cheguei à prisão, e, como resultado, eu me vi em um monte de problemas desnecessários. Uma vez eu peguei um livro, eu estava sinceramente espantado com a leitura "livre" me fez sentir. Mesmo quando eu estava no bloqueio para baixo por vinte e três horas por dia , perdi a noção de onde eu era , por vezes, porque eu estava tão envolvida em minhas leituras. Eu senti que era importante compartilhar esse pequeno detalhe, porque eu ouvi dizer que você está na escola e eu quero esta carta para ser uma ferramenta de

motivação para mantê-lo. Às vezes, vai parecer que o peso do mundo está em seus ombros, mas apenas manter o pensamento positivo e focado. Esta é uma pequena parte de nossas vidas e com uma educação só pode ficar melhor. Cometemos um erro ao vir para a prisão, mas eu aprendi há muito tempo que

One of the reasons why I feel I would make a strong addition to the Prison-to-College Pipeline is my confidence in the belief that my enrollment in pursuit of higher education would serve as a reminder to so many others in my same situation that it's

never too late to change, and how a higher quality of living is truly an attainable goal--but

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only if we are willing to work for it. The much esteemed Dr. James C. Dobson, founder of the monthly periodical 'Focus on the Family' has been quoted as saying... "If you always do what you have always done, you will always get what you have always gotten." Bearing this in mind, I

think it is long overdue that those of us in prison-especially those whom are not in here for the first time-who may have all but forsaken any hopes for a more meaningful future take this time and rare opportunity to very seriously consider exactly what goals we have for the future and how we intend to achieve them. I, myself, am firmly convinced that no matter what trials may lie in wait for us, to attempt to tackle them with little more than a GED, a fast mouth, and some forlorn street smarts would be much like setting out on a cross-country journey with nothing but a few dollars in your pocket, the clothes on your back, and the food in your stomach from your last meal. Sure, willingness and determination may fuel the fire of your ambitions for a

time, but how far do you think you are really going to get before the demands of reality

begin to take center stage in your mind and you are left with no choice but to succumb to

the fact that you weren't nearly as prepared for the journey as you first believed?

If you fail to plan, you plan to fail-it really is that simple. I have long believed that life, much like any other field of study, is a job. And just like all jobs, there are certain tools we must learn to use in order to successfully complete the tasks involved. It only stands to reason, then, that the more tools one learns to use, the more tasks one is equipped to undertake. Speaking for myself, I would feel much more comfortable knowing I had education I didn't need, than need education I could have had but chose Look, there are more than enough people in society willing to lend their opinions

to the fueled rages both for and against why prisoners should or should not be afforded the opportunity to pursue the plethora of life advancing goals inherent in higher education. In all fairness I, for one, believe that a good many of those people have very valid points to support their reasoning on either side of the debate aisle. However, it is because of this very reason why it is incumbent upon us to do the best we can, with what we have, wherever we are so that in the end, after all is said and done, the 'naysayers' are silenced and the 'yaysayers' applauded. And what better way to do this than to pursue the

kind of education which, upon learning where you acquired it and assuming what you

So there is a possibility of getting shot from a mistake, Committed only to the emotions humans place in it, Cause its words are silent... you can see what you want from it, revolving doors make sure you get what your hand place on it;

It's a landmark... so resiliency is its birthmark!!!

My Mamaa Africa

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Me on your book in my childish

you are the Mamaa Africa

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protecting me all the time: remord

Community college. I was going to start my first semester in September of 2010. Unfortunately my accident left me unable to attend classes at that time. After already being accepted.

for my legs to heal. John Jay will allow me to start my education. Which if I were still on the streets, I would not be able to do because, my house hold is not handicap accessible. Also, the other college program A.K.C. F offers: Eugene Lang. I am not able to afterned due to the

college will be very beneficial to me IF I'm, not going something positive with. my time then it must be negative. I have

With N.A. and A.A. classes only being held upstairs, this program would benefit me greatly. Not only to higher my education, but keeping me busy helps

John Jay college is offering to educate others, and help in more ways then they know. With out Tohn Jay college offering classes, here at A. K.C.F. would not be able to attend college in the near

timing of my incarceration. The time that I will spend at John Jay come to far to go back wards. The only

future. This program is making, it possible for me to move for ward with my education with out waiting

option for me now is to progress with my life in a positive way.

their lives. Why does he deserve Wiesenthal's torgiveness. I that It Wiesenthal would have forgiven hart, so as to let go of his own pain, then that would

Came insafight wroke into the bar be the only way that I would have from no where and bottles beginn been able to agree with that decision. to fly on Air some people got cuts excellent arguments here.

and others got morre cuts the bar owner had to call wen dressed in blue and some of us where arested. 1 100 Ket around of I could get any one to bail me from police but no one Could be seen at the Mount and that's the veason why amin he mand for Godand My Country. It all remains the Writter

AM NZIGE BRIAN GOVN in LUZIRA

Inever thought of ever being a prisoner.

only when It all happened on 29/02/22/3:

a prisão não define -nos, é o que fazemos enquanto estamos aqui, que nos define. Não importa o que sua situação possa parecer, não há nada que você não pode conseguir se você colocar sua

part in saving society's Safty, Sanity, and rightoursness by applying was what purtoine to me towards everyone's faults. Before I was able to do this I had to know we'then with Love, Prayers & Success myself first plus not allow myself to be

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There's nothing but

big money around

here.

Vulnerable to those misjudge the situation and linger on the next persons mistake as opposed to just being patient. In the Mist of me Fighting this war between laws I defined myself and my needs for preservation. For a person of my status the world will

> such crimes against you and continued to at the time that he's asking for forgiveness. Why should Wresenthal comfort this man in his aging moments when this same has committed such horrific crime against people. Did Karl comfort anyone before he took

to pay for Someone else's mistakes, it

just isn't Fair/This is something that

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years old but stayed with me for the

purpose of me getting evaluated and

getting a chance to do what I was made

to do for my own protection against those

Misunderstanding and ignorance As I become

resposibile for my action I still never burned

any bridges at the time of evaluation so

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blessings which made me able to play a

Who Would feel superior to me offer their

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