I've been tasked with exploring what I believe is important to me, as well as discussing how the American Government relates to those feelings. After some deep reflection, I realize that several things come to mind: my family, the race I am classified,

Introduction

my gender and how I am represented in this nation of ours. The American Government is supposed to provide equal protection for all its citizens. Unfortunately, I believe a poor job is being done in this regard. It seems that the protection that is provided is only given when it suits the governments' needs. Otherwise, the very tenets that this country was built on, the ideals and ideologies of whom and what

is important continues to be the face of this great nation. In this brief essay, I will attempt to explain why I feel this way, what role I may play in the way the government treats those of my ilk, and why I see no immediate change coming anytime soon.

I don't know who coined the phrase that experience is one of life's greatest teachers, put whoever it was/is happens to be correct. Why do I say this? The lens that I see the world through is different of other inhabitants of the United States of America. I come from a lineage of struggle and strife. I derive from a people that built the infrastructure of this nation literally from the sweat off their backs. This may sound as if I am being venomous, but I am not. I know of no other way to explain what is important to me without first expressing what I am and how I came to be.

I am a black man who was raised by a strong willed southern woman. I was taught that family is everything and that I have to work hard in life to achieve what I want because "aint nobody gonna give ya nothing," as my momma would say. Growing up in the 1970's while harboring this believe system, life didn't seem so bad. Maybe, because I was still a kid, not truly understanding what was going on around me and why. However, once I matured mentally as well as physically, I started to see the world a bit different. This is because I was treated different. My physical make-up became a hindrance to my growth and development, on equal footing, with those who are not considered the minority in this country. It is as if the historical context of the black male is promulgated

within the very confines of how this nation functions. If one were to look closely at the documents that helped to shape and found this country, one will see that what they have in common is the continued defense of superiority over certain classes of people; particularly blacks, women, and others who don't fit the paradigm of the framers of this nation. In no way am I saying or suggesting that all who do not fit the above description act or feel a negative way towards what is

called minorities, but anytime a mindset or behavior is continuously perpetuated through all manners of everyday life, ones actions and behaviors tend to reflect this belief. This is what puts me at a crossroads. I love me. I love this country, because it is my home and the only one I truly know. But, I do not like the way I am treated. Yes, I and others play a part in the treatment and belief system some hold about those of my ilk. I'm referring to doing things to get ahead or stay on equal footing that hinders or harms others. That is wrong. What is also wrong is consistently finding ways within the wording of the Constitution of the United States of America to disenfranchise a class of people.

playing field being level, the only way that there will ever be an equal America, is to remember and reflect the true reason for the need of a new nation. To remember why the colonist were willing to risk everything to escape from tyranny, and when they recognized the mistakes in the Articles of the Confederation and wrote the Constitution they compromised a set of people for the betterment of the whole. In conclusion, the Declaration of Independence along with the Constitution is what

The only way that I see any sort of change coming, the only way that I ever see the

binds this nation and is used when it suits the needs of the government. It will only be truly effective when it is used in a manner that suits the needs of all the people under its banner. Until that happens, things unfortunately will remain the same.

## How would I Make a Strong addition to the "Prison-to-College Pipeline"?

Upon reflecting and searching within my inner self, a Strong

contribution to the pipeline would begin with good study habits and a hunger to continue excelling in my educational journey. Presently, my GPA is a 3.21 from my studies with "The New School-Eugene Lang College" and one of my goals is to elevate my GPA much higher in future semesters. Additional, I have a total of (43) transferable credits and no degree as of yet. A total of 30 Credits are from "New York Theological Seminary" and the remainder (13) are freshly from Eugene Lang College. Furthermore, for the past 15 Years I have been living up to a Malcolm X quote from his autobiography that has been of great inspiration for the transformation in my life.

"To be a criminal is not a disgrace, to remain a criminal that is the disgrace".

At this moment, I pride myself going against the grain in this prison experience and when released. Meaning, that I no longer desire to participate in criminal activities, rather I am in pursuit of becoming the first amongst my siblings to have a Degree. In addition to, I would like to be one of the pioneers of the John Jay Prison College and the Pipeline Fraternity upon my release. Finally, T would like to pledge to volunteer my time when I become a formally incarcerated Man to the John Jay College in the criminal Justice department were my criminal and prison experience can be shared with enrolled students (Future Officer's, D.A.'S, Lawyer's, etc.). I am not just look out for a free ride, but I want to give back to my community and to those as John Jay who are investing in Raul Burgos Stock.

# September 8, 2014

"A mother's breed... Though this poem comes in the form of words, It's the undescribable appreciation for your love and physical verbs, Which allows me to reach in my soul to write this in order to be heard;

No one can take my mother's place, But it's your traits my child's mother must In order for me to begin giving my child the well balanced up bringing I never had; you are the perfect example, why a child should be able to say mom and dad, because your spirit helps keep a man grounded,

that God meant when he pulled Eve from the of the man made from the dirt on the ground, as a significant other, leaving no room for a serpent or other...

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-in stopping me from believing (I MUST) put which in turn allows the perfect fit –

from stopping Eve from doing her job as a

my own mother walked astray, cursing my existence, now at 35 with your influence in my life, finally got me getting it right; you helped me understand that the devil is a because I swear on my grave you played a part

can you see the resemblance?

these haters through that gunfire; you're beyond a mother's breed, it should have been you in that garden to show what a responsible woman/mother looks like!!! I thank the lord for your birth, Strong even through your hurt,

That only shows that you fully understand why God put you on this earth... Thank you for your nourishment; HAPPY BIRTHDAY! And many more to come.

My professional reasons for seeking higher education may vary especially since I am academically versed. The study of politics, world history, how our country criminal justice system work as well as certain religious cultures interest me most. The most recent achievements I've made consist of having completed a Paralegal/Legal Assistant course at Stratford Career School, also, a course in stress management here at Arthur Kill Correctional Facility. I am looking forward in obtaining a further education in the law field with an interest in forensic science which I anticipate completing at John Jay College in the event that I am accepted. Academic intellectual interest is something that I feel have been instilled in me through the many positive learning circles I have attended growing up. It would always be either a teacher, mother or father to a child that persuades the child to become knowledgeable academically if they intended to have a powerful approach in life. Without academic intellect, what ever other knowledge a person has is basically baseless. Especially when knowledge is power in of itself. During my continous journey, I have had an opportunity to be stimulated intellectually through some written work, one in 'articular is called "Make me wanna holler" by Nathan McCall. In Nathan McCalls' book, he address some of the human consequence of an American tragedy, pain, triumph, humor, highs and lows and most inspirational was his victorious transformation from being an inner city uneducated young minority to a self educated New York Times best selling book writer to a dedicated In the event that I am allowed an opportunity to participate in the Prison-to-College Pipeline program at John Jay College, I believe that the experience I've lived while learning to self educate myself will be a valuable tool and asset to those I

come in contact with while learning at John Jay. Especially

### Respectfully () 2911 Arthur Kill Road Staten Island, N.Y. 10309

sharing my journey.

such crimes against you and continued to at the time that he's asking for torgiveness. Why should Wissenthal comfort this man in his aging moments when this same has committed such horrific crime against people, Did Karl comfort anyone before he took their lives. Why does he deserve Wiesenthal? torgiveness. I tel that It Wiesenthal would have torgiver than 1 so as to go of his own pain, then that would be the only way that I would have been able to agree with that decision

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## August 14, 2016 Dear Baz,

Hey! Bow are you? I hope your preparations the for your up coming tour and the expanding academic year at Otisville are all going smoothly. I find myself smiling when I think about how great things are going with the P2CP, what have achieved with your book and the achievements of my brothers and peers. I look forward to when I can add to the growing list of accomplishments that is the pride of our P2CP. I recently intellectually contributed to a book someone wrote that earned me a co-author spot. It's a book about prison what to expect if you or loved one becomes incarcerated. The reason why this book is important because it based on the likelihood that we as American citizens will know incarcerated or will be incarcerated ourselves. This acknowledges the post-modern American culture is impacted by the amount of people who have a personal connection to the Criminal Justice System. In it's rawness it also elaborates on the emotional hardship of being incarcerated and the impact on it has on the families and loved ones of the incarcerated. It is in a handbook format that elaborates on the realities as they are known from 2 individuals with a combined 25 plus years in prison. I'll be sending a copy in a couple weeks. When you get a moment to read it the Primary author and I would like to know what you think. As I stated Baz it is a bit raw, however, it's frankness is necessary to capturing its seriousness while adding elements of emotion and intellect. I think you'll appreciate the clarity in how this book is conveyed. It needs an bibliography that I will work on when I come Home. (It Soon Come!). I can not help but to draw these amazingly, talented, and intelligent individuals into my sphere. I have some more contributions for the Writing On The Wall, and this individual

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Final Reflection Exercise for Prison to College Pipeline Class

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Professor Baz Dreisinger Response: A Passage To India #2 3 August 2016

The assault that allegedly took place in the cave against Ms. Quested was similar to what happened to Ms. Moore when she encountered a group of locals in the caves were she was overwhelmed by the physical contact in the darkness. The cave symbolized the "India" Ms. Quested wanted to experience and explore in its most natural state. On the other hand darkness symbolized her inability to understand or unravel its mysteries and the countries culture. The assault was a manifestation of her fear of the unknown to which a natural reaction is naturally reject to or flee from it to something more familiar, the Anglo-Indian woman in the car at the bottom of mountian.

The only way a relationship based on equality can exist between an oppressor and the oppressed of a colonized nation is if the colonizers or the oppressors remove themselves or relinquishes their superiority and allow the oppressed to govern themselves. Without equality there will always be a specter of dominants over the colonized. As long as individuals like Aziz strive to please the Mrs. Moores, Mr. Feildings and Ms. Questeds of the world under the false pretense of acceptance through equality there will be not any true relationship between the oppressors and the oppressed.

## Final Reflection Exercise for Prison to College Pipeline Class

1. What did you learn about yourself through this experience? I learned to not judge others. I always held the same stereotype of , prisoners as the rest of society but now I see the more humane / side of them.

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3. What were the factors that made this a valuable learning experience for you? What could have made it even more valuable? Being in this environment made our education more intimate. More valuable would be increasing the size of the classes.

John Jay 4. Outside students: How did this experience change your perception of incarceration/the prison system? How has it impacted your future career plans? Everyone deserves a second chance. I want to work within prison reform.

John Jay 5. Inside students: How did this experience change your perception of what college or education is? How has it impacted your view of release? Education should not be limited to "outside" students. Anyone capable of learning show is entitled to expand their knowledge

and do so. Anyone who takes the steps to rehabilitation should be given the opportunity to return to societal

what the 50th ANNIVERSARY MARCH ON WAShington

MEAN tO ME PROGRESS-HOWEVER WE ARE FAR AWAY

From where Dr. King would have like us to be.

The way I see it—the more things change,

be public lynching or dogs/being turned on

US, NEVERTHELESS BLACK PEOPLE ARE Still being

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Otisville Correctional Facility

Otisville, New York, 10963

Thank you for your revisions of my domestic violence essay. Enclosed is the revised

I hope we can get it recorded, because then we can upload it on You-Tube, and have

The following people are on the official invite, ( they actually requested to be invited)

Dr. Kazemain mentioned that Jeremy Travis, showed explicit interest in coming to visit

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I hope that by the time you receive this letter, you are in the best of health as well as spirits. As for me, I

What is going on? My name is Tomas. I am from New York in the United States. It is unfortunate that we have to meet this way, but it is a blessing all together. Two people from different parts of the world,

I am currently going to college to seek a higher learning. I find it interesting and challenging, which is

good because nothing good comes easy. Education exercises my mind, the only place where I am free. I

try to take advantage of all opportunities available, not only to stay busy, but to also have something to

How are you? I wonder what kind of opportunities you have available to occupy your time. For the past

day. I can fix anything from motorcycles to tractors. I like to read non-fiction books, but every now and

What do you plan on doing if you get out? What is there to do? Transition is one of the hardest things I

have ever had to experience. Changing from one life style to another that more productive is not an easy

potential to motivate others to look at

themselves, and possibly have others make

Another thing that stood out to

me is now his mother was not concerned

with race or the danger of the mos

sported to s. Her only

trust in God no matter how poor or

focus was that we were all from God.

how dangerous your surroundings are you

be blessed. Thinking about it

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seem so happy. No matter how hard

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sounds pretty naive to me, but

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different choices in concern to religion

then I pick up a fiction book. I also plan on pursuing a higher education when I get home.

four years I have been learning small engine repair. Hopefully, I will be able to open up my own shop one

84.06 2013

P2CP at Otisville Correctional Facility, is it feasible to invite him? How about Ms. Hey Van

record of P2CP's first play. Besides there are senator's and congresswoman on the invite list, and

copy. I am also enclosing an official Flyer, for the John Jay's Prison to College Pipeline,

maybe we could get some good publicity (lets go Pel Grants, full time college).

presentation "Dealing with Violence Intelligently". I am looking forward to showcasing the

students creativity, and am proud of the students who were willing to share their talents, and the

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Is this 2013 on 1963!

Baz Drezenger

Dear Baz,

Director of John Jay P2CP

Professor Petzke

Professor Hewitt

TOLL +256 788-703523

Watering Class

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twishing my Jentence.

Letter to Brazil

To Whom This May Concern:

am surviving as usual.

Katie Schauffer

RE: DOMESTIC VIOLENCE UPDATE

other students I had to pressure through visions of grandeur.

doorn? Please update me, because I am busy marketing this play.

Thank you for your time, care, and consideration.

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> the author/artist "self" and "identity", such as Alison Techfel fif in "Fun Bome". Versaci did not apach of the biography coaics such as "21" and "Mat Burner" and their importance in how they capture the protagonist image through the author/ertist eyes. Then we consider works like the ones just contioned we superate the facts from the artistic retallings when the writer or artist demand it of us through text or image. In chapter 3 Versaci focuses on a particular autobiography called "Daus". Art Speigelman, writer, captures the somenty of prin, depression , sorrow and anger ha alt when he intervies

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esabir and sutobiographic comics as a strong sears of presenting

his father who was a Molocaust survivor. Versaci uses this graphic noval as hears to axplicate the reason why ochics use of "graphic language" or shotography can have an ideact that regular prose can not. In chapter 4, Versaci turns his ottention to journalise

and bow "the world is represented in print" or in the media

prion. The ther of a journalist being a markerl distinct is winstress to in almost non-orderest arrest in the origin of graçhic journalist where individuals like Sacce Aced not take any positions in on going disputed like "Enlasting". I agree with Verezei that Grighic novels like "Falectina" hearth fresh bir ista the world of journalies because of the bicker mainstream filter is not attached to these independent movils. In chipter ? Varanci brilliantly "exacines how conice books have posicious' them-lyst in saletion to 'Ean classics'". This is at favority despited the to the ending obstantial or to table olassio liberature is to the small of comion. The idea that classic litresters has been adapted into the comic book feathet just shows how Communication common forest in in it's ability to convey a feeter meaning of the fieldgus , plot and thems cf a given work.

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I am a lover of sports I can be free flowing or function within a structure I can be complex, yet simple I am a myraid of thoughts, hopes and dreams I am Human I can be an introvert or an extrovert

depends on my mood and surroundings I am shy if I don't know you, but will be the center of attention if I do I love the color beige, because its nuetral, like I can be or, the the color of wine, because its mysterious like me I have a few unique talents- cooking baking- and a love for interpreting written works

I love music, Gospel, R&B, or Rap- as long as it tells a story I'm quick to tell you about your flaws, but hate to be told mine I am extremely loyal. but can be mean if you cross me bbq chicken, yams, mac-n-cheese Have you figured me out yet?

I am New York City- The Grit and Grind. The Artistry and Culture I am one who will never give into cynicism or be paralyzed with indifference This is who Theron Gerard Smith is!

Noto on I! is seek to be the leader of my mind, and

I am you and I am Me- Uninique

I am a Dad. Son. Husband. Brother-Literally

I am occupy Wall Street. Selma and Ferrguson

the mortyr of my soul I that was turned the emotions that he within I wear them like a robe I would let you in, but pride won't allow it so I see things for what they are, and people for what they've not I an advocate for truth, and an enemy it the talse I contained since my very youth, but released with every Fall the one that will come when there's no one else to coll My sanchuary is my solitude, this panic with an attitude to whom comes to aid, to whom I show much gratitude I was then, I am now, and I will be this is who I on, and with this I give you a perce of me

1. What did you learn about yourself through this experience? That my belief in inject has not wavened.

Final Reflection Exercise for Prison to College Pipeline Class

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2. What did you learn about your fellow students (think about misconceptions you may have had of one another)? That at the end of the day we are human bungs. Our humanity will always Shine through when placed in in tellectual environments. I appreciate each and every one of my fellow Ataclents.

3. What were the factors that made this a valuable learning experience for you? What could have made it even more valuable? The fact that every student was and is willing to shore and express thenselves. I appreciate the interaction as if thise walls gates and securely officers did not exist.

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I am the embodiment of resiliency!!! What do I look like to you?

Do I look like someone who has overcome tremendous adversities? Someone who has a resolve to overcome overwhelming challenges? Someone who has endured and bounced back every time stronger and wiser. I am all of that and more, because... I am the embodiment of resiliency.

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devounce his spanish heritage but

he would offer times just say

he was black. This caused

many arguments in our neighborhood.

Latin people in the neighborhood started

to act different toward him. A & Rierto

Prican (4hat) lived in our building

Said that many Puerto Riccus didut

trust him because he always him

Then we had the African

To decided to try to find

War Zone

Americans in the weighborhood who

every other person of color. They

said that Cooco is black, him and

would say either you're black or

white. Now this really confused

out as much as I could about

myself. Growing up, I always

I am not delivered by my malediction

Thirst to reach great Jurisdictions

Waiting humbly to find the benedictions

Fighting the average and their abductions

I don't want respect through abdication

Illustration of hardship is not an avocation

To open cans of worms to provoke liberation

Hearts will outmatch the mind, through innovation

Playing chess, preventing negative connotation

As I rise, I will be her invested elevation

I want to be hers, and the Truth's satisfaction.

She stares through channels, awaiting my motivation

For the unspoken need my determination

Me and the Purpose is in condemnation

Who will win the Arts of persuasion

But only by my words of declaration.

By the peoples' infatuation

I war for pure recognition

My sister is my ambition

RESILIENCY...

No escaping heroic thinking, by Pulp Fiction

I'm endorsing progression, but I'm enduring stagnation

Someone who understands, that every experience has a lesson to Someone who looks at life for what it is. Someone who can accept the hard facts of reality, and still move forward.

Do I look like someone who can look at life and smile?

Yes, I am all of that and more, because... I am the embodiment of resiliency... I am someone who knows, that struggle brings growth. I am someone who understands, that growth brings knowledge. I am someone who uses knowledge, to gain understanding. I am someone who takes understanding, and turns it into wisdom Yes, I am all of that and more, because...

I am the embodiment of resiliency, and so are you ...

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The Green Hornet's Nest

An invasion of lines

The perversion of a shrine left behind

An eastern/western divide Seeking the fruits of the decline Of a people whose past still defines Red petroleum Soaking the paper of Benjamin's notes Of the forefathers who once spoke Of a future where gold is hope But with it they provoke By invading another's nest In search for the next advance

Ambiguously planting its flag At the crater of a nation's breast With democracy amid its arms Preaching to the world that the end justified the means That liberty is threatened by fiends And there goes the hopeful cheer An oblivion of smiles and tears All a result of one's fears That what was given can disappear

Holy fury stirs the pot The irritation of a people's faithful lot As they swarm together Against whom they call in unison "the devil's plot!" A Sacrificial flare An extremist glare In the name of a higher power A might that topples modern towers With the drop of a bomb

Came the loss of a mom The departure of a father who took up arms A tyrannical farm Growing the finest anger Planting seeds of hatred That blossom with rays of the sacred And the western distortion of the ancient

A democratic crown Styled with bloody jewels Worn by clever fools Offspring of Anglo-Saxon ghouls

Student Exchange

May 10, 2013

Professor Baz Dreisinger

who care to excell just as I do.

carray with me for a life time.

My Jonrney

I have <u>endured</u> several long years of preparation for change through education. Let, I have never experienced unselfish

compassionate intellectual mental exchanges with students

Althorgh each of our thoughts weflect a different

level of understanding in what we experience academically, we

continue to rise above any and all obsticles that hinder ones

I am so humble for this experience and thank you all.

Again, thank you my brothers & sisker in humanity.

I thank you for this humbling

expresance in this years learning

exchange. Since this is my Second

year, I have participated in this

I have been impressed with the

enriched my life. It has furtherd

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not only in college but life.

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wish each of you continued Success

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dedication each of you exhibit towards

your education. Your mannerisms has

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Professor Baz Dreisinger Reflection May 20 2016

For fale! a slightly used semiautomatic handgun in good condition with a 17 year old "lackbody on it. The bid starts at CS,000.88. That is what I imagined the advertising beader would read on Oreignlist. On the 10 2016 at approximately 5:05 a.m. Fox 29, a television station that airs out of Philadelphia reported that George Zimmerman, the man found not quilty for the shooting death of 17 year old Treyvon Bartin is auctioning the weapon used in the killing. Simmerman says the weapon is apart of history and he is right.

The Cost Of Life

The exploitation of Non-Whites have been a part of American culture since the industrial boom of late 17th and 18th centuries. Although the cotton and tobacco industries have changed into the prison industrial complex a supposed color blind component of the criminal justice system the destruction of Non-Whites are still being exploited for profit. The "destruction of the Black body" transcends America's history and becomes an present day Civil Rights issue through this new age lynching at the hands of institutional agents who represent the Cominate culture through the letter of the law. The agents that upholo the law often so not consider the real life circumstances of the subordinate group to which the law impacts

greatly through storeotypical biases. These biases are a product

"of construction of their inner eye. Eye with which they look through their physical eyes upon reality" tainted by their preconditioned biases that perpetuate the demonisation of subordinate groups (Invisible Man PG. ). Should these agents who justify tasin use of deadly force towari un-armed Mon-Whites as necessary to upholó the law he able to sell their service pistols because they to any a part of history? Those instruments have also contributed to the destruction of the "black toly", did they not? Should the empty tanks of gas used in the death camps in Auschwitz be suctional by the children of Wazi's because they are a part of history? Should the military issued saber's used to scalp People of the First Dation during the Trail of Tears be up for auction because they to are a part of history? Now about the awords and battle axes used Spaniards when they dropped anchor in the Caribbean should those weapons be auctioned as well? There are countless symbols of death and injustices that can be put up for bid but is but is it not the light they have been extinguished by these artifacts of annihilation really up for sale It is the deaths that give these items their value. It is the exploitation of these Ceaths. If you can put a price on the lives taken through these objects given of Jeath given purpose turough objectives of dominance would the bid start at \$5,000.00?

### John Jav Prison 2 College Pipeline Otisville Correctional Facility Otisville, New York, 10963

Baz Drezenger Executive Director of John Jay P2CP REGARDS: ENCLOSED IS A COPY OF MARSHAL PROJECT ESSAY Professor Drezenger,

Enclosed is one copy of the Marshal Project Essay on Domestic Violence you requested. I thank you for entering my "Fear Essay" into a contest, especially since I know you have a busy schedule. The fact that you approve of the progress of my writing makes me proud of myself. I have made minor corrections, and will be awaiting your editing and specific critique.

I heard you on NPR Radio speaking about the state of Mass Incarceration. Congratulations on the growing success of your new book, I saw the review in The New York Times. I plan to read it as soon as I can. All my fellow students are awaiting for a copy for our student library so we can read it. Have you given more thought to the compellation of student poetry into a book? I ran

a title by the students, how about "Psalms from my Cell"?, they seemed to like the title. I thank you for your time, care and consideration.

in rich little M J mouths. Even the

All Platinum spoon

(Nice suit though. shoes too.

Discarding my own. From American Narcotics. And the images of Benjamin Franklyn's, America loves. Titanium ropes, Melting from my risk. Creating trails and paths. Clearing murky hearts, of soldiers. With the wood of execution, across my back. Thorns. through my

With spike in

my blood.

cranium flesh. History prevails. From literary scriptures. Giving me specticles. Living a lineage. Of Great Beings. I'm Next!!

Final Reflection Exercise for Prison to College Pipeline Class

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

had of one another)? That at the end of the day

we are human bungs. Our humanity will

in tellectual environments. I appreciate each and

have made it even more valuable? The fact that every xitudent

thenselves. I appreciate the interaction as if these

walls, genter and securely officers ded not exist.

was and it willing to share and express

always Shine through when placed in

3. What were the factors that made this a valuable learning experience for you? What could

4. Outside students: How did this experience change your perception of incarceration/the

5. Inside students: How did this experience change your perception of what college or

education is? How has it impacted your view of release? It will not

change my perception, only enhanced et

As for release, I am happy that there is

a wealth of support for me and Hore

The Chaos Inside And Out

(a random page taken from an archives)

Cultside looking in: The castle surrounded in acreage, circled by hovering, soaring, flying creatures. But the caw echoes within its walls, and in the prisoners' mird, coated in the red aura of rage.

Americans in this country remark on the balance regarding recidivism and the

Still, instead of reiterating once more the scratched surface of the general

let us dig deeper into the hidden world represented through the eyes of the forty year

night. This kid, left abandoned, was the only one to answer for the grisly events: A

walk-by block shooting that left nine rival gang-members slain and also four children,

L'am Micholas Oteko born in Sorsti District a

years of Age. I Stadted in Amurica Cenies

are all the a I tero. In my Child hood

Stayed with my trunty who stayed in A

was area occupied by rebels one day the

rebels came and attacked our place and

my Aunty ran and left me alone in the

holise and the rebell care and got me a

not yet 98f niced to Staying with her in

but what happened is that I narrated

the all story how I was taken and how

whowever langing to be me, then my

mother called my pale asking his to

come with some of they since who were

tron, 80' Concerning my being out of m

Morke and faller l'was so so terrified b'c

I knew my Sparents had bust left me to

the strangers without any sympathy

Then do that I may for get who

not under going schon and that I could

had happened to me during.

mersed being with my firthers and brothers

abducted me at the age to when Ih

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PERSONAL ESSAY

successful progression of the me felon upon release. They speak of these men and women,

prison system? How has it impacted your future career plans?

every one of my fellow Ataclents.

I am as a Question Trapped between an Answer and Perception 1. What did you learn about yourself through this experience? That my belief Scolded by a Guild of Interpretation in inject has not wavened. Laminated by Designation

Probably never did

hard days work.

Should I fly with the Wings of Horus? Or seek the Holy Grail? Shall I ride the Bolts of Zeus, To find Identity within a Tale? Will the frail Prevail? Are things as if, or is "If" the Answer?

To seek a Master amongst Disaster But as long as I pursue I shall speak Truth No matter the Refute Because I am as a Flute Singing the songs of the Mute A Guide to the Bird with no coup The Crab in the Nebula In the midst of Sands and Stars

A Phoenix turned to Ashes by the Flow of Passions

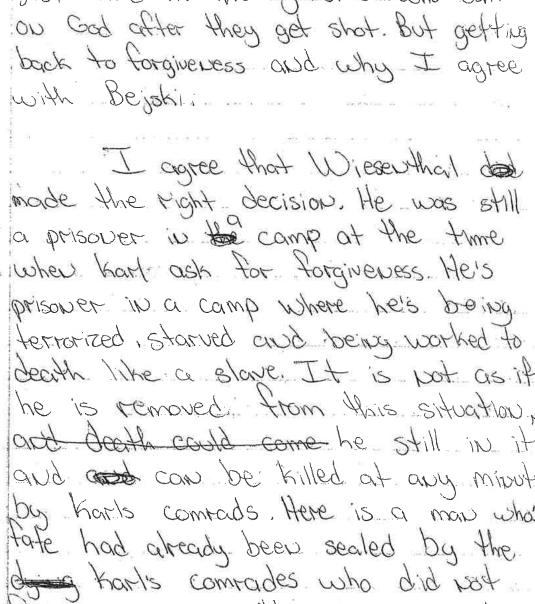
Ready to be abhorred Searching for something in this World to Adore Once More. The Pondering Continues.

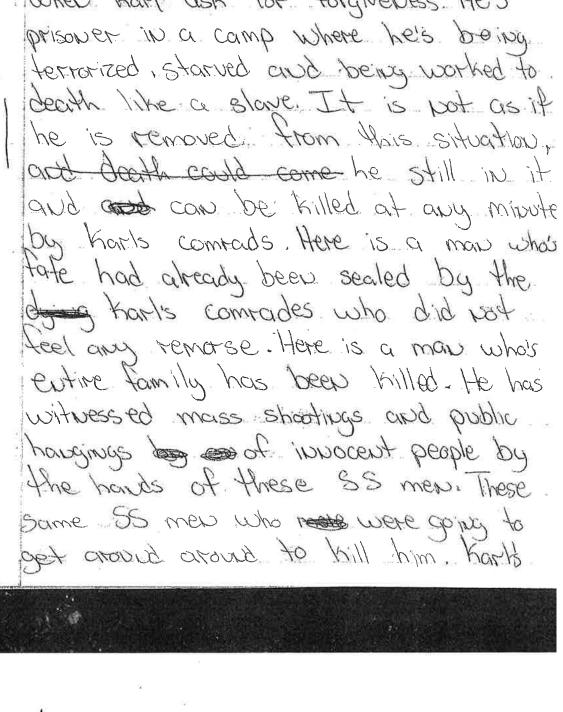
I may never torget that DINJ# but I feel blessed for it. I have the privalage of true sight and not what Our great system would

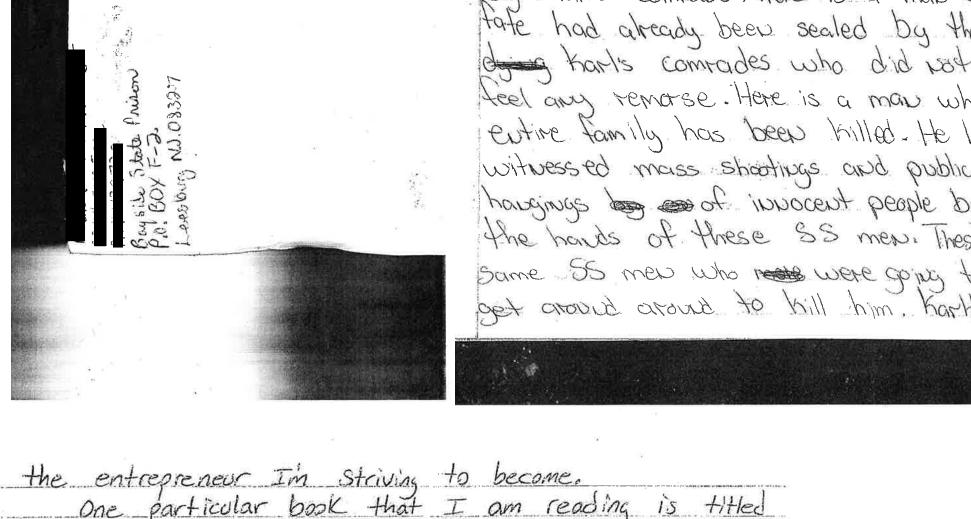
uant us to believe. Thank you Offisville Students. you have helped in bringing me closure and a way to thto positive ones.

as their minds envision imperfect faces shaded in the neglect of penitentiary care. People see the formerly incarcerated as they would imagine those still lost behind the wall, whether one has returned groomed and chose to resent no more, or if one has been permanently scarred: visible on the flesh, or palpable just beneath. Those who receive the formerly incarcerated helplessly condescend, hiding judgement benind appropriate behavior. But they are cautious, for how can they not feel that tickle of fear? How, when they don't know where we came from? And truth be told, save the peppered few, no one is in prison for being good. consensus of these two ends(the belief that successful re-integration, or the belief in repeat offences when considering the incarcerated person released back into society), old man after six parole-board hits on a fifteen-to-life sentence for a gang related massacre. His last memory of freedom was being recruited into a gang at thirteen, introduced to a potion of narcotics, losing his virginity to a statutory rapist used to seduce him into obedience, just before committing his very first crime, all in the same

turn my regative memories just like all the gausters who call







in this book that I would like to be further explained, because there are certain sections in each chapter that PRISONS At all. to be a resource of help, not

Prison, when will you get tired Of detaining innocent Persons without cause? People come and go But there's not change When shall we wake Up and try to avoid our Selves from being culprits

My sister side Kept on asking m I really didn't know what to write or read from the work that I already completed. To be honest, I think all of us want a little reprieve from academics, but I do want to express my thanks to each and everyone of you for

sharing a part of yourselves every month.

That Willage. Quo

The sacrifices that each of you made to travel and engage with my classmates and I is greatly appreciated. I have learned so much from each of you and hope that each of you have learned from us as well. I just want to leave you with

Take advantage of each opportunity that you are afforded that will enable you to expand your options in life. Educate yourself not to become a good commodity in our Grand old Capitalist system, but to some way advance humanity- yours and others. Finally, always remember the brevity of life- This

this brief message.

myself to bring home with me just in case. I'm still very excited to work with you and Wank on the exhibit and I will August 14, 2016

goeth Just as educators having this Same weed Prison-to-College Pipeline can help me do this ? This Program is a win-win for all concerned parties. excited to work with you and Wank on the exhibit and I will

ESSAY FOR JOHN JAY College 6/8/11 The following ESSAY will explain why feel I would be a strong Addition

to the John JAY Prison to College Pipeline. I will also share my personal interest. AS well as professional interest, and why I truly desire A higher education FOR STAFFERS, SINCE DEING VERY YOUNG, had a hunger deep inside to read whatever literature I could get my hands on Beginning in elementary school AND Jr. High School, I begAN eNjoyING AND excelling in classes receiving All A's AND B'S IN the process. My parents were very strict and devoted to my time in school, And what I was Achieving on A daily basis. My parents played a huge role in my schooling process. In High School I was chosen for ALL Accelerated math and science classes, And I Also loved to write. I took Creative Writing and Also Modern Short Stories. I did very well and received solid grades. After graduation I did receive A sports scholarship but due to my behaviors at the time

I rever made it to college lessonally, this stage of my life, I want give myself fully to A higher education. hand addle ALSO Quoting Russian Novelist . Fyodor Dos-Toyevski. accomplishments that is the pride of our P2CP. I recently from his book. The House of the Dead. "The degree of civilization in a society can be Judged by entering its prisons and conversing with its ad ministrators... (Italies my own) has always Stood out for me, and it is most Evident now. or maybe I should say it supports what curvy (society) is doing for us prisoners. It shows what

a humanic civilization at Least america is and

all the things it offers us in prison especially a higher education. It would be much more prudent For an inhumane society to neep it's Prisoner's ignorant and giving Deatings and fortured Every so often that will determine it's degree of Civilization. Most other inmates muself included have aspirations of giving something back to society by becoming a youth courselor of sorts. We have this un Quenchable need to reach out to the

reaches begand my understanding. If, I was inside a classroom setting with other students and a professor Studying business Law, then my understanding would come much quicker and my learning would become more efficient. My biggest Strong point in becoming an addition to the prison - to - College pipeline, will be recognized only after I have completed the program. I say this because Once I complete the courses given, my advancement will influence and encourage other's in my predicament to embrace the program and take full advantage of its Offerings. Too many of us people today take education for Granted, which is a chain that needs to be broken. Through with my hand out, but with my hand extended to give help and Service to others interested in uplifting themselves.

West's Business Law 4th edition. Theres orlot of information

Of prison? Get concerned. Time lost Is never regained.

way you will have fun and enjoy it!!!

Thanks for the memories and best of luck to each of you in your future endevors.