

WHISPERS IN THE WIND

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Integrity Poems

Mica, 16

*If you are untrusted and set
in trouble,
Have integrity, make your
efforts double.
Deep inside you, always know
what you do;
Tell the truth, honest and*



*true.
Don't be afraid of the mistakes you've made.
Have integrity, and they will fade.
When you lie, you are scared; you've fled.
Stop and listen to the voice inside your
head.*

Andrew W., 16

*In the spotlight, no lies remain
To win our lives.
Even though failure
Gives us fear
Remorse changes the most
Into what we once were
That we may live in peace
Yet again.*

Nicole, 16

*The truth will set you free
Forever and ever to be
You'll get things in return,
But when you lie, you'll burn.
It eats you up inside
Just like your head being
covered by the tide.
Respect others as you would*



*respect me
Yes, the truth sets you free.*

Nashona, 15

*Integrity is the most
important virtue of all.
It can give you courage, in
the place where you feel
small.
You do the right thing when no
one's around, and*



*People will want to form with you a
friendship profound.*

*Lies create suspicion, distrust, and hate,
If we all had integrity, a peaceful world
we'd create.*

*So don't lie, don't cheat, don't decide such
a fate,*

*Lack of integrity gets you nowhere. Trust
me, can relate.*

Integrity



Ana, 16

So, what is integrity, anyway? It's a rare trait not commonly found and yet easy to obtain. Honesty is the key to integrity that opens so many doors. Nothing bad will result if you have integrity. Gaining trust among family, higher maturity level, more privileges, inner peace - who wouldn't want these? Doing the right thing when nobody is around and giving honest answers really isn't difficult. Help yourself; don't hurt yourself and others.

Here at Turning Winds Academic Institute, one of the 12 Virtues that we pay our close attention to is Integrity. Most of us lacked this virtue before coming here. You cheat yourself by lying and deceitfulness. Be a better person and feel good about yourself by practicing integrity. *Julia, 14:* Integrity is an umbrella for all the other virtues.

Devin, 16: Integrity is extremely important. To me, it is the second most important virtue. Like respect, integrity will get you far in life.



Max L., 16: So much respect people earn here at Turning Winds Academic Institute because of one's integrity. Integrity is the act of doing what's right when no one is looking. It is important because you are not doing anything for anyone else but yourself. When people tell you that you don't have integrity, you have less freedom because they are telling you that they wouldn't trust you to do the right thing when they are not watching you to make sure you are on the right track. You need to have someone's trust before you can actually build a relationship with him or her. It makes life much easier when you can trust one another, and you don't have to feel like you are constantly in trouble.

A Major Change

Connor, 17

On this fine month of April, a huge change has taken place at Turning Winds Academic Institute. The way students progress in the Program has been reevaluated, and the finalized copy of the special packet of requirements and regulations has been given to every student. All the advancement steps and progress in the Program are stated in paragraphs of this document very specifically.

It is a good change to the program, because students do not have to wonder what they have to do, to progress. It is all written down right there - to learn, and to follow!



Book Review

Jon, 17

I read *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*, by Mark Twain. It is a wonderful adventure story about a high-spirited young boy living on the Great Mississippi River. He and his companion, a runaway slave Jim make their way south along the vast River, encountering many different people while working their way through many obstacles that the world of the 19th century provided them with. It is an American timeless classic that I will enjoy reading over and over, as it tells a tale of extraordinary friendship and the power of freedom. The novel gives insight to the treatment of black people and children in the southeast of America in the 19th century. Huck Finn is the kid who overcame challenges, to gain his complete freedom, which shows that anyone can be free by overcoming their own personal struggles. I can relate to *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* to my own life here at Turning Winds Academic Institute. This novel gives the reader a sense of true friendship and freedom that in my opinion would be crazy to refuse.

The Messenger of Spring

Jesse, Tyler, Deanna, Jesse, 15

Most years, spring is an event that comes and goes, vaguely appreciated; yet somehow its importance is unnoticed. Spring rain washes away the insipid canvas of snow and redecorates our surroundings with vivid colors, smells, and sounds. For many of us, this passage into the season of spring goes by, continuously disregarded. This year, a small event of seemingly little significance interrupted our tendency of not fully appreciating spring.

Tyler: Jesse and I just came down from lunch. As we entered the schoolroom, we saw a slight movement in the corner behind the fire stove. We



approached, and saw a little frog.

Deanna, 14: A surprise visitor came to see us! The frog was in our woodpile. Speculation is occurring as to how did

it exactly get inside, but it was fun nonetheless, to see him.

Tyler: The frog had a murky green color.

Deanna: He was 'christened' Jabberwocky.

Tyler: Cornering him, Jesse and I had him in our grasp. We then took him outside and released the first messenger of spring into the creek.

Deanna: Some students were not exactly pleased to see Mr. Jabberwocky, and were immensely happy to see him go, however the rest of us have high hopes to see him again sometime soon.

Weather Report

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Montana's April weather has been quite deceptive; waking up to the beautiful sunshine and playing outdoor sports in T-shirts one might think summer has finally arrived! Yet the next day, the grass's mildew has turned to frost and the skies drop condensed moisture upon the fog-covered forest. It is only then we realize that the weather deceived us and we learn to just go with the flow. April's highs are 60-70 degrees, and lows are around the freezing point of 32 degrees Fahrenheit.

