

Reflection for MLK-BREAKFAST

Jhonna Cole raised very interesting points in her speech. She acknowledged the great work that was done by Dr Martin Luther King in bringing racial parity, and on how his work continues today in our society that is hit by bigotry and discrimination. Today a lot of people face discrimination due to their gender, sexual orientation, religion and their physical and mental ability. I think as a society, we must further the work that was done by Dr Martin Luther King, in ending these vices of discrimination that are affecting society today. Jhonna encouraged parents to teach not their children bigotry and discrimination. I am African, in the summer of 2012 I was busking in the sun in the Briggs field and two white children (about 8 years old) came to me, one of the children looked at me and said 'What's up ghetto?.' I didn't get angry, but I just wondered where the little child acquired that little racist nature. If the world is to win the war against bigotry and discrimination, parents, teachers and society have to impart good teachings in the little children. My African society is very conservative, and does not even want to hear about LGBT, it took me three months after coming to America to start understanding , accepting and forming close relationships with gays. The story of Audrey Lauren a black feminist and lesbian just made me support and understand LGBT's more. No one wakes up in the morning and chooses to be black, and then decides in the afternoon to be LGBT. I feel it's not good to deny the way in which other people are made, as Audrey Lauren would always say, 'Don't deny me the power of my I am.'

Sharmarah Hernandez raised very strong points on limits. The limits at MIT are man

made and socially constructed. It is true that at MIT we strive for excellence and we are good, but I feel that our society plays a big role in killing self confidence in many people. Most MIT students look down upon non engineering majors and view them as people who were admitted by luck. At the end of the day, these students lose their personal belief and end up performing poorly in academics. Whilst MIT students look down upon non engineering majors, MIT has the best Economics, Linguistics and Management departments in the nation and the world. The people who do these majors are the very people driving our world but our MIT society doesn't believe in their ability. MIT is where it is today because of all the 24 majors in our curriculum and our society mustn't look and measure the value of a person by their choice of major. Our society mustn't set limits for its people, lest we become less successful by setting limits for each other.

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