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Why you should join the Boys and Girls Club

By Sincere Lockhart
YOUTH STAFF WRITER



My name is Sincere Lockhart, and I'm 11 years old. I have been going to the Boys and Girls Club in Highland Park for 3 years. I'm going into the sixth grade this fall. I'm on the honor roll at school.

The Boys and Girls Club helps me to control my anger. The activities at the club are relaxing and fun. They ask us how we feel. They teach

us empathy and how to put other people before ourselves. I'm on the drum line. It helps me to control my anger. I face bullies at school, who are jealous of my accomplishments. I pretend that I'm hitting a bully, when I play the drums. I would like to see bullying gone away from school. I would like to see improv come back to the club. Although it's acting, it's fun. We have three minutes to talk and then we get into games. We play games like late to school. We have an emotion party. We act out scenarios. We have a joke stream, where we dance. When the music stops, we have to deliver a joke. I recommend other kids join the Boys and Girls Club to make new friends and enjoy fun activities.

Improvements needed in River Rouge

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SPECIAL TO THE SUN



I am a current resident in River Rouge, MI. I like living here with my family. However, there are a few things I would like to see change in my city. The first thing is the pollution. When my mother drives the

freeway, I can smell the pollution. This really affects people with breathing problems and the earth in general. I would also like to see a change in some of the houses being too close together. If a fire occurs, the fire may spread to the houses next to it. This actually happened to me a couple years ago. There was a fire next door, and I was afraid that our house would get caught on fire too. Overall, River Rouge is a good city. These are just a few changes I hope to see in the future.

Make River Rouge better

By Aria Childs
SPECIAL TO THE SUN



I live in River Rouge, MI. I have lived in this city most of my life, and I would like to see some changes in our community. I wish there were more schools in River Rouge, MI, so we can have more options to choose from.

I would also like for the pollution to go away. I smell pollution just about everywhere I go. My mother sometimes has trouble breathing. I know her breathing would be better if pollution went away. Finally, the construction lately has been a lot to deal with, especially in our area. I wish the construction did not take as long and did not affect our daily living. In conclusion, I am happy to be a resident at River Rouge. However, the city would be much better, if these changes occurred.

Cass Tech gives options for future success

By David Childs
SPECIAL TO THE SUN



I live in River Rouge, MI, but I go to Cass Technical High School. Attending Cass has given me plenty of opportunities and options to explore how I

want to continue life after high school. There have been many academic, musical, and social extra-curricular classes that I was fortunate enough to be a part of, which have changed the way I think about my future. Because of these programs, I have opened my mind to various career paths, such as becoming a lawyer, doctor, or engineer. For the upcoming 2026-2027 school year, I plan to close my senior year with a clear vision for my future and ready for adulthood.

VolunTeening



VolunTeening (volunteering as a teen) at the Hiram E. Jackson Boys & Girls Club has given us the opportunity to learn from amazing mentors while developing valuable personal and leadership skills. Throughout the summer, we have strengthened qualities such as leadership, problem-solving, selflessness, responsibility, and teamwork. These skills have become an important part of the experience we have gained as VolunTeening. Throughout the summer, we have participated in group activities, learned about inventory and organization, practiced leadership skills, and taken on responsibilities that have challenged us to grow. These experiences have helped us become more confident leaders, better

teammates, and more responsible individuals. Most importantly, they have allowed us to learn more about ourselves and recognize the unique strengths each of us brings as a leader. All of us—Mueenah, Landree, Cassius, Dayton, Cevanna, and Curran—have learned countless lessons from Ms. Deana, Mr. Jabari, Mr. Eric, and many other dedicated staff members. Some of us have been part of the Club since we were six years old, while others are just beginning our journey. No matter how long we have been involved, volunteering has allowed each of us to grow by learning from our mentors and taking advantage of every opportunity they have provided.



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