



*The Grosse Pointe Public School System Presents*

# GP Nspire TALKS



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Friday, Feb. 6, 2015, 7 p.m., Brownell Middle School

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## *Welcome,*

The GP Nspire Talks were born from the idea that students have something to add to the world's conversation. They see our world from a unique perspective, and this event gives them an opportunity to share their vision. Our students inspire us daily, and we thought it was time to share that gift with all of you. Tonight you will hear twenty speeches from students representing seventeen schools from across metro Detroit. You will laugh, you will see things in ways you never have before, and you may even cry. We can only assure you of one thing: you will be inspired.

We have been planning this night for over a year, communicating tirelessly with participating schools, sponsors and charities. It has been a herculean effort, one that would not be possible without the efforts of some very generous and dedicated groups. We would first like to thank the administration of Grosse Pointe Public Schools for their support throughout this process; without it, this event would never have gotten off the ground. The principals at all of our schools have supported the Nspire talks from the word go, and for that we are eternally grateful. We would like to especially thank the administrative teams at the Grosse Pointe North and South — led by Mrs. Kate Murray and Mr. Moussa Hamka — for their unwavering support. We would also like to thank the Grosse Pointe North Parents Club and Grosse Pointe South Mother's Club. Their devotion to this district and its students is unquestionably strong. Finally, we would like to thank the Grosse Pointe North Student Association. These students worked to organize, promote, and execute this exceedingly-complex event. They never complained; they simply added their passion in ways that only students can.

Tonight is about inspiration. Sit back, listen, and be inspired. Thanks for supporting the GP Nspire Talks!

*Gary Abud, Jonathan Byrne, Dennis Pascoe & Andrew Taylor*  
Event Organizers, Grosse Pointe Faculty

## *Evening at a glance*

### Prelude

Grace Sexton, Grosse Pointe North sophomore

### Welcome

Lexi Ciaramitaro, Grosse Pointe North senior

### National Anthem

Yarnell Waller, Grosse Pointe North senior

### Invocation

Kaley Makino, Grosse Pointe North senior

### Student speeches

A message from the Michigan Eye Bank

15-minute intermission

Student speeches

Closing ceremony

After each speech, we will invite you to comment via Twitter.

**#nspire2015**



### *Special thank you to:*

Grosse Pointe North Principal Kate Murray

Grosse Pointe South Principal Moussa Hamka

Brownell Middle School

Technical crew: Art Pasha, Christine Karpinski and staff

Grosse Pointe North Student Association

Grosse Pointe North teacher Geoffrey Young

**Dasha Jones & Hailey Lynch**

seniors, Lakeshore HS

*The Michigan Council of Women in Technology*

Dasha (left) has taken three years of web design classes and plans to attend a technology college in the fall, specifically designed for broadcasting and coding.



She says she is a girl with ambitious dreams: "One day I plan to become one of the few women that become CEO of a corporate company." Her teacher Tasha Candela has encouraged her. Dasha said, "She's like a coach that pushes you to get first place every year. I'm lucky that she was my teacher."

Hailey's favorite subject is math and it is easy to understand for her. She plans to go to Central Michigan University to pursue a degree in computer science. Her web design teacher inspired her to go farther into technology. Hailey said, "She made the classes fun and helped me find what career I will really love. I am excited to go off to college and get a deeper understanding of computer science."

**Lyla Paschke | 5th grade, Richard Elementary**

*If People Were More Like Angels*

Lyla's real name is Lydia Lee Paschke; Lyla is her nickname. She enjoys tennis and reading and her favorite holiday is Christmas. She has one sister and is in 6th grade math. She also enjoys drawing and sculpting with clay. She has a puppy named Tashtego (Tego for short) and he is a black Lab. Her favorite subjects are science and social studies. She wants to be a zookeeper, veterinarian, marine biologist, lawyer, or inventor. Finally, she says, "I do believe in Santa Claus."



**Katelyn Carroll | senior, Grosse Pointe North HS**

*Your Choice*

Katelyn is involved in National Honor Society, WILLOW, Student Council, Drama Club and tennis. She loves to sing and dance, and is in a featured role in this year's musical *Catch Me If You Can*. Besides performing, Katelyn loves to read and write. Her passion for English has inspired the idea of earning a teaching degree in English at the University of Michigan. Katelyn hopes to continue publicly speaking.

