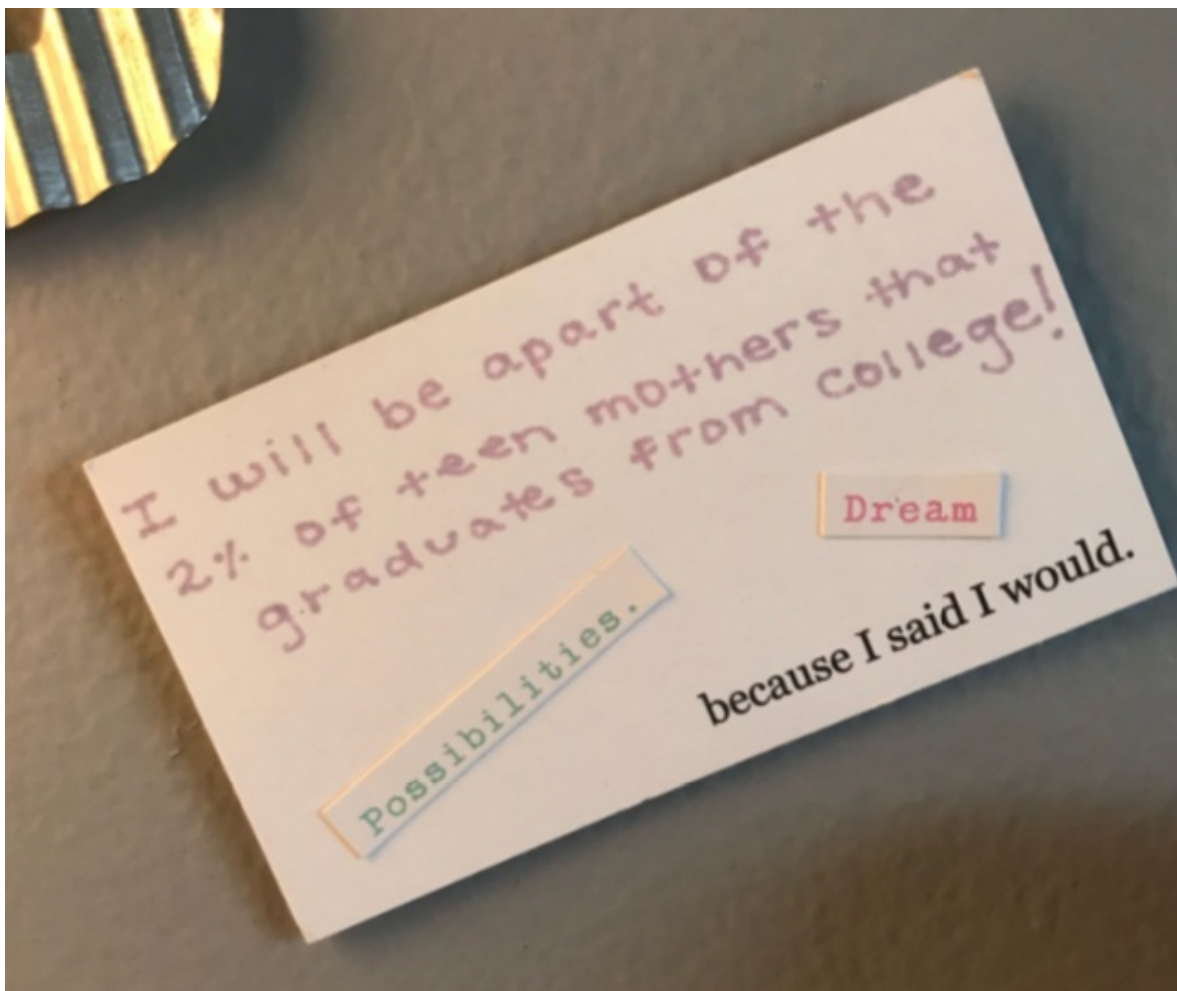


There is no statistic for perseverance.

It was **April of 2013** when Deidre found out she was pregnant. Being around drugs, running away from home and spending time in juvenile detention was not the best way to start her high school experience. Even though she was only 15 years old, it was as if she had already lived an entire lifetime.

Deidre knew what it was like to always feel a step behind. She didn't want her child to experience the disadvantages that she knows comes with being raised by a young single mother. So, with the help of her own mother and extended family, Deidre refused to drop out of high school while raising her daughter. She changed her circle of friends and continued her education. By the time of graduation she had transformed her GPA from a 1.2 to a 3.6.

But a high school education is often not enough to provide for a family. So, she applied to College and is currently a junior studying to be a pediatric nurse. When times get tough Deidre closes her eyes, pictures her daughter's face and thinks about how close she is to fulfilling the promise she made to herself...





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Character Education & Your family

In 2018 our youth are hurting themselves and others at a startling rate. While Character Education is an often times misunderstood term, its potential impact in our schools and communities is needed more now that ever before.



Here are 5 Reasons Character Education should matter to you:

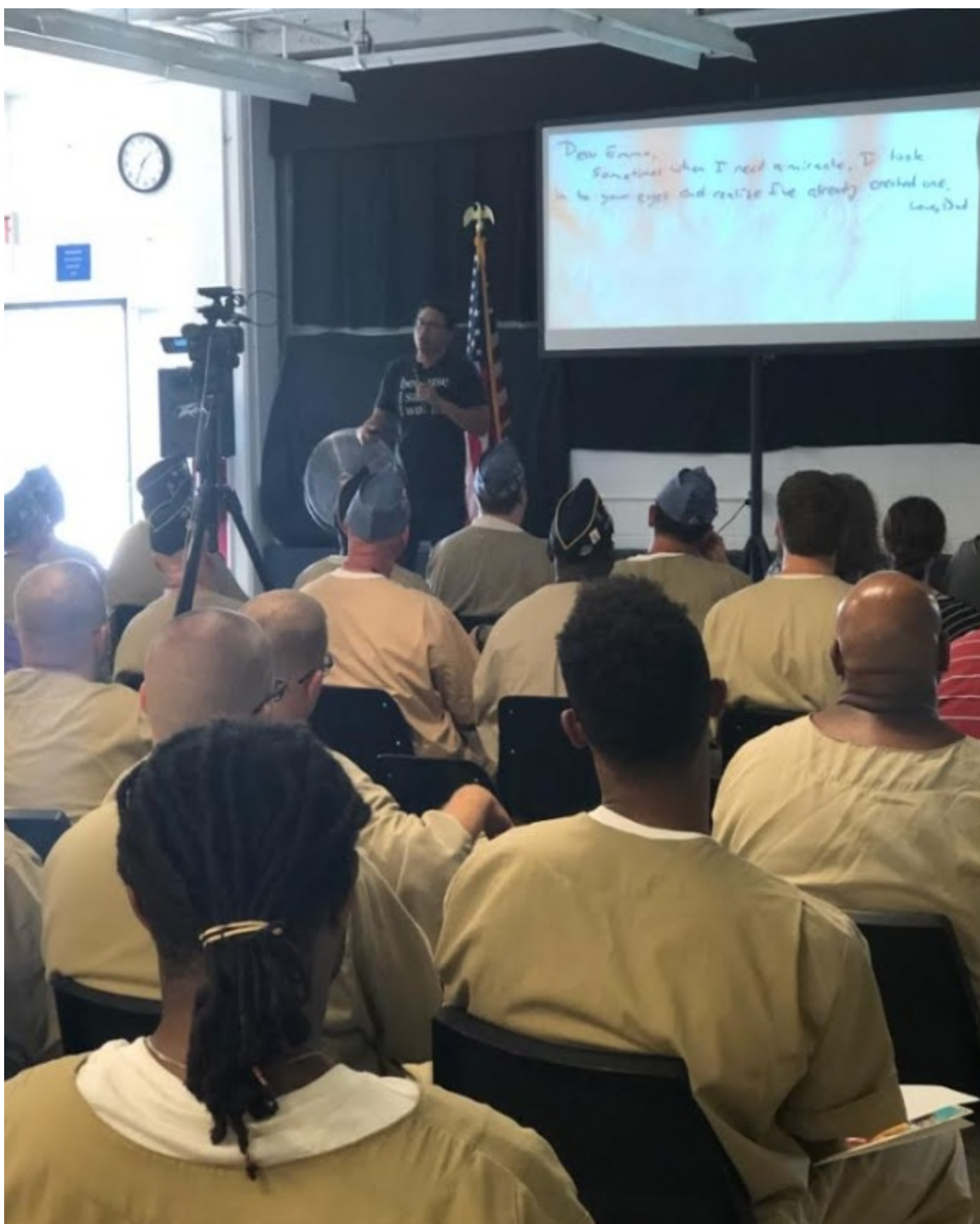
1. More teenagers and young adults die from suicide than from cancer, heart disease, AIDS, birth defects, stroke, pneumonia, influenza, and chronic lung disease, combined. Each day in our nation, there are an average of over 3,041 suicide attempts by young people grades 9-12.
2. 55.2% of LGBTQ students.....

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Prison Programs

According to a 2018 report from the Bureau of Justice Statistics there are more people are behind bars in America than there are living in major cities such as Philadelphia or Dallas. When thinking about the reality of incarceration in America and the hope reform, this quote by writer Colum McCann comes to mind:

"I don't believe the world's a particularly beautiful place, but I do believe in redemption."



Because I said I would recently curated character development programming at the Pendleton Correctional Facility in Indiana. At this facility all the inmates are serving a minimum sentence of at least twelve years behind bars. The hope was that our message about the importance of promise keeping would make a lasting impact...

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