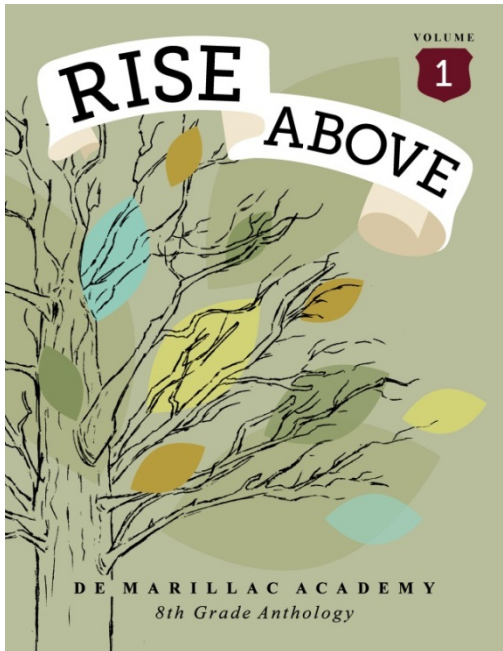


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SAN FRANCISCO, March 7, 2013 – De Marillac Academy proudly announces the publication of *Rise Above*, the first annual De Marillac 8th Grade Anthology. In this text, these young men and women on the threshold of entering high school discover their own voices, make themselves visible to the world that frequently overlooks them, and stun the reader with their vision, compassion and strength.



Rich Hill, their teacher, writes in the forward, “When young people are allowed a voice and a safe forum in which to exercise it, all of us around them quickly realize that there is a better road forward, and we should be forging it with all our strength, both collectively and individually. These particular students carry torches of truth because they have honesty, innocence, and optimism solidly transfixed to their creative spirits. They are ready to sing, dance, write, invent, question, and be heard. Listen, and we are sure to be rewarded.”

Mike Daniels, president of De Marillac Academy, writes to the eighth grade authors, “Thank you for practicing, in these poems, the perseverance needed to advocate for your own future, the leadership needed to model for all of us a better way to be human, and the integrity and courage needed to let your voices be heard.”

De Marillac Academy educates underserved children, youth, and families of the Tenderloin and surrounding communities. De Marillac provides an excellent 4th-8th grade, tuition-free school program, and a dynamic youth and family support program that continues through high school and beyond. Ninety-percent of De Marillac’s graduates have completed high school compared to 75.5% National Graduation Rate from public high school and 71% rate in the state of California. As private, faith-based school serving low income families, more than 95% of expenses are sponsored by generous donations from individuals, foundations, and corporations.

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Rise Above

JULIA CAZARES-TAMAYO

By the sweat dripping down
My father's cheek
And the blisters on his hands,
I'll get there.

With the cries of pain
From my mother
And the bruises on her legs,
I'll get there.

I will no longer be tormented
By the lives of my ancestors.

I will rise above the pain
And make a new path.



HOME

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Used To It

JULIAN CISNEROS

A place of drug dealers,
Undercover cops,
And needles everywhere.
The tourists don't visit
The Tenderloin.
Too many sad stories.
Too many.
If visitors do come,
They walk fast
Because they feel
The danger.
But we are used to it.
Used to it.
We rise above
The danger.