Speech

When I was younger I always wanted lighter skin. Growing up watching tv all I used to see girls who were lighter than me and thought they were beautiful. I never saw any dark skin girls on tv or in magazine so I started to believe that being dark was ugly and being light-skin or white was beautiful and got you on tv. I started to want straighter hair and hated my curly kinky hair. My freshmen year of high school it got harder for me to accept my color. Seeing girls with straight hair and light skin and hearing guys talk about what type of girls they were attracted to. I never once say a girl of my color holding hands with a guy lighter than her or any guy at all. I started to be insecure about myself and find ways to make myself pretty. I spent hours striaghten my hair and dressing like the pretty white girls on tv. Till this day I still have insecurities about my complexion, but I've learned to embrace it. Without believing you're beautiful and having confidence in yourself no one else will believe you are. I hated when people say "you're pretty for a darksin" or "you look like kelly Rowland" when I look nothing like her, she just has darkskin like me. My hatred of my darkskin turned into my love for it. I want all darkskin girls to know they are beautiful and

not believe what society say is beautiful. They are so many dark skin celebrities out there we just don't notice them because of what society puts in front of us. Naomi Campbell, Jennifer Hudson, and Lupita Nyong'o are dark skin women, and there are plently more. Martin Luther King Jr. did not fight for equality between racises for us to seperate yourself by how dark or light your skin is.