

We, the Brainy Bunch, have a dream. Together.. And separately. We believe the reason we are working in teams is for this reason: to contribute our own beliefs and see different people's perspectives. That is how we will grow. That is how we will teach others. Although we are all separately ordinary, together, we are trying to be extraordinary. We are still learning more about each other each and every day, yet Proverbs 24:10 defines us as a whole: "If you falter in a time of trouble, how small is your strength." Our dream together is to not let the challenges and hardships stop us from being good leaders.

Although we have a dream as a whole, we believe each individual's belief is so important and it deserves to be heard. Like Martin Luther King Jr., one of our dreams is for every person, of every nation and background to be loved and accepted. The love and acceptance of all is an important part of a just society. The embracing of others will help the world blossom with full potential. Invoking challenges will help further the life we were meant to live and lead a fulfilling future. **We know we can change.**

Aspirations of health for all is a main priority in these unprecedented times. We have a dream that the world will become a healthy and prosperous place, like it once was. During these uncommon times that COVID-19 has brought us, staying healthy is the most important thing. We can only hope and pray that everyone will stay safe and take the safety precautions needed to fight this virus, along with the world reuniting with a new perspective on diseases and health. **We know we can change.**

Our climate is a main contributor to everyone's health and well-being. We have a dream for a clean the earth and a stop on climate change. Our actions need to develop... We need to stop polluting the water and using factories to emit bad gasses into the air. **We know we can change.**

Not only do we wish good health upon humans, we have a dream that one day, animal cruelty will no longer exist and no being will live a life with pain nor suffering. We desire for animals to not be held in inhumane situations. We hope that humans will be able to see the error of their ways and not force an animal into a dangerous disposition. Humans and animals should thrive in a symbiotic world. **We know we can change.**

Our most common individual aspiration was peace. We have a dream for world peace, ; less violence and wars. We want every person to be able to go places and not be mocked. In other words, to be able to walk outside and not be worried about possible consequences that could arise. We have a dream to unite as one, creating a happier place. The world needs to become a space where there is no violence. We have to unite to make progress. Respect is key. This will lead us to the correct path that is necessary to live a successful life. **We know we can change.**

Similar to Dr. King, we have a dream that racism will end forever and nobody will be seen as just a color. For years, kids have been raised in a home where they are told anyone who is different is dangerous. Judging people by the color of their skin is wrong and we must take a second to realize what we are doing. **We know we can change.**

We have a dream for world hunger to end. There must be a realization, an eye opener, that there are babies brought into the world who don't survive past two months due to starvation. There are countries that don't have sustainable agriculture to provide for their community, yet we America have surpluses of food. Just a little bit of generosity would go a long way. **We know we can change.**

Finally, we have a dream that all individuals feel important; that their voices are heard and matter. Everybody has the chance and ability to make a difference in this world. Change comes from pain and discomfort, yet those who persevere through will have an everlasting effect on the future. Everyone who is brought into this world carries great significance along with them. You are more than you believe and everything you could possibly want to achieve is right there inside of you.

Throughout these challenges, we are changing and evolving. As aspiring leaders and equality makers, we hope to guide the dreams of us and others along and create a better future for all people just like Martin Luther King Jr. did. **We're dreaming big!**

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