Time to open your eyes, you zombie. It is a thought More than a phrase. Too often overlooked. and sometimes no More Meaningful or representative of anything More than a simple hello. To Me, however, these words were a salvation. "All of us, whether old or young, can make a difference in the lives of others by giving our personal best in the areas of time, talents, and treasures." College can be a difficult transition and present a stressful atMosphere. As Much as I hate to admit 16

it, I was so Mewhat anxious of their acceptance of me. I took a deep breath and then exhaled a silent prayer for strength. I was cal and ready to begin. The **M**ost i**M**portant thing you can do in life is educate yourself. Educate yourself on your passions, surroundings, and the effects of your actions Although the intention may be pure, the interpretation from the public may not be as fair. SoMetiMes, people do not like seeing 17 you perfor better/do better than the Often times, it infuriates them. It is important to rise above that iMMaturity and recognize those are not people you want in your life. I felt as if I was the only one not standing during The Pledge of Allegiance in third grade. I know you are struggling right now. Individuals of society are still unaware of what occurs behind the curtains. Hollywood abandons any responsibility to our country. But then again, as AMericans, we do

not want to know the truth. We "cannot handle the truth." This world is a reality. I think art and self expression can co**MM** -unicate the most complex ideas in simple ways. You stop and check through everything to Make sure you have created a paper you are proud of. The purpose of **M**y paper is to share with you a personal experience that changed my life. From that day on, I pledged to make a difference in at least one person's life.