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LET'S CELEBRATE DIVERSITY TOGETHER!

The world is different. A good different. The different where there's nobody like you out there. Sadly, society today is judged because people may be different from someone else. Believe it or not, WE are the future, and I want the future to be accepting, different, and loving. Let's celebrate diversity together!

If we all would appreciate each other for who we are as a person, we could all change the world. If everyone respected each other, bullying and hiding in the shadows would be in the past. Just because someone celebrates different holidays, eats different foods, or looks different is no excuse for disrespect. If everyone respected each other, I imagine myself being more open to try new things like food and dancing. The fact that society looks down on others because of what they practice, or their way of life, is not good. It may be scientifically impossible for all of the countries to come together again, but I feel if we respect each other, we will all be united in spirit.

You may wonder where I am from. I didn't just appear here in America. My great grandparents had to spend weeks on a boat just to see if Ellis Island will allow them to build their new life here. They came all the way from Poland just to give America a try! No one's family originated here, they came from all over the world. There are kids in my class related to Greeks, Italians, Irish, and loads of others too. In my classroom, it doesn't matter where you are from. We all respect each other the same. I feel as if, in the end, the world would benefit if I promoted diversity. If I could have one wish, I would wish for everyone in the world to be treated equivalently no matter what. If we all promoted diversity, a forevermore peace will be distributed amongst us all. We all still have a lot of learning to do about each other, the world, and what we could all become. Even doing something as little as saying "Hi" to the a new student that might look or act a little different, or smiling at people on the street who others may not even look at, will make a difference. Diversity is beautiful because everyone can be different and teach

others about their way of life. We all need to appreciate and promote diversity because we need to make everyone in the world feel wanted and appreciated.

Everyone has a different goal or thing they want out of life. But today, before we can even get to know someone, people judge them. If you don't get to know someone, you won't know anything about their journey in life. There are people out there who gave their life to bring their family here. We all know nothing about each other's journeys in life, what we have been through, and what we plan to do with it. That's why diversity is awesome. If we were all the same, we wouldn't have any stories to tell, interesting foods to eat, or any dances, and clothing that inspire others. We would all be plain, boring, and dull. I can't imagine life without my aunts all getting together before Christmas to prepare a feast full of Polish cuisine!

When you think about it, we all know nothing about what everyone on earth has really been through. In fact, half my friends didn't know I was more than 80% Polish until I asked my friend Portia to proofread this essay! I love all the stories my friends tell me about what Ireland looks like, and what French people eat! It's all so amazing to learn about other's journeys in life. They are all so unique, but all are so cool. We all need to appreciate others no matter where they first come from, or what they believe in. By doing this, in the future, we can all achieve the #1 thing on the earth's bucket list, peace.

I remember when I was little, I was quite the artist. I would always have a paint brush in my hand and a towel the other (for when I spilled it). I remember painting a picture of the world one day, and then drawing a bunch of rainbow people holding hands. I always thought world peace was a dream, until I realized that by promoting diversity, and if we all appreciated it, world peace would be reality. This is OUR world. Let's all make it wonderful by appreciating and promoting diversity. As M Scott Peck says, "Let's share our similarities, and celebrate our differences!" I want to grow up in a world that is accepting, loving, and kind, and I can't do that by myself. We all need to celebrate diversity together!