

Hearing what other people believe made me start to think if I could possibly list the things that I believed in. Being a person who LOVES to make lists, I thought *Why not make a list of the things I believed in and go from there.* So I wrote down, laundry detergent, Clorox wipes, and folders, No that's my grocery list, Les Mis, Lincoln, Argo, No those are movies that I want to buy when they come out.

Well, maybe this whole list making thing wasn't such a good idea. So what do I do next, I look around my room for ideas. Above my desk, I have a mirror. Looking into it, I saw a person I never thought I would see; a senior in college, getting ready to graduate in a couple months. It made me look back at my life see how far I have come. My fellow seniors can agree with me, that who they are today is not who they were four years ago.

Looking back at my college career, a specific event came to mind that I would like to share with you. A little over two years ago, I went through a reflection process of my life, to see if who I was, was truly who I wanted myself to be. I realized that the town I grew up in had a large impact of who I was. Exactly two years ago, I told a friend the biggest discovery I made, I am gay. I never knew how big of an impact that coming out would be. I was blessed enough to have a family that was extremely accepting and loved me for who I was. I also discovered how much of a passion I have for treating people equally. Without this reflection process, I would have never discovered this passion of mine.

I think most seniors can agree with me, that this year specifically, we reflect so much on our college careers at the things we have accomplished or wished we had accomplished or all the people who impacted our lives in one way or another. I look back at my experience in this choir and remember all of the tours I was able to be part of and how much I have grown as a singer.

One more thing, I was once told by a very wise person, we must look back on our lives in order to see where we have come from and to see who we are today. I am Jacob Stevenson and I believe in reflection.