

# Loyola/Lansdowne Middle School Professional Development School Partnership

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## Who We Are

Lansdowne Middle School is a Title I school located in the west zone of Baltimore County; it serves students in grades 6-8. In addition to this, Lansdowne Middle School is also a Magnet School that prides itself on its focus as a "Center for Career and Professional Studies." Additionally, Lansdowne Middle School also serves as an ESOL school with students from over twenty different countries.



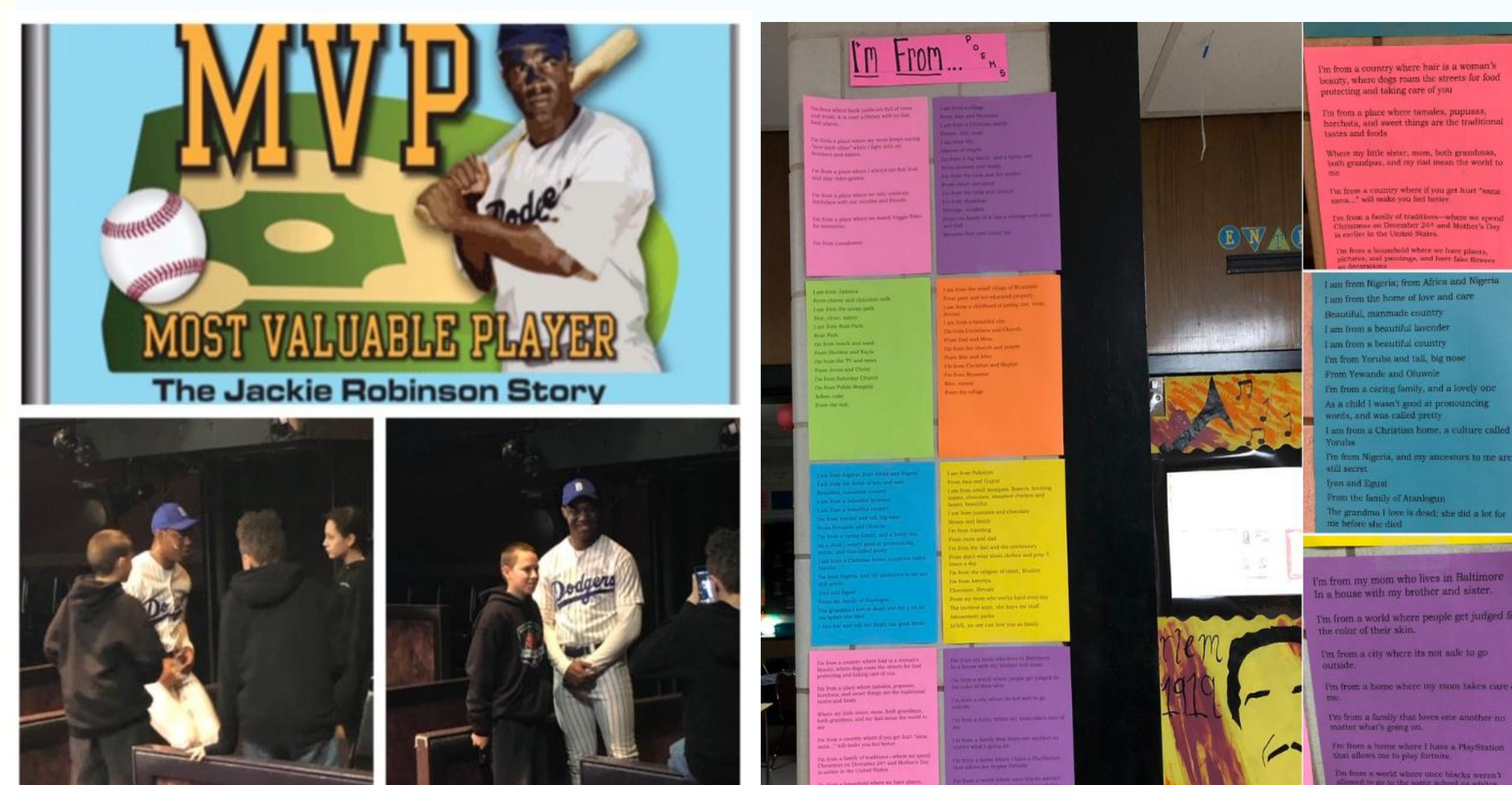
## Partnership Activities

Lansdowne Middle School just began its partnership with Loyola University as a Professional Development School during the 2018-2019 school year.

Despite being a new partnership, the faculty and staff at Lansdowne Middle School are excited for the opportunities that the partnership will bring, and for internship experiences we are able to provide teacher candidates.

## Intern Involvement

Interns at Lansdowne Middle School are involved in every aspect of our school family. Building positive relationships inside and outside of the classroom, creating engaging and meaningful lessons that provide equitable access for all students while promoting student voice, participating in school-wide advisory lessons, and being involved in school events and community outreach activities are just a few of the ways interns find themselves to be a part of our LMS family.



## Impact on Teacher Preparation

Lansdowne Middle School prepares interns for a career in education through:

- Serving a diverse population of students
- Consistent equity work and a focus on restorative practices
- Promotion of positive, meaningful relationships as a foundation for teaching
- Prioritizing culture and climate
- Continuous professional development opportunities
- A focus on instruction that is highly rigorous, standards based, and objective driven
- Numerous field trip opportunities, many of which are provided via our Magnet program
- Monthly new teacher workshops
- Weekly co-planning and data analysis with grade level content partner
- Use of daily lesson plans with a focus on differentiation, literacy, and an opportunity for teacher reflection
- Experience with a Magnet program that is unique to Baltimore County Public Schools
- An emphasis on targeted small group instruction and UDL
- Multiple literacy-based initiatives that span across all content areas
- Opportunities for involvement within the Lansdowne community
- Bi-weekly implementation of advisory lessons
- Utilization of PBIS
- Schoolwide use of AVID strategies



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The two most important things I learned in my middle school placement:

1. 9 time out of 10, the content plays second fiddle to relationship building.
2. I LOVE middle school.



Although a new partnership, Lansdowne Middle School is already influencing Loyola's teacher preparation program by providing teacher candidates with an internship experience at one of the most diverse schools in Baltimore County and emphasizing the importance of positive, meaningful relationships.

## Goals and Aspirations

Our goals and aspirations for this partnership include:

- Continuing to provide interns a diverse environment in which they are able to learn about pedagogical approaches and best practices, build positive, meaningful relationships, and feel prepared to step into classrooms of their own
- Expanding our partnership to further benefit Loyola University and the Lansdowne community
- Assisting with developing teachers who are prepared for 21<sup>st</sup> century education through professional development opportunities and experiences inside and outside of the classroom
- Providing meaningful mentorship experiences with a focus on support, reflection, and feedback



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