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**Pierre Capdau Students Release First Book: *In That We Wrote So Much & Came So Far***



After a year of writing and editing, the eighth grade at Pierre A. Capdau-UNO Charter School has released *In That We Wrote So Much & Came So Far*. Students in Ms. Kelly Rauser's eighth grade language arts class attended a year of writing workshops given by the Neighborhood Story Project (NSP). The resulting book was unveiled during a release party at the school on Wednesday, May 27.

The anthology features poetry, vignettes and photos of the contributing writers; and was brought to press by the Neighborhood Story Project. The book begins with UNO Charter School Network Chief Executive Officer Dr. Andre M. Perry's call to educators to listen to the voices of students, and is followed by Kareem Kennedy and Abram Himmelstein of the NSP explaining the methodology of the book.

The sixty pages of poems and vignettes paint a portrait of the city as captured by the eyes and ears of its eighth graders, children standing at the cusp between elementary and high school. The pieces range from the poignant to the sublime, and the tones represent the many moods of the students – serious to silly, often in the same piece.

**For more information, or to obtain a PDF of the book:**

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**Photo:** Jasmine Johnson, Capdau-UNO Charter School eighth grader and Kareem Kennedy, Co-Director of the Neighborhood Story Project

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