

Living your true identity

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Life is all about figuring out who you are. For some it's easy. Some people get the lucky hand when life it dealing out cards. Others don't. Some people can figure out who they are, but still have problems becoming that person. Imagine being born in the wrong body. Not feeling like the physical body you're in is you at all. Being transgender is like that, and there are people right here at Marion who deal with it everyday. Lolita Drahos, senior, came out as transgender on January 1st, 2019. A new year, a new her, or more so a her that was finally ready to be seen. "I came out fast as trans. I went straight in, wearing wigs, and doing what I wanted to do. It got a mixed review, but what doesn't?" said Drahos. Since a young age Drahos had felt different, but never expressed it publically until this year. A main part of what made her come out this year was the encouragment from her best friend, Madison Young, senior. Young is part of how Lolita chose her new name. Young and Drahos were listening to Lolita by Lana Del Rey and Young nicknamed Drahos "Lolita". "It stuck with me. No one else has that sort of name. I didn't want a plain name used like a lot. I liked the song," said Drahos. A very unique name for a unique person. A great way to stand out. But just years before coming to Marion Drahos was not the type to want to stand out. "I used to be 250 pounds and now i'm like 130. I knew I wasn't at all who I wanted to be. I hid behind ugly clothes," said Drahos. After coming out Drahos she realized she hadn't been herself before. "It was just me realizing the way to be completely happy is to be myself, and I wasn't being myself." After coming

out she said "I couldn't go back," Another person who from Marion that knows what it's like to be trans is Connor Murphy, Junior. Although everyone has different expeirce and not all trans people deal with the same things, Murphy and Drahos have a lot in common. Murphy also felt like he didn't belong in his body because of gender dysphoria. "You need to have dysphoria to be trans medically," said Murphy. I big way Murphy started making his body the way he wanted to was by using binders. He had gotten some and told his mom they were for gym class. "My mom asked if I was trans. I said no. Then a couple weeks later I was like 'Hey fam guess what?'," said Murphy. After coming out of the closet

Murphy started living life as himself, just like Lolita has also done. For other people wanting to come out Murphy has some advice. "The closets are too small. We have too many people in there. Get out," Connor said jokingly. But on a more serious note. "Have someone you trust. You've got to have a community," said Connor. Drahos's advice is similar. "You're going to be alienated. Don't let that stop you from doing anything you want to acheive. We tear down the things we do not know. Be yourself," said Drahos. A lesson that can be learned from both of these amazing students, and overall people, is that being the real you will make you truly happy. So try to live your truth every day. You are the only you. Let it shine.



Connor Murphy, '21, and Lolita Drahos, '20, pose with their arms around each other in front of a transgender pride flag.



Halloween

Leaves cascade and shroud the ground;
Orange and brown are seen all around,
Autumn is growing near,
The Summer heat has wilted with the flowers,
It's nearly that time of year,
Not for Winter's cold and Spring's showers,
But for the decay of Fall,
Darkness creeps over as daylight dies quicker,
Now it is time for the fateful season of fear,
The time for Halloween is here.

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But for now you can just find out what Halloween related thing you are!



What does this say about you?

You don't get involved in drama, you'd rather be eating garlic bread. Honestly, same.

You love nature and are an ever changing person. That's a good thing!

You might get involved in drama but who cares when your a fashion icon on Halloween

For some reason you don't like garlic bread and you're an introverted person

You may feel unimportant at times, but your real friends will always make you feel "Boo-tiful"

You like making music and you're always smiling when you're with your friends