

WHERE MY DAINGS AT?

Shining the spotlight on the poets of Movement 515.



“ With her bad aim, I learned how to dodge a bullet...” The Fall 2019 School vs. School poetry slam started off with a bang when junior Ronnie Martinez stepped onto the stage as the first poet of the night. She set the tone for the Hoover Squad as the first poet to receive all 10s from the judges. The poets went on to perform their most outstanding poems in order to receive standing ovations and 10s all around.

With a team score far ahead of the other schools, but two poems that went over the time limits and induced penalties that eliminated the lead, the poets went home empty handed. But poets in Movement 515 always attempt to remember that “it’s not about the points, it’s about the poetry.” The impact that is made by the performances are all that matters in the long run.

But what is Movement 515? Movement 515 is an art-filled community where students around the Metro meet twice a week to create poetry, music, graffiti or dance. These students work to speak their truth and create the change needed in their communities. Artists meet on Tuesdays at their home schools from 3:40 p.m. to 5:15 p.m. and at the Social Club on Wednesdays from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m.. Anyone is welcome!

Movement 515 gives students of all backgrounds a space to express their creativity and send a message, even if they aren’t interested in performing. Though if performance is of interest, it gives them opportunities to speak their truth to a wide range of audiences.

“What Movement has done for me was give me an outlet to flush out my feelings and pour them out on a stage to get a message across.



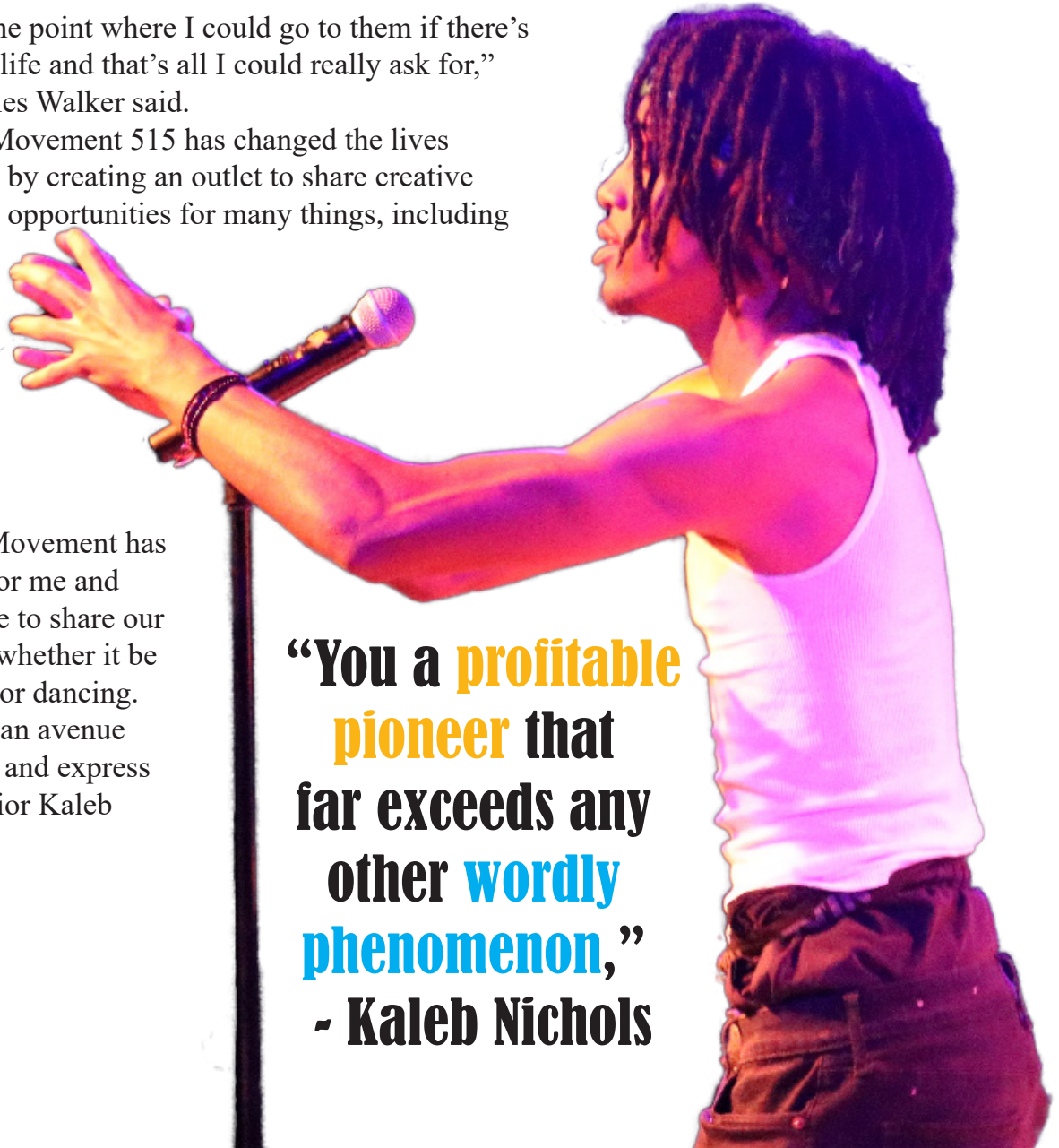
It shows me that I matter,” Martinez said.

To many, Movement is a safe space where artists can thrive and receive unconditional support. It’s known as somewhere that students can go to express themselves, make new friends, or even get advice.

“Movement means family to me. In the past three months I’ve latched onto some people I’ve never thought that I’d be close with. I’ve worked with those people to the point where I could go to them if there’s a problem in my life and that’s all I could really ask for,” sophomore Charles Walker said.

Being in Movement 515 has changed the lives of many students by creating an outlet to share creative abilities and gain opportunities for many things, including scholarships.

“The culture we’ve created at Hoover is outstanding and something I look forward to going to every Tuesday. Movement has created a space for me and many others alike to share our artistic abilities, whether it be poetry, painting, or dancing. It’s truly created an avenue for kids to thrive and express themselves,” junior Kaleb Nichols said.



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