



## Survey Summary from the Spring of 2019

At the end of every creative writing workshop, we ask our residents to complete a survey that determines if Writers in Residence should continue to teach creative writing, change the curriculum, student volunteers, or methods. A summary of those survey results are below:

1. When asked to circle their response from strongly disagree to strongly agree about the statement "I liked the creative writing workshops," 11 residents agreed and 14 residents strongly agreed.
2. When asked to explain their response to the "I liked the creative writing workshops" statement some of the residents said:
  - "[The creative writing workshop] helps me find myself."
  - "I enjoyed learning about poetry and I enjoyed my peers' criticism."
  - "The diversity of people and how they encourage this art that most people are shy of."
  - "It lets us open up with what is easy to write than to say."
  - "Because I get to express myself."
  - "This group makes a bond with the people in here."
3. When asked to circle their response from strongly disagree to strongly agree about the statement "creative writing has impacted me," 3 residents agreed and 3 residents strongly agreed.
4. When asked to explain their response to the "creative writing has impacted me" statement some of the residents said:
  - "Because I gained an interest in it."
  - "I now have curiosity towards writing and poetry."
  - "To feel comfortable with sharing and more open to feedback."
  - "It showed me a better way to express [myself] instead of using my words [aloud]."
  - "It has made me re-find my love for writing."
5. When asked to describe Writers in Residence, some of the residents said:
  - "A loving environment that will help you find yourself through writing."
  - "It's pretty cool and I really like the people."
  - "A program that opens, and helps open, and [helped me] become better at understanding writing in general."
  - "A peaceful environment where you can speak openly."
  - "A family of writers."
6. In a writing apprehension test with 26 positive and negative statements that determine residents' attitude toward writing, below are some of the highlighted findings:
  - 67% of residents feel confident enough in their ability to clearly express their idea in writing.
  - 83% of residents know when they finish a piece that it's not good, which implies that the residents see their writing process as recursive instead of fixed.
  - 100% of the residents enjoy discussing their writing with others.