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Inspiring Integrity

A person with integrity is trustworthy, humble, responsible and selfless even in the time of crisis. The following examples have inspired me to have integrity in my daily life.

Malala Youzafari is a young woman who stands up for educational rights for women throughout the world. Malala wanted Pakistani girls to go to school so they could learn. However, in Pakistan, the Taliban banned girls from going to school. Because Malala was advocating for these rights, she was shot in the head to silence her on October 9, 2012. She survived and was flown to Birmingham, England where she still works for rights for women.

Dr. Anthony Fauci is the United States' top virologist who has faced a real challenge to help battle coronavirus! Former President Trump recruited Fauci to the Covid Response Team and Fauci helped inform the public about true facts on coronavirus. Even when his beliefs were challenged by the President, Fauci stood his ground and maintained integrity. He served as an unwavering source of guidance and answers, even when they were not popular.

Many people show integrity right here in Indiana every day. My friend, Hunter witnessed someone being bullied at his school. Hunter did not see any adults around and stepped in to help by getting between the bully and his target. Hunter was injured, with a broken nose and he also had to endure consequences for fighting in school. He showed integrity by doing what was right to protect someone from being bullied, even risking his own injury and punishment.

In conclusion, one person can make a difference in the world, country and even in our school. I am inspired every day by these stories to maintain my moral compass and do what is right, even if it is the harder choice.