



**Butler Writers** is an outreach of the Butler University English Department and MFA Creative Writing program that seeks to empower and amplify the voices of high school students in the Indianapolis community by connecting them with mentors and methods for self-expression. Since its inception in 2011, this Jefferson Award-winning initiative has generated more than 1,800 mentee-mentor contact hours annually and served more than 1,500 unique students at our IPS partner schools.

Manuscripts is proud to present a piece from a young poet in Butler Writer's after-school creative Writing Club. Becca Piñero is a freshman at Shortridge High School. Her poem was inspired by some of her early memories of elementary school during the fall, and how those memories created the foundation for her love of poetry today.

To learn more about the program, please visit [butlerwriters.org](http://butlerwriters.org).