

A scenic view of a city skyline reflected in a river, with a bridge in the foreground. The sky is a pale blue, and the water is calm, mirroring the buildings and the bridge. The overall tone is bright and celebratory.

***Celebrating a
City of Champions***

Writers Matter

Pop-Up Contest

Competition - By Lily Martinez, Saint Andrew School, Drexel Hill

Competition is about having fun and trying your best; it's about coming together and meeting new people. So how you compete is just as important as winning because it allows you to significantly impact your team's victory or loss of a game. I know loss doesn't feel good, it hurts! But with every loss you gain experience on how to handle it and how to motivate yourself and your teammates to do better. In my opinion, it doesn't matter if you win or lose a game, all that matters is how you played and how your attitude impacted others. Did you pass the ball to your teammates? Or did you keep it to yourself? You should be able to cheer on your teammates or show some sort of motivation so that they may feel better and more confident on the field and involve them in the games instead of excluding them.

When you do lose a game, you should be able to congratulate the other team and be glad for them. Acknowledge that you lost and analyze what your strengths and weaknesses are. Try to have a better understanding of what the team needs to work on and practice. Maybe you could even look to find opportunities on how to improve your team's methods and games by learning from the winning team. Lastly, always play a game fairly, because then it shows that you are actually trying instead of risking your team's trust and your supporters' faith in you and losing it all.

If you don't show good sportsmanship, it can come off like you are just being a sore loser, don't take it out on your team, ask yourself, could I do better? Did I try my hardest? How you play depends on you. You can copy others, or you can believe and trust yourself to do good.

Lastly, I would love it if our city could be seen as a safe and friendly place that welcomes everybody and offers them protection. I would want our city to be seen as a community that works together and encourages one another when facing challenges or when somebody is struggling with different problems. Besides, who would want to have a feeling of fear or disappointment everyday? So, in other words, I want our city to be the place that never brings anybody

A background image of the Philadelphia skyline, including the Liberty Bell Center and other skyscrapers, reflected in the water of a river or harbor. The scene is captured from a low angle, looking across the water towards the city.

Philadelphia Family - By Julia Miralles, Pope John Paul II High School

Not just a team but a family;

the city of brotherly love has always been a friend to me.

whether south, west, east or north what do we all agree if. Sports.

good sportsmanship doesn't just live in the fields, mutual respect in our streets can

heal and teach our kids

that we are all the same. A fair game no cheating or sabotage, is just like keeping

your word and obeying

all the laws.

Sure it won't be easy just to end the problems there,

some just want to win, some think it's unfair.

Sometimes winning doesn't mean the end and loss just feels inevitable.

We can't just turn back time and

fix it all with a statement that feel credible.

We have to work together and focus on the present, tomorrow,

today and tonight. Where Phillies rule, and the Eagles fight.

The Phillies and Eagles

- By Ujiro Omuyeh, Saint Andrew School, Drexel Hill

“High Hopes”. You’d probably think, “high expectations” but to me, I find it to be a desire for the best of the best. The song High Hopes talks a lot about not giving up and reaching for the stars. It talks about how you need to keep putting in your best effort even if you have nothing to fall back on. High Hopes being played at the games has a lot of significance as well. It means that the Phillies and Eagles strived to win and that this song is representing their hankering to succeed. Both the teams are reflecting the song in their amazing performances on the field and in the effort they put into the games. They show that if you desire to reach your goals, you need to envision your path and work towards it. The two teams portrayed an immense amount of hope and they executed it through all of their hard work.

Even though the Phillies and Eagles won many games, winning isn’t everything. Usually when we refer to winning, we think of obtaining the ribbon for 1st place, but in this case, it’s a little bit different. Winning is the result of teamwork put all together. Of course they still get rewards, but they couldn't have gotten them without teamwork. Though teamwork can result in a win, it can also result in a loss. Many people see losing as a bad thing, but it really is a good thing. Losing can help us learn from the mistakes that we made, and it helps us grow as people. When we lose, we can assure ourselves that we will try to do better the next time. The Phillies and the Eagles lost many times before, but they never gave up or quit. They always cheered each other on and put in their best effort to win their next game.

Through the Phillies and Eagles, our community can learn many lessons. We can learn to not give up, to keep trying, and to give our best effort. We can also learn many lessons from our mistakes and keep on persevering. Through these lessons, our community can become a better place because people can learn to have better sportsmanship and to be kind to one another. Although it can be hard to be nice to your opponent, it is always the right thing to do. We as a community can also grasp the importance of being less toxic to our teammates after a loss or a miss in a game.

This can help our community because people would have more motivation to play team sports knowing that they will not be brought down by another teammate over a small mistake. There are many other ways that we can learn from the Phillies and Eagles, but we should mainly know to keep striving for our dreams, to give our best effort, and to have high hopes for the future.

A photograph of the Philadelphia skyline, including the Comcast Center and the Philadelphia City Hall, viewed from across a river. The buildings are reflected in the water. The text is overlaid on the image in a bold, green, italicized font.

New chant for the Eagles:

EAGLES!

EAGLES!

GO EAGLES!

GIVE IT YOUR ALL

DO NOT FALL!

EAGLES!

EAGLES!

GO EAGLES!

PICK UP THE BALL

MAKE IT TO THE HALL!



Success - By Thomas Forbes, Saint Andrew School, Drexel Hill

What has the success of the Philly sports teams taught us?

One thing that success has taught us is the importance of comradery in team sports like baseball, soccer, and football. You need a team that can play together. For example, one football player can't do everything for his team like pass, block, and guard and that is why you need a team to win. It has also taught us to never give up even if we aren't favored. Now, I haven't watched much of Union but what the Phillies and Eagles are doing is an embodiment of the city.

What I mean by that is that the city of Philadelphia is an underdog city. Most times they aren't the favorite to win but again and again they find a way through teamwork to come together and win. I think the songs like the Eagles " Fight Song" and " High Hopes" are a cool tradition because they represent the teams and are a way to get the fans involved and hyped. Through success we still need to be disciplined and have respect towards the other team as that shows good sportsmanship and a good attitude. Above all else go Phillies, Eagles, the Union , and the other teams.

A Safer Community- By Sabiha N. Rahman, J. Hampton Moore

The magic of the Phillies, Eagles, and Union help us form a safer community. These sports teams teach us that we can't always work alone, sometimes you'll need someone to just be by your side cheering and chanting you on. For example, Bryce Harper is a VERY good Baseball player but he still played with his team. So, that teaches us to come together as a team and help one another, even during the hardest times. In conclusion, if everyone in our communities get together, we'll all be aware of what's going on in neighborhoods, we all can work together, there can maybe even be co-activities or clubs, etc.

In my opinion, winning is NOT everything. This is because I get that winning is fun and all but sometimes it's about the role of playing the game, not the champion. It's good to win too, just don't be a sore winner, same thing for losing a game, or anything else in life for that matter. Even if you lose, at least you tried & competed! Many many people do not get that chance, so be appreciative of what you got to do!

“Talent may win games but teamwork & playing along wins championships.”



Bringing Us Together- By Brighton Norton, C.W. Henry

How have the Phillies, Eagles and Union created a community in the city that works together for the common good?

The Phillies, Eagles and Union bring everyone together with shared excitement. They support charities and donate money to hospitals organizations and schools. They give Philadelphians something positive to focus on. No matter your beliefs, backgrounds neighborhoods, and sports teams – they unify us by giving us passion and an awareness to issues within our communities. They motivate us to want to make a difference.

Each of the sports teams needs lots of help to run their organizations. This creates jobs like coaches, ground crews, equipment manufacturers, food service and ticket people and others.

Overall, they have a very positive impact whether the teams win or lose.

Is Winning Everything?

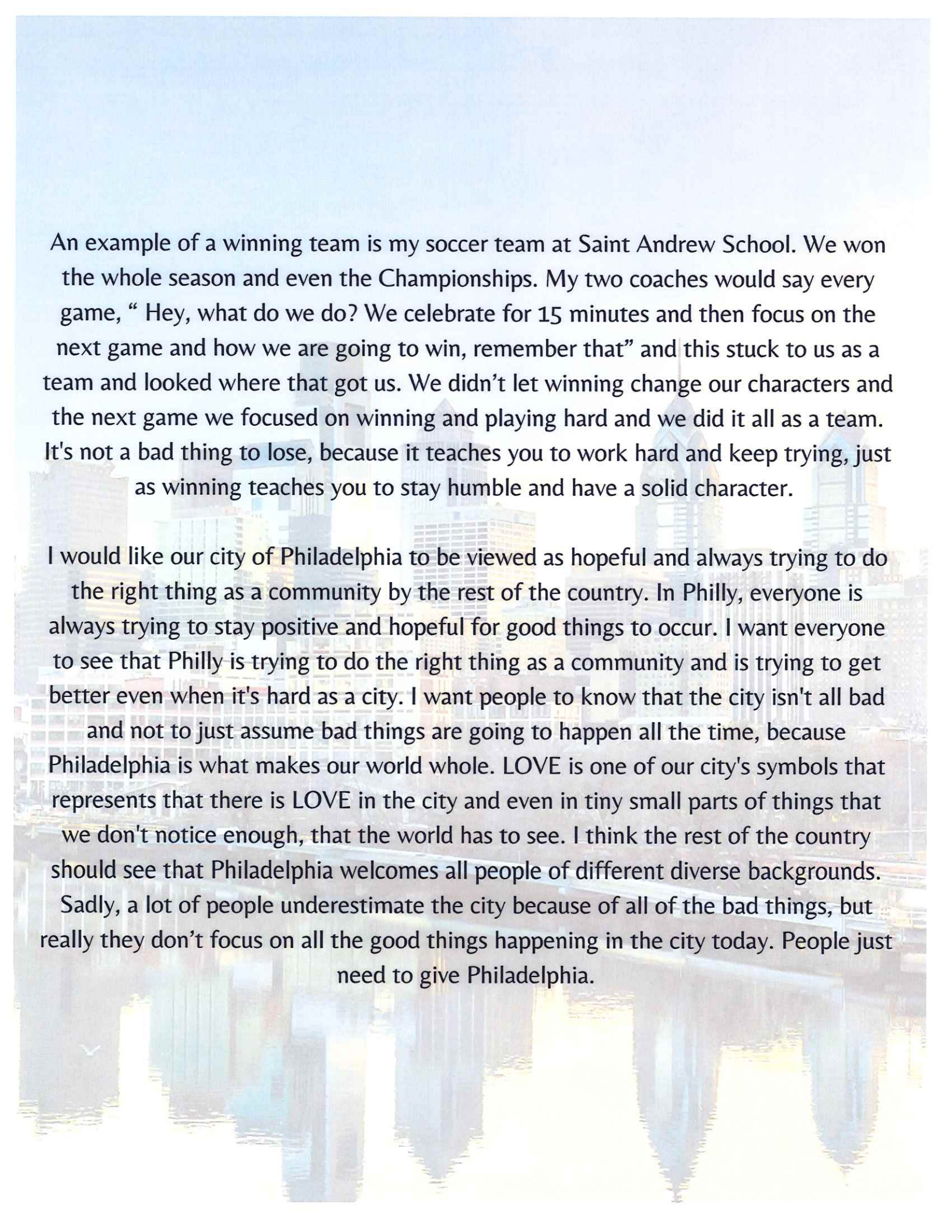
- By Madeline Bozzone, Saint Andrew School, Drexel Hill

Is winning everything or is how you compete just as important as winning? What about how you accept a loss or a time when things didn't go the way that you hoped?

How would you like our city to be viewed by the rest of the country?

Winning isn't everything in a game. The important thing in a game is hard work, teammates, commitment, and trying your best and giving it your all. Winning isn't always the success of the game, it's by getting there and trying to be humble and most importantly having good sportsmanship while playing. How you compete in a game is just as important because it shows your opponents who you are as a player and how to react to things. In a game, when you accept a loss or time when it didn't work out the way you wanted, it's important for you to keep your head high and always say "good game" to the opposite team.

Doing this shows them that you're humble, respectful, and displaying your true character as a player on the field. If you lose in a game or want to score, or even if things didn't go according to plan, you just want to keep trying because in the next game you're going to learn from your mistakes and what to do to help you improve as a team and player. My field hockey team at Saint Andrew School wasn't that good but we won a few games and even tied a few games. What our coach told us is to always keep your heads high because you gave it all you had and effort, and that it doesn't matter if you win or lose it's how you played the game. Even what you displayed as a team matters. Even though there are times when you do win and feel excited and happy about it, you don't want that to affect you and get the best of your overall character.



An example of a winning team is my soccer team at Saint Andrew School. We won the whole season and even the Championships. My two coaches would say every game, “ Hey, what do we do? We celebrate for 15 minutes and then focus on the next game and how we are going to win, remember that” and this stuck to us as a team and looked where that got us. We didn’t let winning change our characters and the next game we focused on winning and playing hard and we did it all as a team. It's not a bad thing to lose, because it teaches you to work hard and keep trying, just as winning teaches you to stay humble and have a solid character.

I would like our city of Philadelphia to be viewed as hopeful and always trying to do the right thing as a community by the rest of the country. In Philly, everyone is always trying to stay positive and hopeful for good things to occur. I want everyone to see that Philly is trying to do the right thing as a community and is trying to get better even when it's hard as a city. I want people to know that the city isn't all bad and not to just assume bad things are going to happen all the time, because Philadelphia is what makes our world whole. LOVE is one of our city's symbols that represents that there is LOVE in the city and even in tiny small parts of things that we don't notice enough, that the world has to see. I think the rest of the country should see that Philadelphia welcomes all people of different diverse backgrounds. Sadly, a lot of people underestimate the city because of all of the bad things, but really they don’t focus on all the good things happening in the city today. People just need to give Philadelphia.



Creating Community

- By Haniyyah Solis-Morgan, Saint Andrew School, Drexel Hill

The Phillies, Eagles, and Union created a community in the city that works together for the common good by winning all their games and coming in clutch for our city. It makes our community safer because with stuff like this going on in Philadelphia there are not a lot of shootings and bad things going on right now. Winning motivates one to continue playing and continue winning. Also, winning connects good feelings with the sport, which can give your young athlete the drive to keep going. Constant losing, on the other hand, might easily lead to early quitting.

One time, I was playing a basketball game at an important tournament and my team won the championship and lost by 1 point. All you have to do is accept the fact that you lose and sometimes it's never a win. You just have to have sportsmanship and don't take it to heart. I would like our city to view the country as a blessing. The way Philadelphia is right now I would be thankful to be able to leave a move somewhere nice in the city or in a different state. The Phillies listen to "dancing on my own" or to represent them because they personally love that song and decided to choose it. For me, personally the song "high hopes" means a lot to me because it's one of my favorite songs ever so I can see how the Phillies chose it.

Work, Win, Repeat - By Nola Larson, C.W. Henry

Winning

The sweet rush of endorphins to your brain

For however long it lasts

Then

It's over

And we repeat

Its a pattern

Work, win, repeat

Even I have been sucked into this cycle

It addictive

Everyone says that a short feeling of "happiness" comes from "Winning"

Work, win, repeat

But

Only we, the unlikely, are able to understand

Only us

Work, win, repeat

What we do

Well

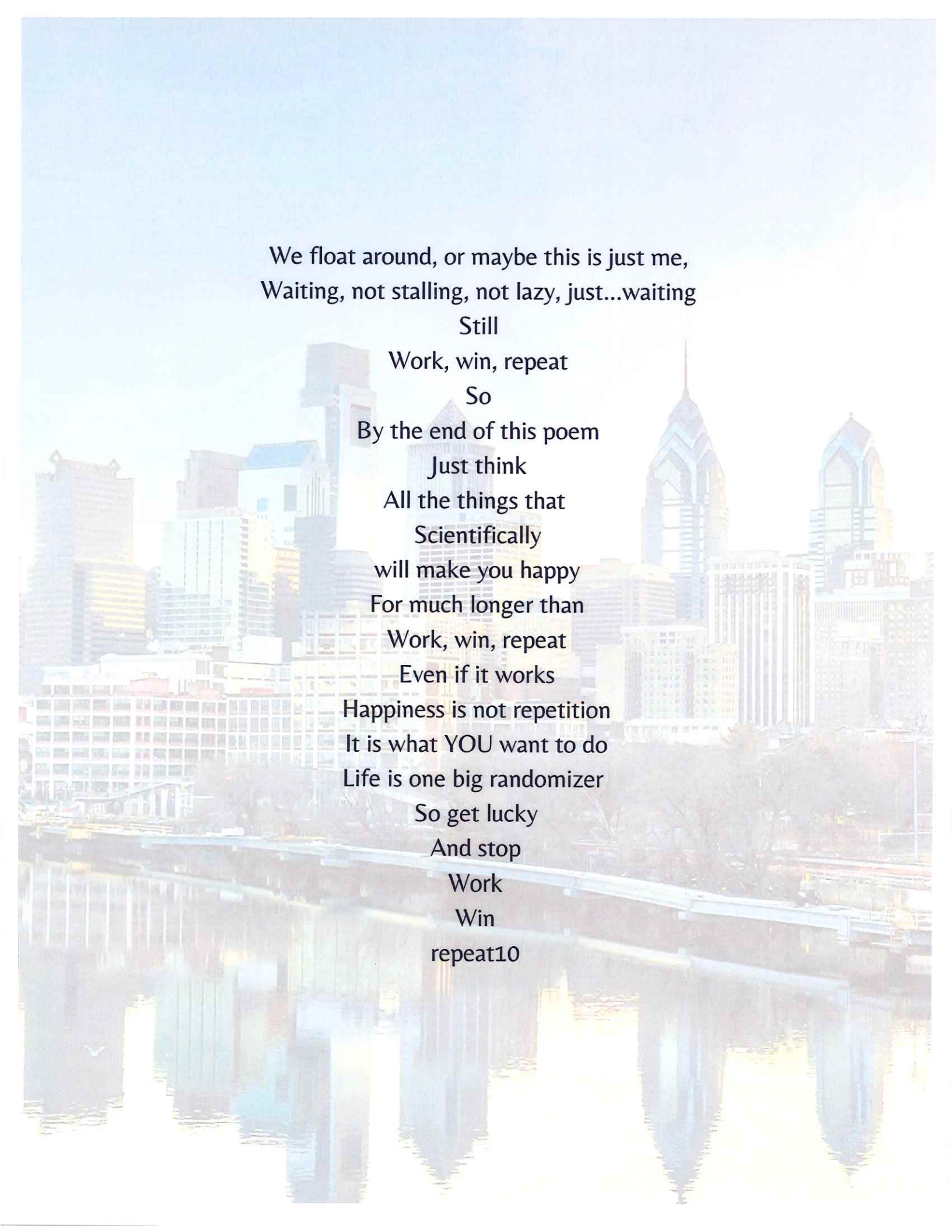
We "go with the flow"

While they still

Work, win, repeat

While they need something so distinct to live for

So perfect

A city skyline is visible in the background, with several tall buildings and a bridge in the foreground. The scene is reflected in a body of water, creating a symmetrical image. The sky is a pale blue, and the overall atmosphere is calm and serene.

We float around, or maybe this is just me,
Waiting, not stalling, not lazy, just...waiting
Still

Work, win, repeat
So
By the end of this poem

Just think
All the things that
Scientifically
will make you happy
For much longer than

Work, win, repeat
Even if it works
Happiness is not repetition
It is what YOU want to do
Life is one big randomizer

So get lucky
And stop
Work
Win
repeat10

A New Slogan - By Anna Garcia Wade, C.W. Henry

P THE PHILLIES SONG

Dear, Writers Maters I hope you like my slogan about the phillies.



The P stands for pashanite
The H stands for heart
The I stands for intelligent
The L stands for loving
The L stands for leadership
The I stands for influence
The E stands for experienced
And put them all together and you
get the PHILLIES.



Is Winning Everything? - By Simone Harris, Mitchell

Prompt: Is winning everything or is how you compete just as important as winning?

Winning is not everything, but sometimes people make it everything. How you compete is just as important as winning, if not more important.

Winning can mean you're good at something, but if you don't win, that doesn't mean you're bad at it. Losing sometimes makes people doubt their self worth. They feel less than when they are not.

Winning is complicated. That's why people have participation awards now. So even if you don't win, you still tried and get acknowledged for your effort.

Trying should be more important than winning. Even if you try and fail, try again. You could also become better at the thing you are trying to do. You might even become better at other things. Don't let one failure weigh you down and make you feel worthless.