



## Iowa America 250 Student Contest

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Essay/Poem

Prompt 2: People

### Are there Iowans and Americans who have particularly inspired you?

Angel Reese inspired me to play basketball and in the WNBA. Angel Reese is 6'3. Angel Reese plays for Chicago and Rose BC. Angel Reese grew up in Randallstown, Maryland. Angel Reese went to [St. Frances Academy](#) in Baltimore, Maryland. She was a four-year varsity player. She led the team to three consecutive IAAM championships, and graduated as a top-ranked recruit before attending the University of Maryland and LSU.

Lana Roberts inspired me to be confident. Lana Roberts is my auntie who works hard and she is a fast worker. Lana Roberts is also taking Clyde Tarrence's place as the middle/high school principal and made history. Mrs. Roberts became the first enrolled member of the Sac and Fox Tribe of the Mississippi in Iowa to ever be a principal at MSS. She is important at Meskwaki Settlement School because she supports kids at MSS. She attended MSS so she would know how or what we are feeling as a student. She is important at MSS because she grew up on the Settlement. She also inspires me to work hard and be successful in life.

Tia Wood inspired me to be myself. Tia Wood isn't American, but that is okay she still inspires me. Tia Wood is a 26-year-old Cree and Salish singer-songwriter and TikTok creator known for making traditional Indigenous sounds with music. Tia Wood grew up on the Saddle Lake Cree Nation in Alberta, Canada. She gained millions of followers for "Indigenizing" tiktok trends. She is signed to Sony Music and released her debut EP, *Pretty Red Bird*, in 2024. She can inspire Native people and American people at the same time with her music. Her music has a mix of Native and normal American music.

These people have inspired me in different ways that make me confident and happy. I hope people that inspire you make you feel happy and confident. People like Tia Wood can make me feel calm. People like Lana Roberts make me feel like working hard. People like Angel Reese make me feel like I'm confident.

## Works Cited

### Angel Reese

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### Lana Roberts

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### Tia Wood

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