LETTER FROM THE EDITOR: WELCOME TO BOLD!

What do want to be when you grow up? When we are little, that is the golden question. Perhaps it was our parents way of getting to know our personalities, or to help us imagine all of the things we could be when we grew up. An astronaut, a firefighter, President of the United States, a veterinarian, a Power Ranger – depending on which cartoons we watched on TV that day, you might hear all of these responses in one sentence. We even took it a step further and went everywhere in our cape and crown like any good superhero princess would do. It never once crossed our minds that every adventure wouldn’t come true. Then, we got older, started school and our tiny worlds got a little bigger. We started making friends and even tried to join new friend groups. We tried out for the soccer team, cheerleading squad and the debate team and for the first time, we realized something else about life – that everything you want to happen, just might not. The team you tried out for, you didn’t
make. Some of the kids on the playground were selective in who they played with, and you were left trying to make sense of it all. Unfortunately, with rejection comes doubt and then fear. And we become stagnant.

Now, as young adults, we're no longer being asked what we want to be when we grow up. Instead, it's where do you work? How much money do you make? Are you in a relationship? Why not? Do you want to have kids? How many kids? It. Never. Stops. In what seems like overnight, you go from your most difficult decision being which cartoon to watch to which health insurance you can afford. The kids on the playground that were too cool for school turn into your co-workers and your cape and crown are now a backpack and a stack of bills. Life's reality fully sets in and we stop dreaming. Just like that. Each day looks like the day before, and we do absolutely nothing about it, except complain.

BOLD Magazine is a place where we can come together and openly admit that we are stuck. We are unhappy. And we don't have all the answers to your questions so stop asking them! BOLD is a place where through community, honesty and maybe a little bit of forgiving ourselves and others, we find strength. BOLD celebrates young adults who take back their dreams, and one step at a time Begin Omitting Life's Doubt.

Welcome back.

Whitney M. Maddox

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We are BOLD.