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The title of this piece seems at first sight a bit ironic and uncreative, due to the fact that I am submitting this piece for the library dedication. However, the title means so much more than would first meet the eye. It describes not only the dedication ceremony itself, but also the dedication it took to build the library, the dedication that will be taking place inside as students strive to do well academically, and the dedication that it took to write the piece. This is the first piece that I have completely written, and I firmly believe that the idea of the construction of the library helped me finish.

The piece actually mirrors the building of the library in a way. It starts very moderately with a major feel that made me think of the library when it was first going up, no one really knew when it would be done, but they knew it was going to be great when it was. From the end of the first section to the end of the piece is a constant build up to a grand ending that I believe encompasses what the library is, grand. As I wrote the piece I tried to think about what I was thinking as it was going up. I thought about how nice it looked as they added things on, I constantly wondered what was coming next, and looked forward to the day that I could go inside. I tried to really incorporate all of the excitement and anticipation that the library provided to me personally and the campus as a whole in this piece. The library project was a constant build up from the ground breaking ceremony to the coming dedication, and this piece is no different. It builds up from the beginning to end and also helped to build my skills as a composer and my confidence that I can write something from beginning to end.

I really feel as if there will be no loser in this competition, because win or lose, just having the chance to get this piece played in front of an audience will be a proud day for me. I have met a goal that I never thought I would meet, finishing a piece, just as the school has met its goal of building the library. I look forward to the dedication, and I thank you for giving me the opportunity to accomplish my goal. I feel that this is not a competition, but a chance to hopefully be a small part of contributing to the opening of the library.