# Emerging from the Ink

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## SIXTEEN YEARS TO TOP 16

### Sixteen years of incarceration. Then recognition among Washington's Top 16 academic honorees.

In Lost and Found: Emerging from the Ink, Walla Walla author and artist Jon P. Saunders explores accountability for past harm, tattoo removal, incarceration, and the relationships that made education and a different future possible.

Photographs, digital collage, and original poetry connect his personal story to a May 2026 exhibition of 84 works at Walla Walla Community College.

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## WHY THIS STORY MATTERS TO YOUR AUDIENCE

- Arts & culture: Tattoo removal, changing identity, and an 84-work college exhibition.
- Education: Returning to the classroom after incarceration, with mentorship and opportunity.
- Community: Responsibility for harm alongside practical opportunities for young people and adults.

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