



HOSA: *Where one Person's Passion Becomes Another Person's Hero*

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W“Where one Person’s Passion Becomes Another Person’s Hero”, creates heroes of many in our world today. Heroes are defined as people admired for their bravery and nobility. Heroes do not become heroes on their own. In them are engrafted moral values and wisdom from two groups of people, women and soldiers. Many women are the providers in their households and do not have the support of their husbands or the children’s father. Some work two or three jobs, pay the bills, and sometimes are not able to spend time with their children on weekends and during the week. Sometimes, the jobs may have women working nights and days and ridiculous hours, and these women are often overwhelmed and tired. The optimistic thing about it is that they make it through hard times, endure until the end, and guard a passion for their children. That passion is to want their children to do their best in school, sports, and other curricular activities and also in their future. They want their children to go to the best colleges, have prominent careers and to succeed them when their children get older. In order for their passion to come true, faith is required to achieve and be the best. Women have to commit themselves in working hard and not giving up or giving in to fear when times are rough, and to let their children know that commitment and self motivation is required in school and sports because without it people quit. Women have to let their children know that quitting is not an option, but sometimes you have to find encouragement and support from inside you because other people will not do it for you. Women have to be the examples in their households and have faith to feed the passion for their children to make heroes in their children. My mother is my hero because she has a passion that she feeds with faith everyday in helping me to do my best. I thank my mother because without her, I would not be a hero.



AAnother distinct group of people are soldiers who have a passion to serve their country no matter what it takes, whether it is death or injury. They have to dedicate themselves everyday to not give up and to choose hope and life and not death. They make heroes of younger soldiers and students who think it is a struggle in school. These soldiers have been yelled at by their sergeants, pulled duty when they did not feel like it and could not communicate with their spouses or children at times because of duty or the war. They have set a great example for young soldiers and students to make the right choice and decisions in life that will benefit them and their families in the future. One soldier in particular was injured in the war and had two choices to make, whether it was to lie where he was injured, give up on his life, family, and country, or to get on his own two feet, receive help and be there for his family and a hero for his country in the end. Our keynote speaker at the Virginia HOSA conference in February 2009 was a soldier who made an important choice to live; he had a passion that was fed by faith and in sharing his experiences became a hero to all who attended the conference. There are others like this soldier, who chooses to serve our country and not let fear conquer them that makes heroes in many people. Soldiers that died while serving our country and veterans who lived through war to see today are people that had a passion and became our heroes. They motivated and encouraged others to not give up and became heroes to students and soldiers today.