

## Best Success Story of All Time!!!

1. City
2. State
3. Last Name Of Your Idol
4. Female Name
5. First Name Of Your Idol
6. Male Name
7. First Name Of Your Idol
8. Something Important To You
9. First Name Of Your Idol
10. Favorite Hobby
11. Favorite Hobby
12. Last Name Of Your Idol
13. Last Name Of Your Idol
14. Place You Hang Out With Friends
15. Beverage
16. Last Name Of Your Idol
17. Person You Always Listen To
18. An Older Female First Name
19. Last Name Of Your Idol
21. Last Name Of Your Idol
22. Person You Always Listen To
23. Last Name Of Your Idol
24. Last Name Of Your Idol

25. Last Name Of Your Idol
26. Something You Think You Should Be Good At
27. Last Name Of Your Idol
28. A Hobby - Not Your Favorite
29. City
30. Last Name Of Your Idol
31. Team You Would Like To Play On
32. Height
33. Skills In Your Hobby
34. Last Name Of Your Idol
35. City
36. Last Name Of Your Idol
37. Last Name Of Your Idol
38. Height
39. College You Would Like To Go To
40. College You Would Like To Go To
41. College You Would Like To Go To
42. Last Name Of Your Idol
43. Person You Always Listen To
44. Last Name Of Your Idol
45. Last Name Of Your Idol
46. Dream Job
47. Last Name Of Your Idol
48. Something You Have To Be Able To Do In Schools
49. City

50. First Name Of Your Idol
51. Last Name Of Your Idol
52. Last Name Of Your Idol
53. Boss You Would Like To Have Someday
54. College You Would Like To Go To
55. Last Name Of Your Idol
56. Boss You Would Like To Have Someday
57. Something You Need To Do Your Dream Job
58. Last Name Of Your Idol
59. Something If You Could Not Do Would Make School Hard
60. Last Name Of Your Idol
61. Someone Who Believes In You
62. Last Name Of Your Idol
63. Dream Job
64. Last Name Of Your Idol
65. Hard High School Class
66. Hard High School Class
67. Last Name Of Your Idol
68. Last Name Of Your Idol
69. School Starts
70. Dream Job
71. Last Name Of Your Idol
72. Last Name Of Your Idol
73. Last Name Of Your Idol
74. Test Needed For College

75. Last Name Of Your Idol
76. Someone Who Believes In You
77. Last Name Of Your Idol
78. College Or University
79. City
80. Ideal Boss
81. Last Name Of Your Idol
82. Last Name Of Your Idol
83. What Would You Want A Degree In
84. Last Name Of Your Idol
85. City
86. Someone Who Believes In You
87. Last Name Of Your Idol
88. Last Name Of Your Idol
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93. Last Name Of Your Idol

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People in the \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_  
State \_\_\_\_\_, neighborhood where \_\_\_\_\_  
Last Name of your Idol \_\_\_\_\_ grew up worried  
about him after his mother's death. They'd marveled at the bond he shared with \_\_\_\_\_  
Female Name \_\_\_\_\_, who raised  
\_\_\_\_\_  
First Name of your Idol \_\_\_\_\_ on her own while his father was incarcerated

"They had a beautiful relationship," \_\_\_\_\_  
Male Name \_\_\_\_\_ said. "I kept tabs on him. We were close then and we still  
are. But his mom was the rock. She was the anchor."

\_\_\_\_\_  
First Name of your Idol \_\_\_\_\_ understood the importance of \_\_\_\_\_  
something important to you \_\_\_\_\_ and introduced  
\_\_\_\_\_  
First Name of your Idol \_\_\_\_\_ to one of his favorite hobbies: attending \_\_\_\_\_  
favorite hobby \_\_\_\_\_. Outside of  
\_\_\_\_\_  
favorite hobby \_\_\_\_\_, though, \_\_\_\_\_  
Last Name of your Idol \_\_\_\_\_ felt lost.

While many of his friends participated in sports, \_\_\_\_\_  
Last Name of your Idol \_\_\_\_\_ and his brothers spent most of their  
time wandering the \_\_\_\_\_  
place you hang out with friends \_\_\_\_\_, climbing trees and picking up empty \_\_\_\_\_  
beverage \_\_\_\_\_  
bottles to throw at one another near a creek by their house.

Rarely was \_\_\_\_\_  
Last Name of your Idol \_\_\_\_\_ in trouble. The main reason was because of his \_\_\_\_\_  
person you always listen \_\_\_\_\_  
to \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_  
an older female first name \_\_\_\_\_ Lewis, a stern who became \_\_\_\_\_  
Last Name of your Idol \_\_\_\_\_ guardian following  
his mother's death. "I could've gotten my hands on anything," \_\_\_\_\_  
Last Name of your Idol \_\_\_\_\_ said. "It would've been  
so easy. But my \_\_\_\_\_  
person you always listen to \_\_\_\_\_ made sure that didn't happen. She made sure I knew right from  
wrong."

Still, as he prepared to enter ninth grade, \_\_\_\_\_  
Last Name of your Idol \_\_\_\_\_ life had no direction. He remembers an  
afternoon in school when the teacher posed a question to the entire class.

"What's your 'Plan A' in life?" she asked. "And what's your 'Plan B?'"

          Last Name of your Idol           didn't have a response.

"All of my other friends had goals,"           Last Name of your Idol           said. "They had jobs they wanted to do someday and things they wanted to be. Me...I wasn't a good           something you think you should be good at          . I didn't have anything I was good at. I didn't have anything I really liked. I didn't know where I was going.

"I didn't have a Plan A, and I sure didn't have a Plan B."

          Last Name of your Idol           had dabbled in           a hobby - not your favorite           as a child, but oftentimes his older brothers sneaked off to the park without inviting him.

Shortly into his first year at           City           High School, though,           Last Name of your Idol           life began to change.

He hit a growth spurt and made the           team you would like to play on           squad as a           height          " ninth-grader. He rarely played--"All I knew how to do was           skills in your hobby           and run the court," he said--but it was obvious he was no longer the clumsy kid he'd been back at the park.

The following summer, a friend convinced           Last Name of your Idol           to accompany him to tryouts for a prominent AAU team based in           City          .           Last Name of your Idol           figured his inexperience would keep him from making the squad, but when the roster was announced, there was his name.

By the time his sophomore year began,           Last Name of your Idol           stood           height          ". Recruiting letters began arriving at his high school from colleges all across the country:           college you would like to go to          ,

          college you would like to go to          ,           college you would like to go to           State and others. Some of the nation's most

high-profile coaches were showing up at his games, where           Last Name of your Idol                     person you always listen           to

led chants with a bullhorn.

All of a sudden, Last Name of your Idol had a passion, a purpose.

"Maybe this is my future," Last Name of your Idol thought. "Maybe dream job is my Plan A."

There was only one thing holding Last Name of your Idol back.

At 16 years old, he barely knew how to something you have to be able to do in schools.

Administrators at City High School lost count of how many college recruiters flocked to their campus

to visit with First Name of your Idol Last Name of your Idol. People in Last Name of your Idol hometown

still buzz about the day boss you would like to have someday landed his aircraft on the school's baseball field--and

about what happened a short time afterward. Instead of hurrying to greet the college you would like to go to

coach as he entered the building, Last Name of your Idol made boss you would like to have someday wait in a

hot gymnasium for nearly an hour before finally hitting the floor for his workout.

He was in a something you need to do your dream job session, and he wasn't going to leave until it was complete.

Last Name of your Idol had to work harder than the other students at his high school to fare well academically

. In kindergarten, he was diagnosed with a disability that prevented him from learning at the same pace of his

classmates.

When it came to something if you could not do would make school hard, Last Name of your Idol recognized various

words and could get through certain sentences. But he couldn't complete an entire page of a book.

"He was either going to work to be able to take advantage of his gifts," someone who believes in you said, "or he

was going to be the tallest janitor we had."

From

that point forward, \_\_\_\_\_ embraced academics as if it were a sport, showing the same intensity in the classroom as he did on the \_\_\_\_\_ court.

One year removed from working on multiplication tables in his special ed class, \_\_\_\_\_ took both \_\_\_\_\_ I and \_\_\_\_\_ as a sophomore, a task that would seem daunting to most any student.

\_\_\_\_\_ certainly had help. The normal routine was for \_\_\_\_\_ to attend class from \_\_\_\_\_:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. before working with tutors from 2:45 to 6. \_\_\_\_\_ practice was at 7, meaning \_\_\_\_\_ usually didn't arrive home until after 9 each night.

"I knew I had that opportunity to go to college right in front of me," \_\_\_\_\_ said. "I was so driven. Nothing was going to stop me."

\_\_\_\_\_ scored poorly on the \_\_\_\_\_ during the fall of his senior year.

Because of his learning disability, he was offered the opportunity to retake the test untimed. \_\_\_\_\_ refused, saying he didn't want to be treated differently than other students.

After some extra tutoring sessions with \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ eventually earned a qualifying score and was off to \_\_\_\_\_ State, where his drive has only improved.

Although he works closely with tutors in East \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ said \_\_\_\_\_ "

He's being asked to do the same stuff as everyone else."

In what may have been his proudest moment, \_\_\_\_\_ won the team's Scholar Athlete Award as



a sophomore and was also named Academic All-Big Ten. In May, he'll become the first member of his family to graduate from college. He'll get his degree in what would you want a degree in studies.

Whenever he gets the chance, Last Name of your Idol returns to City to share his story with students and offer advice. someone who believes in you has noticed that Last Name of your Idol often takes extra time to talk to teenagers in the back of the room who may not have been listening, or ones who come off as insecure and lacking confidence.

Last Name of your Idol relates to those students well. For a time, he was one of them.

someone who believes in you describes Last Name of your Idol by saying "It's almost like he's using all that pain from his past to say, 'How can I turn this into a positive? Who can I help? Who can I uplift?'"

A few years ago, that person turned out to be someone who believes in you, who was surprised when

Last Name of your Idol returned to Jefferson holding the plaque he'd just received for being named Academic All-Big Ten.

"This is yours," Last Name of your Idol said. "I couldn't have done it without you."