

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
20. 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
89. Someone Who Believes In You
90. Last Name Of Your Idol
91. Someone Who Believes In You
92. Last Name Of Your Idol
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, _____ Last Name of your Idol _____ embraced academics as if it were a sport, showing the same intensity in the classroom as he did on the _____ dream job _____ court.

One year removed from working on multiplication tables in his special ed class, _____ Last Name of your Idol _____ took both _____ hard high school class _____ I and _____ hard high school class _____ as a sophomore, a task that would seem daunting to most any student.

_____ Last Name of your Idol _____ certainly had help. The normal routine was for _____ Last Name of your Idol _____ to attend class from _____ school starts _____:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. before working with tutors from 2:45 to 6. _____ dream job _____ practice was at 7, meaning _____ Last Name of your Idol _____ 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," _____ Last Name of your Idol _____ said. "I was so driven. Nothing was going to stop me."

_____ Last Name of your Idol _____ scored poorly on the _____ test needed for college _____ during the fall of his senior year.

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

After some extra tutoring sessions with _____ someone who believes in you _____, _____ Last Name of your Idol _____ eventually earned a qualifying score and was off to _____ college or university _____ State, where his drive has only improved.

Although he works closely with tutors in East _____ City _____, _____ ideal boss _____ said _____ Last Name of your Idol _____ "He's being asked to do the same stuff as everyone else."

In what may have been his proudest moment, _____ Last Name of your Idol _____ 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."