

PART ONE:

Imagining ourselves as well-known activists, heroes, and peace builders
throughout history



I Am Abigail Adams
By Rose Annam



My name is Abigail Adams. I was born on a sunny day at the North Parish Congregational Church in Weymouth, Massachusetts on November 22.

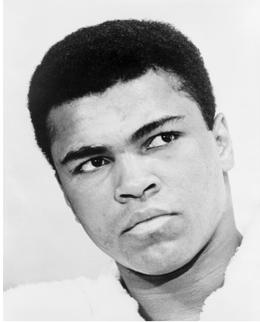
In my childhood, my family was a well-known political family in the colony. When I was a little girl I was frequently a sick child and I never any education but I was lucky enough to be taught by my two sisters Mary and Elizabeth and my mother. My daily life was always busy and everyone in my family were hardworking so I decided to read books. At first I didn't understand, but as I was reading the book I began to learn more. As I grew up, I became one of the most well-educated women ever to serve as "First Lady".

As an adult I lived in Weymouth, Massachusetts but I moved to Boston, Braintree, White House, and Paris with my husband and my children. I married John Adams and had six children named Abigail, Charles, Grace, John Quincy, Susannah, and Thomas Boylston. As I grew up my job was to take roles in politics and policy. In March 1776, I wrote an important letter called "Continental Congress" and I also wrote my "Religious Beliefs". During my time studying, I realized that slavery was evil and that everyone should be free since America was a democracy. As the First Lady, I **PERSISTED** and spoke up for what was right-- that everyone should have a good education and black people and women should have equal rights to others. In October 28 1818, I passed away from a typhoid fever and died there next to my husband John Adams.

I inspired other women to speak up for themselves and brought a positive change by being a good example for what was right.



I Am Muhammad Ali
By Lyonell Castillo



I was born on January 17, 1942 on a bright sunny day in Louisville, Kentucky. My birth name was Cassius Marcellus Clay Jr. My mother, Odessa Grady Clay, worked as a domestic worker. My father had the same name as me; he was a sign painter who loved to act, sing, and dance. I think I gained some of his personality because he liked to make jokes. I was born during the time of segregation which means we couldn't socialize or go to school with whites. I sometimes cried myself to sleep because what us black people had to go through. I had a younger brother, Rudolph Valentino Clay. He later became known as Rahman Ali. At 12 years old my dad gifted me a new red and white Schwinn bike. I was proud of it, I rode it to the carnival with my friend, but later that day I discovered my bike had been stolen. I told an officer named Joe Martin that I wanted to beat up the thief. You know what he told me? He said I better learn how to fight before I challenged anyone. After 6 months of training with Joe Martin, I won my debut match.

At the age of 18 I began my journey towards greatness at the 1960 Rome Olympics. I won the gold medal in the Light Heavyweight division. When I returned, I was in a restaurant and asked for orange juice but they refused even though I was famous, this destroyed my heart, but **I PERSISTED** and became the heavyweight champion of the world as a professional boxer. As an adult I changed my name to Muhammad Ali and became Muslim because in this religion they said we're all equal and we're all human beings. I went on to live in Louisville, Kentucky and married four women and had nine beautiful children. When the United States asked me to fight in the Vietnam War I said, "Keep asking me, no matter how long on the war in Vietnam, I sing this song, 'I ain't got no quarrel with them Vietcong'." I protested this war because I still felt my culture and people were disrespected. Sadly, I had to end my boxing career because of Parkinson's disease. I was given the Presidential Medal of Freedom from George W. Bush. I later died on June 3, 2016.

I inspired African Americans to love yourself and never let anyone judge you by your race. I proved to the whole world that you can be anything. Now everyone knows practice makes perfect, and don't forget: *float like a butterfly and sting like a bee.*



I Am Bethany Hamilton
By Kelsey Chalaire



There was a special delivery in the spring of 1990 in Lihue Kauai. Being the youngest out of three was definitely hard. My mom and dad knew since the day that I was born, I was special. I started surfing at two years old, thanks to my patient Dad, who told me that I would get better everyday. I was homeschooled, it was easier to go to the beach. I earned my first sponsor when I was eight and a half at the Rell-Sunn Menehune surfing competition. At age 13 a tragic accident happened when one day I went surfing and a shark attack happened

On October 31st the day of Halloween, I was surfing with my friend and then I felt a bump on my board and the next thing I know the shark took my arm. I was screaming for help trying to get my friends attention. I was taken to the hospital in an ambulance. Just as I was going to get my surgery the doctor whispered into my ear "you will make it". I lost 60 percent of my blood. **I PERSISTED** and just after a week that I got out of the hospital and started surfing again. My dad patient as always ,said "let me help you," but I refused the help because I need to learn on my own." My dad gave me a tip, when surfing put my hand in the middle of the board. It worked! "Yes, Yes, YES! I am surfing." I entered a surfing competition not knowing if I would win or not. Today I live in Hanalei Kauai with my amazing husband who helps me in every way that he can. We also have an adorable son who is named Tobias. I am looking forward to my new surprise that is on the way.

I have inspired many people about my life experience. They have inspired me to write a book and be in movies. Soul surfer was one of my best sellers. I have shown the world that nothing is impossible and when something is hard, don't give up. As you can see many people didn't think that I could do it, but I did the impossible. I have also met other people that have disabilities like Nick Vujcic. He has found a way to also surf on his own. I am looking forward to my new journey even though I had many bumps in the road, it is important to continue my life.



I Am Sadako Sasaki
By Sammi Chan



My name is Sadako Sasaki. I lived in a house, and shared a room with my 3 siblings, Masahiro, Eiji, and my little sister, Mitsue Sasaki. I also lived with my grandparents. Luckily, my father was a mathematician and my mother worked as a production manager. Can you believe it, I was two years old when the atomic bomb was dropped in

Hiroshima in the year of 1945 at the end of World War II. I was only two kilometers away from where the bomb exploded. Sadly, most of my neighbors died, but I wasn't injured at all, at least not in any way people could see. But, the thing is, I was blown out of the window, *whoosh*, and I was so glad my mother found me.

Up until the time I was in the seventh grade in 1955, I was pretty much a normal, happy girl. However, one day after an important relay race that I helped my team win, I felt extremely tired and dizzy. I thought, "What in the world is going on!?!?" But I decided this would be a personal secret. After a while, the dizziness went away leaving me to think that it was only the exertion from running the race that made me tired and dizzy. My tranquillity did not last, soon after my first encounter with the extreme fatigue and dizziness, I experienced more incidents of the same.

One day I became so dizzy that I fell down and couldn't get up, my schoolmates informed the teacher. Later my parents took me to the Red Cross Hospital to see what was wrong with me. I found out that I had leukemia, a kind of blood cancer. Nobody could believe it, especially me. I thought this was like some kind of joke, except this was actually happening.

At that time, doctors called leukemia the "A-bomb disease". Almost everyone who got this disease died, and I was incredibly scared. I wanted to go back to school, but I had to stay in the hospital where I cried and cried. When I was in the hospital, my best friend, Chizuko, brought origami paper and told me the legend. If a sick person folds 1,000 cranes, the person would recover. I was thinking how lucky I was to have such a caring friend. I decided to try the legend.

My family worried about me a lot. They often came to visit me in the hospital to talk to me and to help me fold cranes. I was so blessed to have a family like this! I vowed to myself to always keep a good spirit to show how grateful, how fortunate, I was to have this family, my parents who worked extremely hard, my siblings who always made me laugh and smile. After I, well rather my family, my friends, and I, folded 500 cranes, I felt much better and the doctors said I could go home for a short while, but by the end of my first week back home, the dizziness had returned to me. I kept folding cranes, no matter what. I was cheerful and hopeful, wishing that I could heal back and join the Juniors' race. **I PERSISTED**, believing in myself. But I knew it was the end. I fell into a deep sleep and never woke up. I died, having 644 cranes folded. I died, the day of October 25, 1955.

After I passed away, a monument was built in my honor. There I stood, my old self, with a whole lot of cranes. I became a symbol to the world about dangers of war and nuclear weapons. I made people know that one person, no matter what age, can truly make a difference to the world. My name has carried. I had inspired and encouraged many kids and adults to change the world through simple action of peace and grace.

I Am Rosa Parks
By Connor Furuta



I was born on a cold February day in 1913 in Tuskegee, Alabama. I went to an industrial school for girls at the age of 11, and eventually to Laboratory School for secondary education. Towards the end I had to drop out because I had to help my family to take care of my ailing grandmother. I got kind of boring job at a shirt factory and when I was 19 I met a smart and kind-hearted man named Raymond Parks. We got married that same year in Montgomery, Alabama. Since Raymond was an active member of the NAACP (The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People) I also became involved in many civil rights issues.

One day, I just got off from a long day at work and was heading home on the bus. When I paid I had to go to the back of the bus, but since there were no seats in the black area I went to the nonsegregated section. When I sat down I spoke to the man next to me. After the bus doors closed a white man came up to us and demanded that we give up our seats. I kept saying no, although the man sitting next to me eventually got up and left. I let him go. The white man kept on yelling at me to move, but I stayed calm even though I felt like shouting at him. The bus driver called the police and when they got to the bus I was quite nervous because before people who stood up for their rights were beaten or even killed. Even though I faced danger I **PERSISTED**.

Throughout my life, I received many awards for my courage in facing racial inequality such as the Spriggan Medal, The Presidential Medal of Freedom, and the Congressional Gold Medal. I have inspired many African Americans to believe and stand up for what they support.



I Am Ellison Onizuka
By Branden Hashimoto



I was born on a summer day on June 24, 1946, in Kealahou, Kona, Hawaii. I was the oldest son but the third oldest in my family. My older sisters, Shirley and Norma always supported me. But I can't forget about my younger brother, Claude, who was very humorous and kept me feeling elated. I grew up playing under coffee trees playing happily. I was a member of the Boy Scouts, and the Future Farmers of America. At first, I went to Konawaena High School in Kealahou in 1964. I later received my bachelor's and master's degrees in science and Aerospace Engineering from the University of Colorado.

I lived in Hawaii and Colorado and married Lorna. We had two beautiful daughters named Janelle and Darien. I was excited when I entered on active duty with the United States Air Force in January 1970. Years later, I was proud of myself when I became an astronaut candidate for NASA in January 1978 and was then selected for the astronaut program. I also completed one year of evaluation and training in August 1979. I became the first Asian-American and person of Japanese ancestry to be an astronaut who successfully flew into space with the Space Shuttle *Discovery*. I **PERSISTED** even though nobody of Asian descent has ever made it into space nor been hired by Nasa. I died in the destruction of the Space Shuttle *Challenger*, on which I was serving as Mission Specialist for my mission. I was the first Asian American and the first person of Japanese ancestry to reach space.

After my death Onizuka Air Force Station in Sunnyvale, California and Onizuka Village family housing on Hickam Air Force Base were dedicated to me. The Challenger Space Center is dedicated to and inspired by me which will give kids the experience and inspiration to learn about space travel. My achievements have inspired kids that no matter what race you are you can do anything.



I Am Henry David Thoreau
By Ren Henry



My name is Henry David Thoreau and I was born in Concord, Massachusetts on July 12, 1817 on a hot summer day. My father is an owner of a pencil factory and I have two older siblings named John, Helen, and my younger sister named Sophia. My mother rents out rooms to people. I don't want to brag but I honestly was a bright student and I attended Harvard University where I studied Greek, Latin, and German. After many years of college I graduated in 1837. I later attempted to set up a school but that collapsed quickly in 1838. I befriended Ralph Waldo Emerson and he introduced me to

Walden Pond.

I later built a house on the very beautiful lands of Walden Pond in 1845. Even though it was only 145 square feet It was still a great home for me to live in. Even though I wasn't getting paid a lot for any of my jobs I still loved being a naturalist, environmentalist, and a writer, and soon after I published my book called *Walden*. I later refused to pay poll taxes so I got into trouble with the government and sadly I had to go to jail. I know that I did the right thing because I disagreed peacefully and did not physically fight back.

After the crazy things that I had going on with the government I was inspired to write one of my most famous books, *Civil Disobedience*. I **PERSISTED** by peacefully arguing or disagreeing with the government and inspiring three important

heroes and activists, Mohandas Gandhi, Martin Luther King Jr., and John Brown, among many others. My beliefs and actions made people around the world protest for the things that are right.



I Am Colin Kaepernick By Brayden Higa



Even before I was born, my father wanted no part of me. He left my mom when he found out she was pregnant. I was born on November 3, 1987 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. My mom's name was Heidi Russo. When I was a couple weeks old, my mom decided to give me up to a friend of a friend and I was now adopted by Rick and Teresa Kaepernick. My new parents named me Colin Rand Kaepernick. They already had two children and I suddenly had two siblings. My brother is named Kyle and my sister is named Devon. The five of us moved to California. When I was younger, I was teased a lot. My adoptive parents were white and I was biracial.

The kids often said "They can't be your parents." Soon enough I was in high school. I attended John H. Pitman High School in Turlock, California. I had a love for sports and played football and baseball. I was a pitcher for my school and could throw a 94 mph fastball. I ended my high school sports career as a first-team All-District, All-Conference, and All-Academic football selection. I was too skinny so the top colleges didn't want me to go to their school. I eventually attended the University of Nevada, Reno.

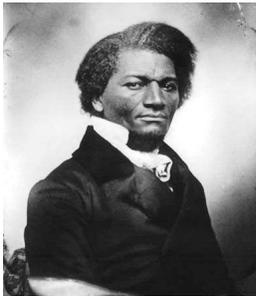
After college, I was drafted as the 36th pick in the NFL draft. I continued to live in California because I played for the San Francisco 49ers. While in the NFL, I led the 49ers to win the NFC Championship in 2012, however we ended up losing Superbowl XLVII. I kneeled in protest of the death of unarmed 18 year old Michael Brown killed in Ferguson, Missouri and 12 year old Tamir Rice shot holding a fake gun. The protest was needed. From 2014-2016 there were 15 cases of police killing blacks. Seven cases had no charges against the police officers. In five of the other eight cases, the police officer wasn't guilty. The other trials didn't happen yet. After every not guilty verdict there were riots. It was not fair for blacks. While you all knew me as an NFL quarterback, I was eventually fired for kneeling during the National Anthem. This was too much. I had a responsibility to take a stand and say it wasn't right. I am still not hired for any NFL teams, but I am eligible to play. My attorneys and I decided to file collision charges because no team would hire me based on pressure from the NFL for my kneeling. Even though I lost the lawsuit, the NFL has decided not to penalize players who don't stand for the National Anthem. I'm proud to be recognized for bringing attention to police brutality against African Americans. Although I haven't won many awards in the NFL, I **PERSISTED** and won The Citizen

of the Year for GQ magazine, TIMES Magazine Person of the Year, Sports Illustrated Muhammad Ali Award, Eason Monroe Courageous Advocate Award.

Since I took a knee during the National Anthem, a lot of attention has been brought to me and police brutality. My peaceful protest ended with no team renewing my NFL contract. I don't regret it because it brought much needed attention to black killings by police officers. It also allowed other NFL players to express their beliefs and kneel for the national anthem without punishment. I was also able to speak to the San Francisco Police Academy and persevered to donate money to charitable organizations with the same beliefs. Politicians, celebrities, newspapers, radio and homes have all been inspired to talk about the issue of police brutality. Ending police brutality toward African Americans will end only when everyone stands up and learns to respect each other.



I Am Frederick Douglass
By Jahnessa Higa



I was born in a world full of snowflakes in February of 1818 on Maryland's Eastern Shore. When was a kid, I lived with my grandparents, as a slave. I only saw my mother four to five times before her death. All I knew of my father was that he was white. I was taught my alphabet in a ship in Baltimore by a slaveholders wife. She was very affectionate to me and taught me well. When I first heard the words and speeches of the abolitionists, it inspired to do so too. I wasn't treated very nice as a kid. I was whipped for defying my master. I was kept a slave for 20 years, it was hard for me to live peacefully. He would beat me everyday if I didn't pick enough crops as he requested. It's been thirteen years and I miss my grandparents so much. It's time to escape. I ran as far as I could and I already saw freedom.

My life had so much going on. I recently gone to an Anti-Slavery Society where I gave my first speech. I was nervous and anxious. I went to speak about my horrors of slavery. I was surprised when the whole crowd, mostly white people, were cheering for me. I loved my job as a American Orator, I can speak about my life and how I went through slavery without being judged. Not to mention, I have gotten married to my love, Anna Murray. I have five children Lewis Henry, Rosetta, Charles Raymond, Annie, and Frederick Jr. I turned my horrors of slavery, into book called, *Narrative in the life of Frederick Douglass, an American Slave*. I also began my own newspaper with my wife called, *The North Star*. But I after my speeches, I worked tirelessly to end segregation in Rochester's schools. I want my kids to get the the same education as everyone else in my beliefs. I think that all children should get the same education and be treated equally amongst their peers. With all my accomplishments, my time has come to leave all things I love. On February 20th, 1895, I had arrived home from a

meeting at the National Council of Women in Washington, DC. I suffered a massive heart attack, the doctors couldn't save me. I remember looking down at my wife and kids at my funeral. Their faces flooding down with tears. They know I rest in peace at the Mount Hope Cemetery, in Rochester. They know I'm in a better place. I died knowing that I left my wife and kids to live on long healthy lives.

Although I died, I can live on in heaven knowing that I made a change to end slavery and segregation. I brought awareness and am remembered as a abolitionist, a person who spoke their heart out, about their horrors of slavery. **I PERSISTED** by taking my horrible experiences of slavery and turning it into a positive change through my speeches.



I Am Carli Lloyd
By Abigail Hironaka



I am Carli Lloyd. I was born on July 16, 1982, on a windy spring day. I was born having an older sister named Ashley. Twenty-five years later my mom and dad had a baby boy! They named him Stephen. In 1987 I started playing soccer at the age of 5. My dad was my biggest supporter and he always has been.

When I was a teen I attended the Delran High School in New Jersey. In high school, I started playing something called pickup games; people would say that I had a kind of natural ability. As I got older I started taking soccer more seriously. My dream was to be the youngest soccer player on the U.S. Women's team, but I think Mia Hamm beat me to that one. Mia Hamm started playing for the U.S. Women's team at the age of 15! So instead of being the youngest soccer on the National team, I decided that I would be the most memorable player on the USWNT (U.S. Women's National team). To accomplish this I had to work hours and hours every day.

After high school, I went to college at Rutgers University, in New Brunswick. Mission accomplished! I got selected to play on the USWNT (U.S. Women's National Team)! Sadly in 2003, I was kicked off the USWNT at the age of 21. My coach said it was something about passion, but I thought I had enough passion to play. I had no idea what to do or what I wanted. All I know is that I really want to get back on the team. A few months after that experience, I met someone who helped me get back on the team. The first day I met up with him it was mostly questions. "How bad do you want it?" he would ask. Four years later, in 2007, at the age 25 I got back on USWNT after all the hard work and dedication. I also became captain of the team and in 2012 I was recognized by Glamour Magazine with the The Unstoppable Award.

In 2015 my life changed completely. After all the hours of training my team not only got accepted to the Women's World Cup, but we won! Shortly after that, I began

to wonder why the male players were getting paid to play so much more. In fact, they earned almost twice the amount we got paid; even after our huge accomplishment we were still getting less pay... nevermind the men's team lost *their* World Cup games. I fought to bring a positive change to the world by showing how unfair our pay and treatment-- like second class citizens compared to the men-- actually was. We went to the media to get the word out about this problem and used the words *Equal Play*, *Equal Pay* to bring more attention.

I PERSISTED and inspired little girls all over the world to work hard enough for what they dream and want. I want them to know how important their voices are and to stand up for what they believe in. I showed young athletes across the globe, that they could make a change in the world in the future too.



I Am Hank Aaron
By Ian Iopa



I was born on February 5, 1934 at 8:25 P.M. on a cold and windy night down in Mobile, Alabama. I was the third of eight children in my family so I could always find someone to play ball with. My dad was a strong and hardworking shipyard worker. He also owned a tavern which had very tasty foods. I never liked school but now I regret not paying attention. I transferred out of a segregated high school to go to The Josephine Allen Institute in Mobile for high school. I was overjoyed because they had an organized baseball program. I would always see Jackie Robinson playing baseball on T.V. and I wanted to be a professional baseball player like him. After graduating from high school, I played on several local semi professional teams around my area, like the Pritchett Athletes and the Mobile Black Bears, and that's where I started to get some attention. After a while, I was offered a major opportunity from the Indianapolis Clowns of the Negro Leagues. They wanted me to play on their team. I was really hoping for an offer by an MLB team but the Negro Leagues was a fitting start for my career.

After a couple seasons in the Negro League, I got an offer from the Atlanta Braves of the MLB. I was so overjoyed! I was first sent to Jacksonville, Florida to play in the Minor Leagues. In Jacksonville, I met a lovely woman named Barbara Lucas. We got married, and had 5 children: Dorinda, Lary, Hank Jr., Gaile, and Gary Aaron. I later split up with Barbara. Then in 1973, I married Billye Williams, an educational activist who had a daughter, Ceci from a previous marriage. When I got called up to the majors, I was on cloud nine and just so happy. I knew that this would lead me to one of the most memorable moments of my life. That's when it happened: my chance to beat Babe Ruth's homerun record. First, the pitcher threw me a low curveball for a ball then he threw me my pitch, it was a fastball a little high and inside screaming my

name for me to whack it over the wall and that's just what I did. Inside I felt like I was the greatest baseball player that ever lived but I sure did not show it. Instead, I just put on a big wide grin. I was now the baseball major league leading homerun hitter! It was also pretty cool that once the Negro League ended, I became the last black man to play in both the Negro Leagues and the Major Leagues. Five years after I retired in 1982, I got into the Baseball Hall of Fame. This award was given to the greatest players in baseball history so I was deeply honored with receiving this award.

I helped fight for civil rights and I am also a longtime supporter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), a civil rights organization in the United States. I also think it's important to focus on our children so I also help them pursue their dreams. In 1994, Billye and I formed the Hank Aaron Chasing the Dream Foundation, which offered educational grants to underprivileged children between nine and twelve years old. I also am the vice president for the Atlanta Braves because I want black men who play baseball to be treated fairly, unlike I was. I think I inspired many children and adults alike with my work because no matter how many challenges I faced during my baseball career, **I PERSISTED** and overcame them.



I Am Jackie Robinson
By Alyssa Kauleinamoku



I was born on a wintery day on January 31, 1919 in Cairo, Georgia. I lived with my brothers Mack, Edgar, and Frank and my sister Willa. When I was 6 month old my father had abandoned me and my family. Eventually we moved to California and lived at my Uncle's house. My mother always took care of us and stood up to those who mistreated us. My family and I had a strong faith in religion and we believed in education, and of course we were very involved in athletics. I went to John Muir Technical High School, and played five sports there. When I went on to college at UCLA, I played baseball, basketball and football. Unfortunately, I had to leave college for financial reasons.

Later on, I played my first Major League game in 1947. I felt so excited playing my first game because it was my dream to play baseball out in public, however, people called me names and made fun of me because of the color of my skin. Later on, I became the first black American to play professional baseball and broke the Major League color barrier. In my life I faced some challenges. Even though it was exciting to be the first player to break the color barrier, some fans and even teammates harassed me because of the color of my skin. I felt so angry I broke many bats and started crying when I heard those awful names, insults, and teasing, but **I PERSISTED** and played well. During my baseball life I had a successful career and played for many teams such as Kansas City Monarchs, Montreal, and the Dodgers. I

was awarded Rookie of the Year, in 1947, and went on to win many awards like the Spingarn Medal, National League Most Valuable Player, Congressional Gold Medal, Major League Baseball All-Century Team, and most importantly, The Presidential Medal of Freedom. I would later be inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame in 1962. I passed away because of a heart attack on October 24, 1972 in North Stamford, Connecticut

I am well-known as the first African-American in Major League Baseball who broke the color barrier and inspired kids and other African-Americans to be yourself and impact the world to be a better place. I changed the way Americans thought and showed the world how racial segregation between white and black was wrong and should be equal. My story teaches other you have to treat people the way you want to be treated, and understand that it doesn't matter what color you are because everyone deserves respect.



I Am Princess Diana
By Alexis Mei Mals



My name is Diana Spencer, but I would later be widely known as Diana, Princess of Wales. I was born on a dry summer day on July 1, 1961, near Sandringham, England. I had 4 siblings, unfortunately my sibling, John Spencer died the day he was born. My father was Edward John Spencer and my mother's name was Frances Ruth Burke Roche. They divorced when I was young and my father won custody of my siblings and I. We moved to Althorpe, near Northampton, where I spent most of my childhood years. Later, my father remarried to Barbara Cartland, an English author of romance novels.

When I was old enough to understand certain things, I was educated at home, but soon after I attended Riddlesworth Hall School, a preparatory school in England. I also attended West Heath School, a boarding school in Kent, Ohio. During my childhood years, I was very shy, yet I loved music and ballet though I was deemed too tall standing at 5 foot 8. However, while at the academy, I wasn't a particularly bright student and eventually I failed all of my final exams.

I lived in very beautiful places, such as Earl's Court, Rougemont, Sevenoaks, Gayton, Sandringham, Diss, City of Westminster, and Tetbury. After school, I worked as an assistant at Young England Kindergarten. During my time at the kindergarten, I came to love helping children. On July 29, 1981, I married Charles, the Prince of Wales. This is when my life changed completely. A lot of attention moved towards me, at times it was really stressful and sometimes I felt anxious knowing that people were always watching what I was doing. On June 21, 1982, Charles and I had our first child, Prince William Arthur Philip Louis. He was joined by his baby brother on September 15, 1984, Prince Harry. After I became a mom, I supported many causes and charities. I

helped countless homeless living with HIV and AIDS in Africa. I also helped children in Africa suffering from landmines that gave them unspeakable wounds. Unfortunately, my marriage with Prince Charles would soon come to an end. In 1996, Prince Charles and I were officially divorced. I suffered from depression and bulimia, a eating disorder.

I played an active role in the international ban of landmines to make the world a better and safer place for the children I loved so very much. **I PERSISTED** in helping raise AIDS awareness throughout the world, which brought a lot of attention and helped people understand the disease. Because of my work, I made the world see what a huge problem landmines had become and how they were affecting children. The use of landmines was officially banned. On August 31, 1997, I was involved in a early morning car crash and was taken to Pitié-Salpêtrière Hospital, where I later met my eternal rest. Years after, I was listed as one of the top 100 most important people of the 20th century. I will always be remembered for helping children who suffered from diseases and my role in the ban of landmines.



I Am Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.
By Tobias Nell



I am Martin Luther King Jr. you probably know me, but in case you don't, here is my life story. (a summarized version, of course). I was born on a bright, January day in 1929, on the sweet Auburn Hill of Atlanta. My school, David T. Howard Elementary School, was segregated, like all the other schools of the time. I never really completed high school at Booker T.

Washington School, since I skipped the first and last years because of what other people thought of as intelligence, but I just call it hard work.

I was inspired (and still am!) by Thoreau's teachings of civil disobedience at Morehouse college, even when I graduated in 1948 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in sociology. In 1955 I became Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., when I earned my PhD in theology from Boston University. While attending, I met this lovely young woman named Coretta Scott, who was attending the New England Conservatory of Music nearby, and she almost melted my heart when she agreed to marry me. We moved down to the beautiful south of Montgomery, Alabama, and were blessed with 4 wonderful children, Martin Luther III, Bernice King, Dexter Scott King, and Yolanda King. In the same year, I headed the Montgomery Bus Boycott to protest unfair treatment of African Americans on busses in Montgomery, which was a tremendous success. A year later, segregation on busses was abolished, being called unconstitutional by the supreme court. 3 years after that, I met with the family of Mahatma Gandhi, another one of my idols. At the age of 17, I became a co-pastor with my father at the wonderful Ebenezer Baptist Church. In the same year, I was

arrested for helping the Greensboro Sit-In movement, but I think going to prison for a righteous cause is doing the right thing.. I could go on and on about what happened in my life, but two very important things I just *must* mention are that I gave that important speech on that wonderful summer day of 1963. I also became the youngest person to win the Nobel Peace prize for my efforts, which I feel I don't deserve. I was only trying to make this world a better place

I PERSISTED by helping many African Americans in their fight to end racism and segregation in the workplace, voting, and everyday life. I impacted the world by heading many brave and courageous efforts for what is right. I also impacted all those folks who celebrate my national holiday, Martin Luther King Jr. day. I hope I've impacted you, too. If I have, please go out and fight for what is right yourself. I hope that we can all one day say, with new meaning, "free at last, free at last, thank god almighty, we are free at last."



I Am Jane Addams
By Kouki Oda



I grew up on a sunny day on September 6, 1860 in Cedarville, Illinois. I was the 8th child in my family, I had 3 sisters and 5 brothers. My father is very cool he worked with famous people like Abraham Lincoln. My father became friends with him. I don't remember my mother since my mother died when I was three years old and my father remarried.

My parents sent me to a school called Rockford University. It was very fun learning at that school, I made many nice friends! I graduated from Rockford University in 1881 as the valedictorian. I was happy to graduate, but sad because I missed the fun I had. I also attended medical school when my father remarried. When I was a child I suffered from health problems, I ended up having surgery in my spine and I was confined to a back harness later on that year which I didn't like it at all. I wished I never had the health problems, because of it I had a bad time at school. I got depressed because father wouldn't let me marry and I had these health problem holding me back.

I'm a adult now. I still live in Cedarville, Illinois. I work as a miller which is a very fun job. One day I went to Toynbee Hall with one of my best friends when I was in Rockford University. I got inspired how Toynbee Hall was helping the poor so I **PERSISTED** to work hard and earn more money to build this house which would help the poor. I named it the Hull House and chose to have schools, girl scouts, boy club, coffee shops, gyms, and many other things in it. From my hard work with the Hull House, I got a Nobel Peace prize in 1931 for helping many poor people.

My major accomplishments before I died was pioneering social activists, confounded in the Hull House, and being the first woman to win the Nobel Peace Prize. I died from cancer in May 21,1935 in Chicago.

I made an positive change by helping the poor and bringing the poors happiness that went to the Hull House. Do you believe that an old woman could impacted the world? Well, I did. I inspired and brought awareness to people to help poor families.



I Am Nainoa Thompson
By Kymani Panoke



On a bright sunny day on the island of Oahu, I was born on March 11, 1953. My house was located in Niu Valley, when the valley was still a country. I lived with my grandfather on a huge chicken and dairy farm. I knew I was lucky because my family was hard working, adventurous, and wealthy. We had a lot of fun memories on the farm. Every dawn Yoshio Kawano (the Milk Man) and I would go fishing. He would teach me about the tidepools and the mysteries of the inshore ocean. Along with that, my grandfather gave me first-hand farming education. For example, how to clean the chicken coop and milk a cow. I was fortunate to get a phenomenal education from Punahou School.

As I grew up, I learned a lot about the environment that surrounded me. I learned more from Yoshio Kawano about the ocean, and Herb Kane introduced me to the stars his ancestors used to sail long distances. I grew fascinated with traditional navigating. I then studied with Mau Piailug who taught me more about wayfinding. I then became a pwo navigator who dedicated my life to exploring the deep meaning of voyaging. I decided to take everything I learned and go on my first long voyage on a boat named Hokule'a. I successfully sailed from Hawaii to Tahiti in 1980 and back.

I am now a full grown adult. I have sailed the Hokule'a on 18 worldwide voyages. I married Kathy Muneno who works on KHON2 news. I became a worldwide Voyage presenter at UH Manoa, and the president of the Polynesian Voyaging Society. I was awarded the 2017 Explorers Club Medal, and the Peter Benchley Ocean Award for Excellence in Marine Exploration.

I PERSISTED through my journeys around the world and wanted to develop an educational program for children to teach them about Polynesian voyaging traditions and the importance of science. I taught others about *malama honua* or taking care of the oceans and reefs that surround us. I knew it would encourage others to help and join in. I inspired others by showing them to follow their dreams, and do what they are passionate about.

I Am Anne Frank
By Kiara Pasion



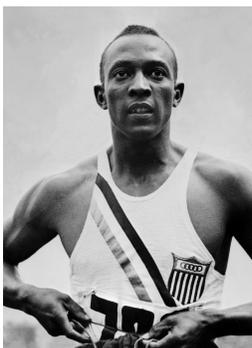
I am Anne Frank and I was born on June 12, 1929. I lived in Frankfurt, Germany, during an era of chaos. My older sister's name is Margot Frank. My father is Otto Frank and my mother is Edith Frank. Montessori Lyceum Amsterdam is where I attended school. At the age of 13, I received my diary as a birthday gift from my parents. I started to write a lot in my diary and it made me feel much better when I was emotional. We moved from Germany and the Netherlands after Hitler came into power. In my diary, I expressed the frightening events that happened during my life in the war.

I live in Amsterdam, Netherlands but moved in several different places. After the Second World War started, my family had to go into hiding behind my father's business located at the Prinsengracht 263. We hid from officers trying to put me and my family into concentration camps. I hid there for 25 months. I risked my life getting food and supplies!! Then my family finally got caught and then got sent straight to the concentration camp. My life in the concentration camp was terrible! They did not treat us very well. My dad survived the concentration camp and gave my diary to be published. So then sadly I had died in the concentration camp from the typhus fever. Me AND my sister had died in 1945. I died at age 15 and she died at the age 18.

I brought a positive change to the world by writing about what the Jewish people had gone through. Also, during my lifetime I wrote about what I suffered through and the struggles I've experienced. I was a well-known, popular, and energetic girl who inspired many people. Without my diary no one would know what was happening in my life or what was happening to the Jewish people. **I PERSISTED** even during war. After, I was remembered in a museum in Amsterdam.



I Am Jesse Owens
By Thomas Quan



In 1913, Oakville Alabama was the place where I was born. I grew up with my parents and 9 siblings. We lived a very difficult life because my family sometimes suffered from chronic bronchial congestion and pneumonia but we survived. At 7 years old, my job was to pick 100-pounds of cotton in order to help the family make

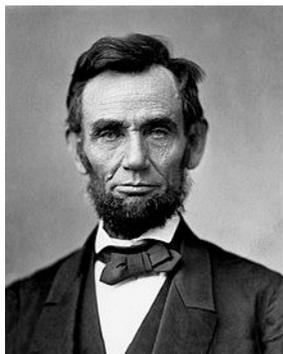
a living. But despite being poor, I still had some schooling. I was fortunate my gym teacher noticed that I was the most athletic student in the whole class. When I was in high school, I learned how to be an incredible athlete. I would run 100 - 200 yards every single day. I did this for a long time and I never stopped doing this, and it was still a habit when I attended Ohio State University.

When I was older and I was no longer in college, I married a woman named Ruth and had three daughters with her. Unfortunately Ruth died because of heart failure. I continued to live in my old hometown, Oakville, Alabama when I was an adult. After running for a long time, I was finally accepted to participate in the Olympics. That's when I became famous. During my time as an athlete, I won four gold medals and made 2 new records by jumping the length of 10 yards. I also participated in 42 events and won all of them. Not only that, I also won the Presidential Medal of Freedom. Sadly, when I returned back to Alabama, I discovered that segregation was part of the law. As I grew older, I became blind which ruined my career. But after my career as an athlete ended, I was able to become a consultant and an inspirational speaker. Sadly, on March 31, 1980, I died of lung cancer.

My impact managed to bring many excellent changes to the world for instance, when I proved to Adolf Hitler that people of all races can be an amazing, skilled person. My actions inspired other athletes after me. Even when white people tried to boycott the Olympics because of me, **I PERSISTED** to keep running. When I died, a medal called "the Jesse Owens Athlete of the Year Award" was created and anyone can earn it if they can follow in my footsteps.



I Am Abraham Lincoln By Daniel Rolovich



My name is Abraham Lincoln. I was born on February 12, 1809 in a shabby old log cabin in Hardin County, Kentucky. Five years ago my father had built this old cabin to shelter my family on a stormy night. My father, Thomas Lincoln was a strong and determined pioneer who was a respected man in the community. He married my mom, Nancy Hanks Lincoln. My parents had three children, my older sister Sarah, and my younger brother Thomas who died as a baby, and me. Sadly when I was 9 years old, my Mom died from a sickness called Tremetol. One year later my Father remarried a woman named Sarah Bush Johnston. After meeting my new mom we moved away from my birthplace, my new mom started to make me read books. Since then I have loved to read. Sometimes I would walk a mile just to get a book, and for about 18 months, I got to receive a formal education.

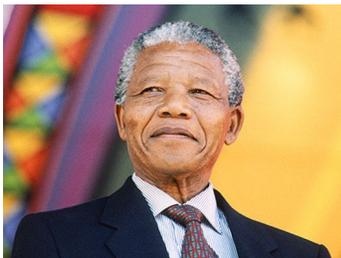
When I was 22 years old, I went out to the real world. The first job I got was chopping wood for people to build fences. Soon after that I traveled to my new house

in New Salem, Illinois where I became a shopkeeper, postmaster, and a store owner. After the Black Hawk War broke out the people said that I should be the commander at war! Then I married a smart woman named Mary Todd. We had four children, Edward Barker Lincoln, Tad Lincoln, William Wallace Lincoln, and Robert Lincoln. Sadly only Robert survived to become an adult. I wanted to become a lawyer so I began reading anything I could get my hands on. I became a self-taught lawyer, and that is how I got the nickname "Honest Abe." I made a good living after I became a lawyer, but I decided to work with the Illinois Central Railroad. One of the people that I served was accused of murder. I hated slavery because it was unfair to black people. In my adult life, I received many awards like the Honorary Citizenship Award, and the Union League of Philadelphia gave me a gold medal (not from Olympics). In 1860 I decided to run for president. I got 180 of the 303 votes for president, and I won. But a year after I won the vote the Civil War broke out. The North was at war with the South who wanted to keep slavery. I led the North to eventually win, and gave out 2 million dollars to fund for the cause. Two years later I signed the Emancipation Proclamation, which set free the slaves and said slavery was illegal. After serving for one term as president, I went for round 2. I got 212 of the 243 votes. Sadly on April 14, 1865 while I was watching a play called "Our American Cousin" a well known actor, John Wilkes Booth shot me in the head with a 44 caliber pistol. After getting shot I was taken to the Petersen House where I layed in a coma for 9 hours before dying the next morning.

I made a positive change on the world through my most famous law, the Emancipation Proclamation, which freed the slaves. Although it was difficult to do, I knew it was the right thing to do. I inspired many future leaders, like Martin Luther King Jr., who one hundred years later would later fight for civil rights for African-Americans. **I PERSISTED** by showing honesty and humbleness after a hard life and practically starting a war.



I Am Nelson Mandela
By Marcus Terukina



My name is Nelson Mandela and I was born on June 8, 1918 in Mvezo, South Africa. My father was destined to be chief but instead he served as counselor to tribal chiefs for several years. He later on died when I was nine years old. I attended Wesleyan Mission school, Clarkebury Boarding school, and later graduated from University of South Africa. As I became an adult I married three times, and had six children. I began to notice that things were unfair so I decided to follow Mohandas Gandhi's non-violent ways against the apartheid system. The apartheid system is when the white and black people were separated and the rights were unequal and **I PERSISTED** to let Africans have unequal rights. I started a

armed branch by the ANC which would bomb buildings. Later there was an election and then I was elected to be the president of south Africa. I was awarded the "Nobel Peace Prize" for my campaigning to get Africans rights. I later on died on December 5, 2013 from lung infection at my home in Johannesburg.

I was told that I brought a positive change to South Africa because I helped to make a better future for Africa. I spent 27 years in jail for protesting against the government of South Africa. I spent my entire to help Africans so that they can have rights. That's why I inspired Martin Luther King Jr. and I influenced him to do the same thing at the time of segregation.



I Am Helen Keller
By Serenity Teves



I was born on a amazing summer day on June 27, 1880 in Tuscumbia, Alabama. I had the best mom; she liked to socialize and had been a "Southern belle". She was even an early supporter for women's rights. My dad was an army captain until he retired. We lived in a very big and comfortable home, surrounded by trees and greenery. I liked to play outside in the grass and be with my mom. When I was a toddler, I got sick and lost my hearing and my sight. I felt angry and upset and became wild because I was not used to it and couldn't communicate with others.

As I grew up learning I eventually started communication by using sign language. I started communicating with my hands. I kept learning and learning how to talk. Annie Sullivan spent hours teaching me how to use my hands to communicate. I started communicating really well. Annie stood beside me at all times and spelled each word by her hands. I lived in New York City, apart from all my work feeling my lips and hands to communicate. I never got married or had any children. I graduated college and got a Bachelor's degree of arts. One of my jobs was to help blind and deaf children learn. I made a school to help children learn how to cooperate with each other. One of my major accomplishments were helping kids learn how to talk even though I can't hear or talk. I listened to music from the radio through the vibrations of the song. I was the first woman at the age of 75 to receive a medal from Harvard University. I wrote many books but taught lots of students. I died on June 1, 1968 from natural causes.

I PERSISTED and I inspired a lot of students to become successful and learn about how to use their hands to communicate. I also made a positive change by writing a lot of books to inspire people. I impacted the world by traveling around the world and giving speeches about women's rights and World War II.

I Am Mother Teresa
By Avalon Tosaki



My name is Mother Teresa you may have known me as a healer, a helper for the sick, hopeless, disadvantaged and needy. I was born on August 26, 1910, in Skopje. My family was tightly-knit; we all loved each other very much. One day, my dad died I was so sad. My mother told me that it was okay to be sad, but you must keep moving forward, **I PERSISTED**. As a child I showed lots of interest in religion as a member of a school society that focused on foreign mission. At the age of 12 I felt I had a calling to help the poor and helpless. When I was 18, I decided to join the Loreto sisters to become a missionary to India. My whole life was inspired by the Yugoslav Jesuits who were missionaries serving in Bengal, India!

I later moved to Darjeeling, India and worked as a principal at an all-girls high school. When I felt another calling from god to help the sick and poor I quit being a teacher with permission from the president I started the missionaries of charity. There I loved to work with those who were most vulnerable. During the 1960s I opened hospices and leper houses, and traveled through a war zone where I rescued 37 children. I risked my life by helping the radiation victims at Chernobyl and earthquake victims in Armenia. Even though I didn't have much, I felt that the homeless and hopeless should be as lucky as me because I still had my own home and was able to care for myself.

I was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1979 for my charitable work, as well as the Presidential Medal of Freedom from President Ronald Reagan in 1985. When I received a cash prize with the Nobel Peace Prize, I decided to donate it to the people in India who needed it more than I did. I died on September 5, 1997 due to kidney, heart and lung problems. In 2016 Pope Francis canonized me as an official Catholic saint. I devoted my life to helping others by fighting for the rights of the sick and helpless. I hope that I inspired many people to reach out to those in need.

I Am Bernice Pauahi Bishop
By Presley Watland



I am Bernice Pauahi Pahi, born into the royal family of Hawaii on December 19, 1831, on a cool, winter day. My parents were high chiefs, Abner Pahi and Laura Konia Pahi. I always imagined what my life would be like if I weren't a royal, and just a normal kid with a normal family. At the age of 8, I attended the Chiefs Children School. My teachers were American missionaries, but I was reared with strong Hawaiian values. In addition, when I was 11 years old, a courtship between me and Lot Kapu'aiwa was prepared by Kina'u, who also raised the both of us. This meant we were hanai brother and sister and later in the future we would have to get married. As I grew older, I questioned our future marriage.

As an adult, I got out of marrying Lot and fell in love with Charles Reed Bishop. When I was 18 we got married and I changed my name to Bernice Pauahi Bishop. We lived in our small humble home in downtown Honolulu. Since I was older and next in line to the throne, I could become queen. I always liked to help other people, so I joined many organizations like the Strangers Friend Society, which aided sick travelers, and also the Women Sewing Society, which provided clothing for the poor. I loved to play piano, sing and perform with the Amateur Musical Society. I even gave music lessons at the Royal School. However, after Captain Cook came to the islands and brought many diseases, I saw the Hawaiian population fall from 124,000 in 1831 to 44,000 in 1883. Seeing what happened to my people, **I PERSISTED** to make sure Native Hawaiians would not be left behind for no one to hear about. I made sure when I left that this would not happen again by giving 375,000 acres of land to make the Kamehameha schools for children of Hawaiian ancestry. I believed that in order to have a successful life and to keep the Hawaiian culture alive, our children needed to get a good education.

On October 16, 1884, I died from breast cancer while at Keoua Hale, Honolulu County, Hawaii. Throughout my life, I believed in supporting the sick and providing the poor with clothes. I knew that the children of Hawaii should have a good education, and I am most well-known for founding the Kamehameha Schools for kids of Hawaiian ancestry. I liked that I inspired the people of the 1880's and I hope that I inspired many others in the future. I also hope others follow in my footsteps to create a good, peaceful, kind and loving world.



I Am Harriet Tubman
By Michi Yorkston



My name is Harriet Tubman and the second I was alive I did not know what I was going to be going through. I was born into slavery in 1820 in Dorchester County, Maryland but nobody really knows the exact month or day. When I was little my mother called me "Minty", I had 2 brothers and 3 sisters but all of my sisters were sold to distant plantations. My family and the other slaves were often sick. We usually suffered and went through many hardships. When I was about six or seven I got separated from my family and was bought by Edward Brodas. Of course, because I was a slave I had no schooling and had to work day and night in the fields. The slaves and I did not appreciate being captive and doing all the labor. We always wished we could escape, but we all knew if we did we would face enormous consequences! I knew one day I would escape.

There was a lot of violence daily and it carried big scars. I still remember the day when I was hit by a two pound weight, let me tell you how that happened. A slave tried to run away so the master told me to go after him, but I just couldn't do it knowing the scarring consequences he would be in for. The owner was furious, and after that he threw that two pound weight and it hit me. Because of that head injury, I fall asleep anywhere and at strange times. I have sleeping spells, and very vivid dreams. That incident did not stop me, I persisted and decided to keep helping the other slaves.

I was able to escape my life as a slave through the underground railroad which was an organized group for slaves on the run. I did not stop there though I felt like I needed to do more for the others so I went back, and helped free approximately 1,000 slaves. After I was completely sure about the amount of those slaves being free I decided to live in Auburn, New York. I married and adopted a little girl named Gertie. But soon enough the Civil War came along, and you might never guess the part I played in it, I was a spy! I got really sick from pneumonia and died in Araban, New York in the spring of 1913. I accomplished many things throughout my life, like helping slaves escape and participating in the struggle for women's suffrage. I was inducted as a distinguished American woman in the National Women's Hall of Fame

I helped the world out, not just by bringing about changes and standing up for slaves, but also by impacting the world as a role model. I inspired many people to change the world and fight for fair rights, like Frederick Douglass and William Lloyd Garrison. Through my life, I **PERSISTED** as an activist and brought a positive change to the world.



PART TWO:

Our vision for our future activist selves



My Name is Roseanais Annam. I was born in Majuro, Marshall Islands in November 26, 2006. It was the day I went to my new school in Hawaii named Point Vicente Elementary School . Point Vicente wasn't bad except I had bullies I had to deal with myself because no one had my back so **I PERSISTED** and fought for what was right . I told my parents about the things the bullies did to me and they decided that I should go to Manoa Elementary School in Oahu.

When I got older I went to Stevenson for sixth, seventh, and eighth grade. Once I got used I got used to the place I suddenly realized that there were bullies all around campus. I was so terrified I hadn't realize I was standing right next to my older sister who was in eighth grade. She told me she was used to the bullies because she would have stand up for her friends and her friends would stand up for her whenever they or she got bullied in someway. I then decided to act tough like my sister and her friends did. I went on to attend Governor Wallace Rider Farrington High School until twelfth grade. Soon I was growing old and thought of all the adventures and experiences in my childhood of all the fun I had with my family and friends. To me I thought my childhood was a adventurous and a fun experiment thing I ever had.

In my adulthood I married a wise and caring man and had two children I named Jackie and Rosemary. Soon after, I pretended to be a bully to show people that it's not a right thing to do. Then others started to realize what I was demonstrating them. Then everyone realize it's better to make friends in the good way and not the wrong path. Later on that day I received an award for doing what's right and when kids at my children's school figured that out they also decided to do the same thing and nobody bullied each other.

My name is Lyonell Castillo and I have a family that includes loving parents and two siblings. I went to Manoa school for 5th grade and on one day we looked at a video about drug abuse and I didn't like how the people in the video reacted to the



drugs. I went to UH for collage for four years and was at the top of my classes. Then when I graduated I got a business degree. As soon as I got that degree I right away knew what I was going to do.

So when I got my degree I became CEO of my own organization called D.A.B. which stood for Drug Awareness Buddies. I started this to aware children of drug abuse. I accomplished this by going to schools and putting on videos and letting them play games about drug abuse. First my business started in Hawaii, but since I got so many funds my program spread around the world. Then I figured out an employee was jealous of my success and tried to steal my ideas so I persited and fired and took back my ideas and

made my program better with a puppy mascot, more sponsors, and have celebrities involved.

Now it has been 5 years and drug sales have gone down by 80% because I **PERSISTED** and taught the children to help their parents stop using drugs. After many years I have inspired all people children, adults, and celebrities. After I died I was now for the man who stopped drug abuse and for having one of the most successful organizations.



I, Kelsey, was born on a sunny day in the early morning of March. I was a new blossom that was ready to blume. I arrived a week early from the blooming season. My home was surrounded by beautiful mountains and a big yard. I spent most of my time playing pretend. First I was a princess, next I was a teacher, then I was a chef. One night something inspired me to play doctor, I didn't know what had inspired me. Maybe it was a TV show?, Grandma?, Papa?, Mom?, Dad?, Cousins? Who knows how I was inspired to be play doctor. As my schooling went on I thought about becoming a doctor. Then a question came to my mind. "What kind of doctor?" I had to make a

decision before I go to college. I would be off to college in a few years. Making a decision was not as easy as I thought it was. Going to all different classes was not convincing me. I would try watching documents, watching about those animals was so devastating. I was so sad about what people do to animals. "I will become a veterinarian!"

I finished college with outstanding grades and got hired at a Vet for special animals that were threatened or hurt by humans. I had lovely children and a wonderful husband. I started my own special clinic that helps the hurt, endangered, or sick animals. Our staffs goal is to try to have less patients that are hurt or need special care because of the damage from humans. There isn't really any medals or awards that are received for helping animal cruelty. However I want to persist to be the first one to receive a medal or an award for helping animal cruelty.

As sad as it was to say goodbye to my job, it was fun and hard at times. There were lots of memories made, including happy and sad moments. I am so glad that I was apart of this movement to changing the way animals have to live. I knew that I **PERSISTED**.



I am Sammi, I was born on December 10, 2007 at Kapiolani Hospital, located in Honolulu, HI. I grew up with an older brother, Jordan Chan, and my mother and father. My mother worked as a hotel manager and my father was a manager at two iPhone shops (Boost Mobile and Upnext Wireless). I attended Manoa Elementary School, from Kindergarten through fifth grade. For middle school, I went to Mid-Pacific Institute, where they offered a scholarship. I met so many friends who dreamed the same thing as me. My desired dream was to encourage people to stop smoking and to make sick people feel better. Why? Well, my father used to smoke and so did practically all of my uncles, I felt like it was bad because my mom told me that she thought it was bad to smoke. My uncles stopped smoking, then my dad, which proves that people can stop smoking and once someone they are close to stops smoking, they might follow. I later moved on to attend McKinley and my favorite subject is Health because I loved to make people feel better when they're sick.

My future career I always wanted to be is a nurse or somebody that would help someone's health. I wanted to do that so badly because my cousins often got sick and it would pass around the family. But I later rethought about it and decided to focus on smoking because it would be a smaller topic to focus on. Also, some of my relatives smoked which was a disaster because first, it stank. Second of all, it could ruin their body. I always wanted to go to a wonderful college, and my hopes became true. I went to Stanford. I got my college degree and began to work as a Speech-language Pathologist because I wanted to have a simple job at first so I would already have experience helping people.

I went and taught schools with a little program of mines which spread the information to not smoke, although it was quite hard because one student couldn't/had a hard time understanding verbal information so that inspired me to make a video which was another way to communicate with that student. I decided to work in Montenegro since plenty people smoke there. I researched and found out that a person there smoked 4,124 cigarettes (average) in a year. At first, my program (encouraging people to stop smoking) got a lot of hate from other programs which were doing the same although for some, they didn't pay attention to me at all! But I decided to spread good vibes on social media. But no matter what, I knew they couldn't get into my way, so even though so much was going around me, I **PERSISTED** more and continued my job. I won the "Health Award", which was

extremely a honor. I was known for getting people to realize that smoking was bad and could harm our world by pollution and having a unhealthy body. I posted things on social media, followed by my famous hashtag, #SmokersAreJokers.

After a while, I retired and married. I decided to teach people not to smoke and being a speech-language pathologist helped me communicate with people who had difficulties. My uncle once smoked and often got sick until one day he quit smoking and barely got sick again. I am glad that not many people smoke today, although some still do. It is a honor to do things like that, inspire people, and travel across the world.



I am Connor Furuta. I was born in October 2006 . When I was born, there was a huge earthquake and my family was terrified. I had a dad, Mom, and Brother. I went to Manoa Elementary, Punahou, and I went to University of Pennsylvania for some time to study finance and business and i got a master's degree in finance and business. Then I decided to come back and put my degree to use and start a business. I realized that there are many homeless in hawaii and I wanted to help since one of my friends once lost it all.

I thought marriage might get in the way of my work so I didn't get married or have any children. I was the owner and CEO of a business that you don't need a degree in anything in you could just join. Some key experiences that I had was graduating from college. Another was starting a small business by getting my friends and working together to make the business grow and grow. I was able to decrease unemployment rates in Oahu. I did it by making a small business, I bought a big building, and hired a bunch of people to work for me, it was hard work but **I PERSISTED**.

I brought a positive change by dropping unemployment. I was able to help some people get their lives back together by giving out jobs to people who need it or are unemployed. I have inspired many business people that even the less fortunate are helpful.



I am Branden Hashimoto. I was born on December 8, 2007 at Kapiolani Hospital. I lived in Manoa in a great house with a great family. I grew up with a younger sister named Braelynn, and lived with my parents and grandparents. I went to Manoa Elementary School where I got important experiences like



robotics, KUMON and an activist project which led me to understand how many people go through sexual harassment. Because of that, I watched the news reports and learned how there are so many sexual harassment cases in Hawaii. An example was a Kamehameha incident when a lot of young people were abused by an associate of the school. I moved on to Stevenson Middle School where I got into being excited and having a great active spirit, after that Roosevelt High School where I decided to study more about the problem, and eventually a great college called the University of Hawaii. I got my Doctorate Degree in

Science Research to pursue my dream of research science and logic to make a website.

During my adulthood I lived in Hawaii and did not get married. I worked at a Calibration which taught me how to make websites and program it. I was able to support my causes. I protested and spread publicity about the problem of sexual harassment. Once, I protested the many cases of kids being harassed especially by adults. I was arrested and look at that, I got arrested for protesting. I went to court and survived because of my great attorney so I was set free innocent of all charges. I **PERSISTED** and created a website that talked about how sexual harassment is bad and could affect lives. I created a website with different news reports that talked about sexual harassment. I went on to win the Nobel Peace Prize for stopping sexual harassment in Hawaii. My dream is that sexual harassment will stop everywhere. I didn't want to become famous or rich but I was famous even though I didn't honestly think I would become famous.

I inspired other people to stand up for each other and make a change in their world.



My name is Ren W.W Henry and I was born on January 24, 2007 on a chilly day in Honolulu, Hawaii. I grew up with a loving mother and caring father, and went to Manoa Elementary school. It was at Manoa School I learned about a very smart girl. Her name was Avery McRae, she organized a group of people who fought for less fossil fuel usage. She did this by suing the President at the time, Donald Trump, because he supported fossil fuel usage. One day I went to a robotics show and became interested in engineering. Later on, when I was 11, and started middle school at Stevenson, I joined robotics which gave me a better idea of how to build large

robotic moving things. When I turned 14 I attended Roosevelt High School where I continued my interest in robotics and engineering. After I graduated, I attended Harvey Mudd University and majored engineering, mathematics, and science. I later

realized that engineering was my true talent and I later created a company called "Gizmo Auto and Gadgets."

After graduating, I moved to San Francisco, California and there I realized how much cars cause pollution to our atmosphere. I remembered Avery McRae after I read a report about the amount of fossil fuels that hurt our air when they're burned. From then on I was very inspired and decided to fight for cleaner air. The first step I took was to go to a lab in San Francisco that studied global warming. They showed this to me with thermal cameras. It took many months to brainstorm many ideas that would fix this pollution problem, but **I PERSISTED**. Finally, a lightbulb went off and I realized that I could make a floating car using the earth's polarity and a positive magnet that floated using natural energy. I realized that I didn't have enough money to build more cars so I set up a charity where if you care about the earth then you can donate money to build more earth-friendly cars. At first I didn't get much money so I wrote a book called *Fossil Fuels an Earth Killer*. Writing this book was one of the best decisions of my life because it brought so much attention to how destructive fossil fuels can be. People noticed the problem so I got a lot of money so I was able to create factories around the world that manufactured more levitating cars that were used earth's energy to operate. I was able to manufacture the cars around the world and finally was able to settle down and get married and eventually had two very intelligent children. After I married I proudly received the CIPA (International Investment Award) and the J.D. Power and Associates Award. I sadly died at the very old age at the age of 106, but I knew that I had helped people around the world.

I became known worldwide known for creating the first levitating earth friendly vehicle and saving the lives of animals and humans by creating an air pollution free car. I brought a very positive change to the world and inspired many children to find more ideas to save the world from pollution.



I am Brayden; I was born in Honolulu, Hawaii on June 17, 2007. We quickly became a family of five, and I was the eldest brother with two younger sisters. I went to Manoa Elementary, Stevenson Middle School, Roosevelt High School, and University of Hawaii. While attending Manoa School I participated in activities like Tiger Trek, Jump Rope for Heart, and P.E. Our school was very lucky to have a full time P.E teacher in elementary. I also played a lot of after school sports. Although I was very active, I often got sick because of dehydration and lack of food. This inspired me in 5th grade to make a New Year's Resolution to be healthier. My aunty often motivated me to become what I am now because she was the healthiest person I knew. Coincidentally during my 5th grade year, a law was passed in Hawaii requiring restaurants to list the calories of each food item on the menu. All of these little things began to impact me.

While attending High School, I saw students eating junk food and I saw them get bigger and bigger. I forced my cafeteria to have a salad bar twice a week. I did this by posting up posters that we needed to be healthier and finally they listened by adding a salad bar. When I went to college, I learned that the primary cause for obesity was unhealthy eating habits and lack of physical activity. This is when I knew I wanted to become a doctor and take an active role in preventing childhood obesity.

While working to become a doctor, I learned West Virginia had the highest rate of obese children and statistics showed that 1 in 3 children in West Virginia were obese. I decided to move there to work on legislation and create programs to help kids get healthier. With bad eating habits and low activity rates, no matter how hard they tried they couldn't get fit. First, I asked the legislators to make a law requiring a healthy meal option at all fast food restaurants. Next, I helped pass another law to increase the physical activity to 60 minutes per day in all schools in West Virginia. Last, we worked on creating daily after school activities for all elementary students. This included zumba, flag football, yoga, track and lacrosse. These laws eventually helped West Virginia students become a little healthier, but I'm not done yet. I'm hoping to encourage doctors' offices to connect to community sports and have information on AYSO soccer, community baseball and other sports available for parents to sign up. Although we still aren't the healthiest state, many other states began to look at our policies to see our growth. **I PERSISTED** hard in order to get the most unhealthy state to become more healthy and make the state I live in healthy with no fear of being obese. People considered me as an activist. I never won many awards, but I did win the Citizen Activist Award.

I was able to make a difference in the lives of children in West Virginia. I changed kids' diets by lobbying legislators for new laws. Hopefully, I helped children to not be obese and helped prevent other health issues and depression. Now West Virginia is a little healthier, people are living a little longer and adults are a little more active. I am inspiring kids to become healthier and have better lives. Eventually these kids will become parents and inspire their kids to have healthier lives.



I am Jahnessa Higa, I was born on a loud and special day of January 1st, 2007 in Kapiolani Hospital. I was a sleeping beauty ready to rise from her slumber. I was born just as my parents expected me to, early. I was taken care of mostly by my parents, and was babysat by my grandma who helped me imagine the grandfather I never knew. I lived in the city where there was loud ruckus, beeping horns, and everything in between. I spent hours and hours just playing pretend and never realized that I was growing up. I first went to Manoa Elementary school where I was taught with a lot of hard work it can pay off later in life. I then to Stevenson and Roosevelt where I learned to never be afraid of being who you are. I went on to

attend Harvard University. There I studied Literature and ELA. I knew it would help me speak about immigration later on in my life. I remember as a kid I was inspired to help the immigrants get a better life. I often wondered why we have different freedoms than people who lived in places like Iraq, Afghanistan, and North Korea.

Since I had always been talented in language arts and literature, I finally decided to be a motivational speaker! I wanted people to know we should all have the same freedom and be able to live an astonishing life like everyone else. I noticed that more and more people were trying to immigrate to the United States because of homelessness, more job offers, more money, and better safety. So far I have given 10 speeches, and my next speech is in Washington. There, I am going to speak in front of many of Trump supporters, but I have to remember I have just as much support as he does. I always have my most memorable supportive husband who has always been by my side since the first day I started speaking. He always encourages me to work harder and do the best I can. I have recently been receiving a lot of hate in person and online from people who feel differently than I do about immigration, but I have to **PERSIST** and know that everyone has a different opinion of immigrants and that I can only convince them to support me. I always remember my motto, "Never stop believing that fighting for what's right is worth it" from Hillary Clinton. She is one of my inspirations and I can relate to her because we both fight for not only immigration but for women's right too.

I need to show people that immigration is a huge problem we need to fix. I persisted in my fight to help immigrants by creating a shelter where they can move to and have markets and stores in which they can make enough money ever time sustain themselves and or family. I have brought a positive change to people and have showered them under the umbrella of equality and freedom. I believe that with enough hard work, you can achieve almost anything.



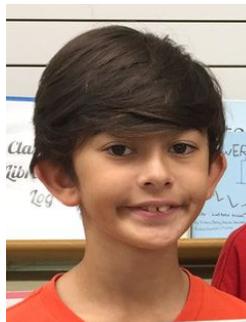
I am Abigail Hironaka. I was born on November 8, 2006, on the island of Oahu. I have a little brother who is two years younger than me. We both attended Manoa Elementary School from first to fifth grade. After I graduated elementary school I went to Kaimuki Middle School for sixth grade. In sixth grade I started to learn more about social workers. I enjoyed learning about them because they inspired me to do right things in the community and they became my hero. One day at school I learned about Mary Garrison. She was a social worker and won the Social Justice Award. A week later I asked my dad if we could help feed the homeless because I wanted to be just like her. He was in shock, but said yes. We gathered some of our friends together to help with the cooking and handing out the food. When we got to the park where most of the homeless lived I noticed the amount of trash scattered everywhere. After that experience I realized



that something had to be done about this. I decided to sleep on it. The next day I totally forgot about it. As the year went by I finished sixth grade and went to Kamehameha for seventh and eighth grade, and later met some of my best friends in high school. Some of my other friends moved to the mainland to go to college because they got a scholarship. I was offered a scholarship to SCSU (Southern Connecticut State University) but I turned them down because it had been my dream since I was a little girl to go to the University of Hawaii.

At UH I received my Bachelor's and Master's degree and achieved my dream of learning about social work. After college, I decided to become a police officer. As an officer, I noticed many homeless people living on the streets in the areas I patrolled. Plus say that our environment was very poor too. Seeing the people and environment struggle almost everyday I could not just be a bystander. I knew I had to do something about this tragedy. I filed a lawsuit against the government, complaining about the homelessness problem and how our environment is not the cleanest either. The Courts had five other cases concerning similar things so they opened up the case. I got my lawyer with all of my supporters behind me. I am not allowed to tell you what exactly happened that day, but what I can tell you is we lost our case. I persisted and took a different path and decided to take the issue to social media and make it public. I started to post pictures of my friends and I doing little things everyday, like giving food to the homeless and picking up trash, so that if the homeless do have to live outside then at least they would have a healthy environment to live in. A year later I received the Leadership Award for Friendship Places and the Social Justice Award. After receiving those awards I started using the hashtag #LittleByLittle to go along with my posts. As I continued to make my actions public on social media others joined in as well. I later received the Spirited Service Award.

Every day I made little changes in my community's environment which made the world a better place. I made a positive change in the world by being a role model and good example for others and showing people that random acts of kindness can snowball and have a big effect. **I PERSISTED** and made a difference in the world I lived in and inspired others to clean up the area they live in and respect the people around them.



I'm Ian Iopa; I was born April 1,2007 at the time 3:21. I have two siblings, a younger brother and younger sister. I went to Manoa Elementary, and then I went to MidPac and after that I attended UCLA . My family would always like to travel. That's where I started to notice kids sometimes on the streets just laying there on the ground and I felt bad about . So wanted to do something about it. Then, at UCLA me and a bunch of my friends started a campaign that donates backpacks to children in need of backpacks for school.

I now live in San Francisco and Los Angeles, California with my two dogs Bruno and Sophia. I am currently single. I am an activist and a carpenter. I started the Kids For a Change Organization, which gives poor kids money for school, food and if they really need a home we will provide them with a place to stay. I also made shelters for poor students and their families to temporarily stay at until they have enough money to buy a home. There is one by every school in Los Angeles, San Francisco, and Chicago. I also travel the world to promote the idea that kids shouldn't just be left on the streets by themselves. I have also made hotline so if people see kids by themselves they can call us and we will try to protect them. I am still alive, **PERSISTING**, trying to help poor children in need of someone to care for them.

I brought about a positive change because I believe that no child should be left behind. I impact the world because I created an organization that finds children living by themselves and guides them so that they can have a brighter future. I think I inspire many of the kids that I rescued because they think of me as a hero because their life living by themselves was probably hard.



I am Alyssa; I was born on December 2, 2007 on a wintery day in Honolulu, Hawaii. I love my family because they are kind, nice, helpful, and smart. I went to Manoa Elementary School, Stevenson Middle, Roosevelt High, and UH. When I read or watched the news I noticed people were not telling the truth. When I would look at my mom's social media accounts, we were shocked to see that many things in her feed were not even true. I knew how important it was to have truthful news because it helps us know what is going on; we should get our news from

trusted sources, journalists, and media outlet that are required to follow strict codes of practice. I wanted to get rid of the lies that reporters were telling to get attention.

For my entire life, I lived in Honolulu, Hawaii. I am happily married and have 2 children who are the loves of my life. I am a successful journalist who writes articles for Hawaii News Now. While I was working at Hawaii News Now I been seeing people trying to send fake articles written about local Hawaii celebrities. When I was looking at the articles people were sending I knew they weren't true because they weren't getting into full detail, they were just making broad statements. Everyday the company will get at least 20 articles from reporters with fake news. I can't imagine how people in these articles would feel about these rumors being said about them. Wouldn't you care if they were talking about you? That is the same way that you would feel if someone spread rumors about you. Fake News is a very important issue because in 2016 there were a lot of rumors going around that affected the elections. I was inspired by this, and decided to work for Hawaii News Now; so that I could warn the public when rumors and false stories were going around. I won a Journalism Prize

because I made a very important speech by saying how i made a change to the world by not having many people fight over people spreading bad rumors around when they aren't true. I also won the Nobel Peace Prize because nowadays nobody really fights over a person spreading bad rumors and no one talks about anybody since they don't want to go to jail. Because of my hard work and **PERSISTENCE**, the news is now more honest.

Overall, in my life, I had a lot of fascinating experiences. I got the chance to bring peace and happiness to many lives instead of having a lot of people arguing over incorrect facts. I am very proud that I accomplished my goal, which was to have very little arguing and living happy lives together forever. I think I inspired the people who are being talked about untruthfully in Fake News. I am so happy that my speech worked and inspired many young children to be careful readers and truthful writers.



My name is Alexis Mei Margarette Manuel Mals. I was born on February 19, 2007 at Queen's Medical Center, located on Oahu. My Father is Jhune Ranada Mals and my Mother is Ana May Manuel. On July 1, 2011, my twin brothers were born named Xavier Zen and Xander Zane. 1 year later my youngest brother was born, his name is Aden Kyler Alerte Manuel.

When I was young I was just an ordinary person who loved to watch Youtube not only for entertainment but also for educational purposes. I would watch news all over the world, like current events news filled with a lot controversy between Donald Trump and Kim Jong Un. But what really caught my attention and became more intrigue was the increasing problem about pollution. After high school I attended the University of Hawaii where I earned my Bachelor's degree in Environmental Studies and received the highest honor of Summa Cum-Laude. I am currently working as a Pollution Prevention Technician at University of Oxford.

As a Pollution Prevention Technician, part of my job is to travel to places that are polluted. When I just started working at the University of Oxford, I visited Norilsk, Russia. This place is basically a wasteland caused from mining in the early years. In 1936 slaves were forced to mine and instead of finding valuables, toxic fumes were released to the air from the land and made this place the most polluted area in Russia. Everywhere you looked you would see run down buildings and not a tree in sight. I wrote a narrative report about the pollution in Norilsk, my team at the University posted it to social media and gained so much attention. People started asking how they can help to make Norilsk a better place. I knew immediately that I had found the right answer to help Norilsk. Donations started pouring in from different people all over the world, big companies and private charities. My team and I went back to Norilsk and we started to plant countless trees and seeds from left to right. After couple months of hard work, I **PERSISTED**. trees started to grow from this

pitiful land. People from nearby communities in Russia also helped by bringing fertilizers, more plants and built windmills to have a clean water supplies. It brought world wide attention and many people joined in.

I made positive changes to the environment by planting trees to prevent air pollution. Impacting the world was not an easy task. I helped raise awareness about air pollution. I have traveled to many places, seen on television and heard on the radio stations talking to the world about planting more trees so that the future generations can have a safe place to live and clean air to breathe. By doing this I have inspired many new generations to become activists sharing the same goal the same thought.



My name is Tobias Josef Nell, but you can call me Toby. I was born in 2007 in Palo Alto, California. I grew up with my one older sister, Lily, my mom, Theres, and dad, Erwin. I had a variety of different schooling, I went to CCC, or Covenant Children's Center for daycare and two years of preschool, then my family moved to Hawaii because of work. I started school at Montessori Community School, or MCS up until second grade. After that I went to Manoa Elementary School for three school years (up until fifth grade), which is where I was when I heard about the Las Vegas and Parkland shootings. This inspired me to spread the message that gun laws should be a lot, and I mean a lot, stricter. After that, I went to 'Iolani until I was a senior in high school, graduated and got admitted into Stanford University, and got a BSc, or Bachelor of Science in Computer Science.

After that, I moved to New York and became a YouTuber, being inspired by Jacksepticeye., I never got married, because I wanted to focus on my work, posting videos about video games, and sometimes about the important issues this country needs to address, like gun control and obesity. I always remembered the shootings in Parkland and Las Vegas, so I kept on fighting against gun control laws that need to be fixed. In 2043, at the age of 35, I used what I know from YouTube and Computer Science to make a movie about gun violence that would go on to win a Best Picture award at The Oscars because of how much the audience related to the characters in the film. I was remembered as the person who fought long and hard against incorrect laws in America after my death in 2078 when I died of old age at the age of 70.

I persisted In many ways, like putting hard work into my movie, and working very hard at getting gun laws much stricter. I impacted the world with my movie, and the fact that I succeeded at making gun laws much safer for everyone. I inspired many would-be moviemakers and activists to go out and do whatever they needed to make the world a better place.



I am Kouki Oda. I was born in July 9,2007 in Honolulu, HI. In my home I always seen my older brother in his room he was mostly just playing games and I've seen my mother roaming around the house she was always kind. I've mostly have not seen my dad since he was working, he was also kind. For school my parents sent me to Manoa Elementary School, for middle school I went to Kaimuki, for high school I went to Kalani, and for collage I went to Washington. When I went to college I studied tech and engineering, I thought tech and engineering would be a good knowledge to build a thing to stop global warming at that time.

Each year I and my family went to Japan I lived near river in Japan so I could see how high the water level was. Each time I went to Japan I saw the river's water level rising each year each at a time. When I was a child I lived in Hawaii so I know most parts of Hawaii and I've seen any factories produce a lot of hot warm smoke so these experience inspired me to stop global warming. I then thought about how to stop global warming since the. At that time I also got interested in how to stop global warming and read a lot of books about it too.

I wanted to stop global warming since I noticed in Hawaii it got hotter each year. I wanted to live in Hawaii to stop global warming so I'm here now working in Hawai'i. So I now work as a engineer like my brother. I did not marry since I was too busy working as a engineer too like my brother or maybe a scientist to work on my build. I bought a workplace to build my build. My build is a big box that are in factories, the box will suck in the smoke from factories, the box will take out the chemicals then the box will take out carbon dioxide the bad things like ozen, a poison from factory. Finally the smoke will be a clean hot air my build will then cool it. I tried to make a smaller one that could be attached onto buses and trains because buses and trains lets out black hot smoke too and I was able to do it . With my build people were able to travel to different places with buses and trains without warming the earth by my box taking in smoke and made it to a cold breeze of air. I was able to spread my word about global warming by creating an website and publishing many books about it. My famous book was *The Danger of Global Warming*.

I PERSISTED and made a positive change by stopping global warming plus there's now less air pollution. I impacted the world with my creation by stopping global warming witch is making the sea level rise that are dangerous to us because in the future probably the sea could go on top of many cities and small Islands. With my accomplishment I got an award it was the Earth Care award. I inspired many people to never give up and take care of our planet.



October 9th 2007, the moon shined bright in the sky. At 8:30pm with the night taking over, Kymani Leihwahiwaonalani Panoke was born. As she grew older, her family grew larger, with 1 brother and 1 sister coming along later. She grew up with a caring, loving, and sweet mother and father. Kymani attended Our Redeemer Preschool from the age of 3, and then moved on to attend Manoa Elementary School. When she went to middle school, Kymani moved on to Punahou where she graduated from. She knew what was important to her, and made sure to put school first during that time. She also knew many women and girls like her at some time could not go to school.

Kymani Leihwahiwaonalani Panoke was growing up. As an adult she moved to Portland, Oregon and often visited the town of Salem. Six years later she moved to Anthem, Arizona. As a result, 2 years later she got married. Afterward continued her job which was being a flight attendant. Besides, she also became candidate to be the President of the United States Of America. Kymani Leihwahiwaonalani Panoke became first woman of United States Of America. Her biggest accomplishment was passing the laws that made things right and equal between males and females.

Kymani Leihwahiwaonalani Panoke **PERSISTED** by bringing about a positive change, to the world and the people around her. She made an impact on people by encouraging them to stand up for themselves and take action.



My name is Kiara Pasion. I was born on a bright, sunny April morning in 2007. When i was born I had four siblings and we all got along. When i was about 1 and a half years old, my younger brother was born. I went to waiokeola preschool when I was three years old and i loved that school very much. I then went to University laboratory school for kindergarten through 3rd grade. After that my mom transferred me to Manoa elementary school because my brother went to that school. For Middle school I went to Kaimuki. In middle school i was looking forward to the great teachers and the good friends i would make. I was also nervous about all the big projects and all the homework they would give us in middle school.

When I was a kid, my teachers inspired me to be a teacher. So when I went to college at University of Hawaii i studied to be a teacher. I also noticed that there is

lack of education. I had been noticing that because I see kids not knowing how to read or doing anything. They are staying home and skipping schools and that's how i see there is a lack of education. I decided to fix that by creating a tutor program for the kids who don't have any sports to do after school or anything. I helped them with their homework and gave them the extra help they needed. I inspired many kids who wanted to be a teacher and would like to help with the lack of education and people who don't like to see the lack of education. After i became a teacher i received an award for my tutoring program and even though it was a lot of work **I PERSISTED** and am glad I did.

I inspired people to help themselves and be helpful to the world.



On January 4, 2007, in Honolulu, Hawaii, a person who would later change the world was born; that person was me. As I, Thomas, grew older, I lived with my mother, father, and my older sister. My father always tried his best to make me a smart and brilliant person, and my mother always helped me out with school. When I was 11 I went to Kaimuki Middle School; at that time I made friends with someone named Carter. We had a lot in common because we both liked watching the news to see what was going on in the world. One day Carter and I discovered on the news America's relationship with North Korea was starting to get more tense. I didn't want to have World War 3 or even exist in it. We prayed everyday that there will be peace. When I was in high school, Carter and I started to go insane on this issue as each day passed. I started to study all the wars that has happened in the past and my history teacher guided me a lot. I also was inspired by others who tried to make the world it was supposed to be today like Abraham Lincoln and Martin Luther King Jr. I was so involved that I became a president of a political science club at my school. There, we learned how to promote peace by hanging posters on the walls of the campus and make the word spread across the campus like a disease. Some people ignored it which made me a little worried that it will be impossible to make the other students join in. When I was 18, I got accepted to Harvard University with a double major of both political science and law.

When I graduated, I was married to a woman named Emily and we had two wonderful children. I graduated with Honor on both political science and major. I got a job at the White House and I moved to Washington DC. I had a good relationship with the president of the U.S and became his advisor on foreign country relationships. I managed to stop the arguments between many countries by publishing books that us humans are civilized and if we have wars that means we are harming each others instead of help others. When I was 55, I won the Nobel Peace Prize for stopping this violent madness worldwide. When I was 63, I ran for the President and won which made me the first Asian president in the whole United States History. During and

after 4 years of being the president, I still became strong about promoting peace. When I was 85, I died of old age in December 5, 2092.

I created positive changes by preventing World War 3. I impacted the world because with my help, all the leaders in the whole world managed to get along and have peaceful relationships. Many years after my death, I would inspire other people who wanted to bring peace on earth to keep **PERSISTING** in their quest.



I am Daniel. I was born on August 17, 2007 in San Francisco, California. My Dad, a strong and hardworking man was coaching football at the City College of San Francisco. When I was seven months old my family moved to Hawaii when my Dad got a job coaching the QBs at the University of Hawaii. There my sister, Alana Rolovich was born. I went to preschool at the Kilauea Ohana Playschool. After that my family moved to Reno, Nevada in 2012 where I went to a school called Rollan Melton Elementary School from kindergarten to third grade. This was where my twin brothers were born, William and Patrick Rolovich. Two years later, my family and I moved back to Hawaii when my dad got the head coaching job at UH. We went to the beach a lot and always noticed people picking up trash for hours. One time me, my sister, and my mom went on a whale watch over the summer, and when we got off the boat the crew encouraged us to pick up trash walking back to our car. While attending Manoa School for fourth and fifth grade, I learned about taking care of our oceans and started thinking about how I could help, like the people I remembered on the beach. I went on to attend Mid-Pacific for middle and high school, and received a scholarship to play football at the University of Michigan where I also studied Zoology.



Later, I was drafted to the San Diego Chargers in the first round of the NFL draft. There I took my team to five super bowls and won four of them. After that I retired and lived in San Diego. I never got married to anybody. During my retirement, I continued visiting the beach, I began to notice even more trash in the water. I decided to give a third of my millions to help develop robots that could clean up trash in the water and can care for sick or hurt animals. I also created a organization so others could donate money to help restore the beaches and ocean. I would make my self pick up 30 pieces of trash each day, just like the people I saw as a kid. It quickly became a habit for me. Because **I PERSISTED**, each day I began to see more and more people come and pick up trash with me; eventually I didn't see any trash on the beach anymore. After four years of this, I was given the Nobel Peace Prize for starting the end to pollution in oceans and saving reefs. Sadly I died of old age in 2090, at the age of 82.

I inspired many divers and fishermen to pick up trash when they saw it floating in the waves or caught in nets. I persisted by showing that things that seem

impossible are possible, like eliminating water pollution, and I impacted the world by showing that it is possible to end pollution and other problems like global warming.



I am Marcus and I was born on April 24, 2007 at Kaiser Permanente in Honolulu Hawaii. I have a sister named Maelynn, and I attended Manoa Elementary School, later went on to Roosevelt High school, and finally the University of Hawaii. In college I studied writing at UH then later I graduated.

When I became an adult I was not married. I got a job being an engineer. When I saw that people have been bombing buildings I knew that it was wrong. I was upset about it and wanted it to stop, so I **PERSISTED** in a plan to broadcast a show about anti-Terrorism from all around. To let everyone know that Terrorism is wrong, so I told them that you might affect the lives of young children and they might follow Terrorism and it will affect the future. It changed how they thought because when I told them that you kill many lives and you don't want to be recognized in a bad way but in a good way. I affected the world by fighting to stop the serious problem of violence and bombings. I taught people that it was wrong for the population and soon no one will be on earth. I brought about peace and change and inspired others to do so too.



My name is Serenity Teves. I was born on March 7, 2007 at Moanalua Kaiser Hospital. One day I was walking around in Chinatown with my dad. We were just out for a stroll when I saw a female cop getting teased by people and disrespected because she was a woman. I could feel that she had hurt feelings about people talking about her in that way.

As I grew into getting older and getting bigger I went to Manoa Elementary School, then to Stevenson Middle School. I became interested in making videos on Youtube and talking about ways we could make the world a better place for women to work. The videos went viral on Youtube as more people started watching them.

After I graduated from Roosevelt High School, I went to college at the University of Central Oregon college to study broadcast journalism and a help with the make things equal in our society. I joined marches for the woman so the woman around the world have equal rights.

As I grew out into an adult I had 4 kids; even though my husband was right I still decided to work and also take care of the children. I thought it was important to do both since that is what equality is all about.

Throughout my life I **PERSISTED** and helped all the women in the world remember to stand up for themselves, support each other and show they are just as good as men.



I am Presley Watland and I was born January 10, 2007 at Kaiser Hospital. In my family I grew up with a younger brother, Jaxon along with my mom and dad. I also had my Tutu or grandma who made a big impact in my life. As a kid I liked to help clean the community and pick up trash in my neighborhood. I also liked to teach other



people to be nice and not to be mean and to create a positive community. I went to Manoa Elementary from kindergarten to 5th. And in 5th grade we talked a lot about issues around the world frequently. I went to Kaimuki for 6th, and Kamehameha School for 7th to 12th grade. At Kamehameha we talked and learned about different issues around the world every week and one of the biggest ones was world peace and arguments between different countries. Finally I went on to attend the University of Hawaii for college. My education taught me to be who I am today, especially my after-school program, T.L.C. which stands for **The Learning Casa**. They taught me to be nice and kind and

to spread the love and take out the hate. My grandma did the same. Yet I did not see a lot of that in the world at that time.

And as an adult I decided what I wanted to do as my job: I wanted to promote world peace. The reason why I wanted to promote world peace was at the time there was much conflict between different countries in the world and I worried about what our future would be like if this continued. I decided to **PERSIST** and moved to Washington DC so I could be closer to the government to work things out with them. I also traveled around the world educating about world peace and how we should be kind to everyone and how we should work things out with each other instead of making the problem worse. I met with the rulers of countries around the world to learn their perspective and different reasons. I created my own organization and got others to join. We all traveled around the world to ask for suggestions, and learn about different cultures' issues and how they thought they should be solved. After 30 trips, I wrote about all my experiences and directed an award-winning documentary called *World Peace*. My movie won a special award for Most Inspiring Film. The movie encouraged others to spread the word about peace, and educated those who we were not able to visit on our trips.

I enjoyed helping to teach and promote world peace. Through my work, I was able to help others become gentler, kinder, and to create a positive world. By listening

to those who I met with, I taught people how important it is to see both sides of an argument so you can figure things out. I hope that many more people will see my work and follow in my footsteps to create a peaceful, happier world.



I'm Avalon and I was born in 2007 on Halloween day in Honolulu, Hawaii. My family was caring, loving and helpful. I had an amazing sister named Bryn. I went to Mother Rice preschool, Hokulani and Manoa Elementary School. When I was 10 I watched this video called "What the Health" that told me all about companies who care all about money not what they're feeding people. I was really upset that



companies are feeding people unhealthy food. People deserve to have better FOOD! I made this plan to go to healthy place and learn about how they make their food quality better.

I looked up the healthiest place in the world, and one of them was France. The reason I went to France is to learn how to make food better quality. In France, I went to a supermarket and learned where they got their products. I also wanted to find out where the environment where the food was grown. When I figured out where it came from and the environment it was made, I decided to go back to the United States and started a TV program about food quality in America, versus in France. I created a documentary about the environment and quality of food. In the documentary, I would interview a farmer from France and how he keeps his produce and animals healthy, but without pesticides or chemicals.

A few people watched the documentary and was surprised to learn about how much effort and quality was put into the products in France. Many people decided to change the companies they were getting their food from to some of the ones who put more effort into their foods. But others still didn't think the products they bought in America were so bad. My staff members quit because they felt since the documentary wasn't viewed often, it was a waste of time. One argument I faced was that people wanted something yummy, fast and cheap. They didn't care where their food came from. **But I PERSISTED** and decided to give the people what they wanted, which was a healthy fast food restaurant. I got cooks that were ready to learn how to make better quality food. So I taught them about good farms that put effort in their food and got those products and made yummy and healthy fast food. The cooks were excited to start making healthy, better quality food.

After people started going to my fast food restaurant, they decided to not go to unhealthy fast food businesses. Everybody seemed to be going on the right path of quality and healthy food. I inspired fast food places to put more work and quality into their foods. In 2110 I earned the Leadership Award for making cheap, healthy fast food in America. In 2117 I died and was known for making better quality fast food restaurants.



I am Michi Yorkston and I was born on May 6, 2007, ready to change the world. I grew up with an older sister and parents in the back of Manoa Valley. I had many pets too, like guinea pigs, chickens, bees, and fish. I wished I could spend all my time with them, but I had to go to school at Manoa Elementary School. I also had 3 dance classes a week but I still made sure I spent time with them all. As a kid was always so interested in animals and got three types of magazines about them and tried to learn as much as I can about them.

A little later when I was in middle school at Mid-Pac I heard news about animals disappearing and I was not happy when i read this. I was disappointed. How could us humans be cruel enough to animals so they disappear? I had to do something about it and a lot of thinking ahead of me, I was worried about what else we could do if we could knock out one whole species, could we knock out more? And a lot later on in my life I went to a college called Montana State University and ended up taking many classes to understand animal behaviour and another class to further understand why animals are endangered and how they are becoming endangered. I took each of those classes for about 3 to 4 years and then I was off to help those animals.

Now I was able to actually do something about those endangered wildlife and the first thing on my list of endangered wildlife was rhinos! I started a organization called the Endangered Wildlife Association or (EWA) for short. And I was the leader of it, I made a website for it and my own magazines for it to. For my first mission to the EWA we decided to go to africa for a while and study, protect and watch the animals around there especially the rhinos. one day we saw a man who had a gun and was walking around the savanna like us and said he was taking care of the land but when he returned he came back with a bag full of animal skins and horns! Lucky we stopped him and made sure we would not let anyone else pass us. Now I new how animals were disappearing by people like that man we saw earlier. Now I new it was time to actually do something, not just sitting around and watch them disappear, make a way to protect them. then the thought rushed through head. What if we put animals in exhibit not one that is caged off one that just has imaginary space in it so you can only go in if you have permission, almost like a state but is more protective. I asked the EWA if they liked the idea and so that is what we did . it took a little while of convincing but we made sure it was a good and safe sanctuary for all the animals who lived there and then it was final the area was protected and safe from most of the poachers in the area at least for now! I am very proud of for what I did because everyone in the EWA has helped me help animals and get awarded the wildlife enforcement award. It does not take a lot to make a world better so you can make it better Now!

I brought a big bright positive change the world by helping out many species who were suffering because of there low population and I have made sure other generations after us will be able to see the same animals that we got to see and has inspired many people who are interested in animals. I really made sure are world could be better in every way - and to do it all I needed to **PERSIST**.



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