I’m Going To Be A Success

As the youngest of four children and the only girl, I was always following in my brothers’ footsteps. I did everything my brothers did because they were the people that I looked up to. If they played basketball, I played too, even if that meant getting pushed down or losing every game. As I continued to grow up, I recognized that each of my brothers had his own specialty. One was really involved in our church and practiced his faith every day. My second brother was unbelievably smart. Finally, my third brother was an amazing athlete. They would push me to become more like they were, eventually I was a mix of them: religious, smart, and athletic. As much as I liked that, I was the only girl of the siblings and I wanted something to be my own. I wanted to know what my specialty was. If those things led them to success, what was going to lead me?

Going through school, I was always reminded that I can be anything that I want to be when I grow up. Every year in grade school we, the students, were asked what we wanted to be when we grew up. The students changed their minds every year about what they wanted to become. I knew in kindergarten what I wanted to be. I wanted to be a teacher.

In the back of my mind, I knew that being a teacher would be perfect for me. However, when I became a freshman in high school, my family, friends, and teachers started sharing their ideas for me. My three brothers told me to go into three different careers:
accounting, medicine, and theology. This made me second guess my decision to become a teacher. My parents repeatedly told me that they would support me in whatever I decided to do. Yet, their comments seemed that they really wanted me to go into a career that made the most money. Finally, growing up, I had many teachers telling me that an intelligent girl should not go into teaching. In grade school, I was positive that I wanted to be a teacher, but when high school came around, I wasn’t so sure. It wasn’t until my junior year of high school when a school administrator told me that I would be a great teacher. This administrator reminded me that what I want to be is up to me and only me, no one’s opinions should matter. So, I promised myself then that I would do what I wanted to do, and that was to become a teacher. I told myself that that I would succeed as a teacher. I may not be successful in becoming the richest woman, because as we know, teachers don’t make a lot of money, but I would be successful in being the best teacher that I could be.

I’ve grown up with teachers all around me. My brothers, parents, grandparents, older cousins, and school teachers have all been my role models. Now, it is my turn to be a teacher to others. What better way to be a teacher than in a classroom? I love the subject of mathematics, but when I teach, I want my future students to learn more from my class than just the Pythagorean Theorem or the Quadratic Equation. My dream is that I can influence my students in a positive way just as I was by my role models.

The only question now is “How can my dream lead me to success?” In general, the first thing people must do in order to become successful is to have a dream that they are passionate about. Above I spoke about why I wanted to be a teacher. If others can go on and on telling why they have certain dreams, they are definitely passionate. As the old saying
goes, “If there’s a will, there’s a way.” If people have the heart to do something, they will find a way to do it.

Next, people must put their dream into reality. It is one thing to have a dream, but if people truly believe that they can accomplish it in the world today, they are one step further to achieving success. This quote from Douglas H. Everett is perfect for this step: “There are some people who live in a dream world, and there are some who face reality; and then there are those who turn one into the another.” If people can turn their dreams into a reality, there is no stopping them from achieving success. This step is without a doubt the hardest step. Many teenagers have a hard time gaining the confidence to say, “I have a dream, and I’m going to make it happen.” They don’t believe in themselves that their dreams can happen. These teens should remember the words of Ellen Johnson Sirleaf: “If your dreams do not scare you, they are not big enough.”

The final step is to never give up. There are going to be bumps in the road as people try to make their dreams a success. There are going to be people who tell them that they’ll never succeed. When they hit these bumps, they are going to fall; however, that is not an act of failure. “It’s only failure if you give up,” says Daniel Decker. If these people get back up and try again, they will find a way to succeed. Even Thomas Edison, one of the smartest inventors to ever live, said, “I have not failed. I've just found 10,000 ways that won't work.” When they hit the bottom, they will get back up and try again.

If people want their dreams to lead them to success, they need to follow these three steps. They need to find something that they are passionate about, make it a reality, and never give up. Their dreams will always lead to success if they have heart and determination.
With heart and determination, there is no limit to what people can do. Also, with the support of others, people will definitely have success.

It was easy for me to decide that I was passionate about teaching. However, making it a reality was hard because I had many obstacles standing in my way. If it wasn’t for that one school administrator, I would have never been able to make my dream a reality. So far, I haven’t given up. However, I don’t think I will ever give up. My family learned that I wasn’t going to change my mind about teaching, so now they have my back and support my decision. I have a support system that will help me succeed. When I hit bottom and am not sure that I made the right decision, these people will remind me of my passion for teaching.