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Scholarship Essay

The Hero In My Community

A hero that has a great affect on me in my community is my cheerleading coach, Jessica Williams. She has had a great effect on me throughout my high school career. She always pushes me to become a better black woman and reinvent myself to be a greater person. She has taught me to be a team player and be confident in my skills. She is a strong role model for all the girls apart of the Kirkwood High School cheer program and even the girls that have moved on from the programs. She has granted me as a cheerleader and a person so many opportunity to enhance my craft of cheer. She makes sure to provide a safe space for me to work and be in the right set of mind. She always believe in me and encourages me to get involved and put my all in whatever I put my mind too. When one of us is down or hurt, she is always there to step in and put in effort to get things done. She values the opinion of the ones around her to get a greater outcome of those around her.

My coach lives above the stereotypes that are often put on black women in the current times. She is very hardworking, independent, and a single mother that is providing greatly for her son. Not only is she providing for her son she also providing a home and sanctuary for all twenty two of her girls on the squad. She makes sure that our physical being is together as well as emotional also. Whether we are having a hard day at school, girl problems, or private ones at home she is always there to give her professional and insightful opinion. Another thing that greatly impresses me about her is how she can make anything look stylish whether it be practice clothes or when she arrives just off of work. Which makes her my hero because fashion design is a personal hobby of mines. I truly love how she can incorporate her own personal style into anything she wears.

She has become a really good motivation in my life to achieve all the accomplishments and goals that I have set for myself. She is not afraid to put me in my place when I lost my way or correct me when I'm wrong. She has a stern attitude that provides me with the reinforcement I need to get tasked done. She knows when to be soft when she needs to and hard when we need to step up. She is everything I could ask for in a coach, a mentor, and in general a friend. She makes not only me but the team strive for greatness and that is a spirit I will take through

college and through life. She is going to keep inspiring young girls to do more with there lives inside and otside of cheerleading. These are the reasons that my coach, Jessica Williams is a hero in my community.