Vanessa Mentor

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It’s Just the Beginning

It all started in 12th grade in Dr. Griffin’s classroom. At a young age Vanessa Mentor’s hunger for success was remarkable. So it wasn’t very shocking towards her family members and especially towards her peers that she became everything she wanted to be and more! Ms. Mentor always had a saying, “Life doesn’t begin until after high school.”

Throughout her high school year she prepared for the real world, and took advantage of what life had to offer. Always taking every advice from teachers, and being opened minded to not only options but also choices as well.

The moment of all turning points in Ms. Mentor’s life was walking up to her principle when her name was announced in the room full of 2013 seniors, ready to graduate and take on the world. That moment there, while receiving her diploma was when Ms. Mentor knew she could accomplish anything life threw at her.

Getting accepted to the number one college that Vanessa applied for was a feeling unexplainable, and too remarkable to be put in worlds. The name of the college was Virginia Commonwealth University also known as VCU in Richmond Virginia. Ms. Mentor had a passion to learn and felt this school was most ideal for her in many ways. There academics and sports was spectacular. Their band was sensational that if you were to close your eyes you can feel yourself at a concert. There Ms. Mentor was taught many life skills, met new and interesting people that changed her life for the better. One of those interesting people turned out to be her husband. Her major was psychology. She always had an interest in the human mind and how psychology has the immediate goal of understanding individuals, and groups by both establishing general principles and researching specific cases. Few of the life experiences she learned in college was never taking things for granted, enjoy the little things, and trust your heart. She became great friends with her roommate.

She continued to seize every opportunities life had given her. She enjoyed the school’s activities, joined softball, and also created a club of her own that the school never thought of. The club was called “Be active.” In the club they talked about how one person can make a difference. Many students enjoyed the club because of its many activities was to help partake in helping the community. She had a great job at the cafeteria where she could socialize with her peers and meet new people. There was an amazing recreation center where she constantly ran in the indoor track. At times she would spend the weekend with her mother who was more than proud of her daughter. She would show off her beautiful college daughter, who continued to have a hunger for success. Attending VCU was everything she hoped for and more. After graduating Virginia Commonwealth University at the top of her class Ms. Mentor continued her life to greatness.

She participated in several charities across the world to help make a difference, and show people a different side of her. Ms. Mentor wasn’t alone; with her was her fiancé, who she met in college. In her late 30’s Ms. Mentor moved to Africa with her husband and two children where she built hospitals across the land for the less fortunate. With all the charities she ran, she was regnoized then won the Nobel Peace Prize. When receiving that prize she smiled at the camera and remembered her 12th grade teacher Dr. Griffin. She thanked him to the world for showing her a new meaning of life, and said to herself. “This was just the beginning.”