



# THE WASHINGTON STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

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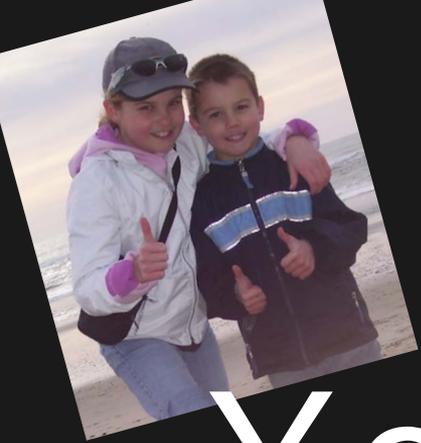
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<b>Synopsis:</b>	Student presentations allow SBE board members an opportunity to explore the unique perspectives of their younger colleagues. In her final presentation to the Board, Student Representative Madaleine Osmun will reflect on her past and present experiences and share her postsecondary plans.	



# A Life's Journey Only Begun

By: Madaleine Osmun





# Young, Curious & Creative



# Innovation



My Idea ~ 2005



Actual Product- 2009

# Creativity

**Creative** according to Merriam Webster's Dictionary:

To produce (something new, such as a work of art) by using your talents and imagination

In my earlier years I...

Was named 'Survivor Woman'

Made a nurse's apron

Built a cardboard robot in my garage

Learned to crochet

Created forts

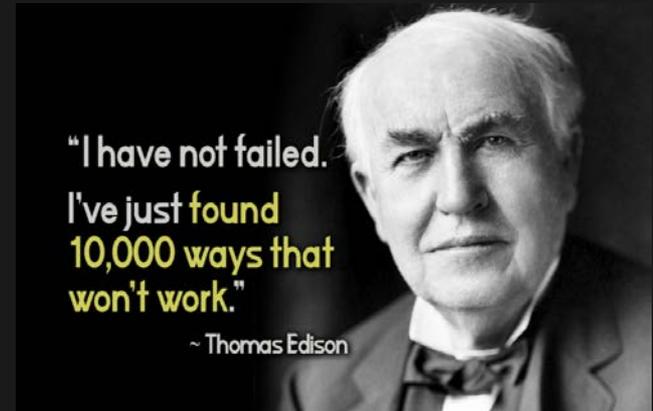
Bottom line:

I tried.



# Too Afraid to Try

- How many people dismiss themselves without even trying?
  - I did!
- I stopped creating things thinking I couldn't make them good enough
  - I wanted to do things perfectly or not at all
  - Fear of failure and judgement
- Many things changed in my life to discredit my faulty perspective
  - Art-
    - Broadened my perspective
    - Out of my comfort zone
    - Learned perseverance and patience
- Try. And fail. But never fail to try.



# The Human Connection

- I moved a lot when I was young which made it difficult to form lasting friendships
  - Allowed me to get to know lots of different people without being locked into one group
  - I appreciate the few friendships that do last
  - Family is what endures
- State Board has allowed me to meet people with varied backgrounds
  - Adults who are concerned about the future of MY generation
  - Students around Washington state who beat the odds on a daily basis and live in very different circumstances
  - Allowed me to become more understanding and aware of others

A young girl with long brown hair, wearing a red t-shirt and blue jeans, stands on a dirt trail. She has a blue backpack and is holding a smaller child in a white shirt. The child is making a peace sign. They are both looking towards the camera. The background is a vast desert landscape with a large, deep canyon with reddish-brown rock walls. The sky is overcast with grey clouds. The text "My Here" is overlaid in large white letters across the top, and "And Now" is overlaid in large white letters across the middle.

# My Here And Now

# Future Me

“When I grow up...”

Have you noticed that grown ups say this line too?

Reality is, there is no such thing as “future me”

We have to live in the here and now

We cannot afford to fear failure

Fear of failure only prevents us from enjoying any success at all

Failure can teach many lessons that immediate success cannot

I aspire to be many things, but I know I have some work to do to fulfill my potential. The key is to try.

Do your best while you can, time is short

# I'm finding that I value...

## 1. Service

- Most important connections we can have are with people
- Inspire desire, passion, goodness, drive, and change
- Relationships with people are what you'll be able to take with you
- Serve selflessly
  - We are given gifts so we can share them with others

## 2. Creativity

- Implies doing something that challenges you
- Imagination
- Perseverance
- "The master has failed more times than the beginner has even tried."  
~Unknown



# The Unknown

# College

- I will be attending BYU Provo
- Spring break surprise!
- I have a job waiting for me at BYU!
  - Similar to State Board
    - Collects data about its education system and uses it to improve programs
    - Helps students get through their schooling to be able to be successful in their goals after college
    - Working with the Educator Preparation Program
      - Accreditation unit for educator preparation at BYU



# Career

Something I love doing!

People

Satisfaction from working

Element of creativity

Stable and reliable

Service



# Tentative Plan For The Next 10 Years

1. Attend 1st semester of college at BYU (possibly 1st full year)
2. Go on 18 month LDS mission
3. Continue my education and decide on a course of study/career
4. Get married
5. Start a family

“Opportunity is missed by most people because it is dressed in overalls and looks like work” - Thomas Edison



# Thank you!



How lucky I am to have  
something that makes saying  
goodbye so hard.  
~Winnie the Pooh