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By Abbey Livermore

My biggest accomplishment thus far was learning to give up. When I moved to Western Oklahoma I had noticed a few differences from where I had previously lived in North Texas. Sports were something I never had an upper hand in. However, my peers at this new school did not accept that fact. Wanting to be accepted and fit in, I picked up my first softball glove in the sixth grade. My passion for this particular sport has flourished over the years.

Although I was never the best, I strived to be the best. I pushed myself at practice. I put in extra time at the gym and on the field. When I wasn't a starter for my first year, I shrugged it off but continued to work hard. Then the next year came and I was still on the bench. I asked for extra coaching to help me improve. However, this was no success. I kept pushing. The coaches told me they did not know a way for me to get better. Deep down I knew this was true. I knew I was not naturally gifted with athleticism. I knew I had to work for what I wanted; that I couldn't just do it. After sitting on the bench for 4 years I had decided to give up. This was a very tough decision, and it was not easy for me. It took a lot of courage, and I had thought about it for awhile. Although it was not easy, I knew it was the right decision. Playing softball was not the right thing for me. Trying to build my future and getting no recognition for it was not the path I wanted to take. Although it was hard, I have spent the time I would have been spending on softball realizing my other abilities.

I gave up something I loved, and by doing this, I realized something that has become more important to me. I always knew I wanted to help people for a living. I wanted to be a doctor. I have always loved math and science, but I never knew I had the abilities to excel in these subjects. By putting these abilities to work, I was accepted into the Biomedical Academy, Project Lead the Way STEM program. I have used my abilities to succeed in the Academy and beyond.

I gave up, but I never really gave up at all. I learned to work harder. I learned self awareness of my own skills and weaknesses. I learned to realize that some of the accomplishments I wanted were not the achievements I needed. I took the work ethic that I learned from giving up softball, and I applied it in something that I could succeed in. I am so glad that I did.

