

Hear Me

I personally think it's hard for people's voices to be heard in such a small town, especially in Woodburn. So, knowing that her voice was heard even outside of Woodburn, can be inspirational. I don't think people have issues with the idea of talking but the idea if the people they're talking to will generally listen. Everyone has a story; some are nice and some are ones that you wish you never had to hear. I don't know exactly what this girl talked about, but the fact she was able to move Tia's to tears emphasizes a topic that needs to be talked about more.



A voice that booms like daffodils

Reconnection

I like this photograph as I think it represents how you can still self-reconnect with yourself even after years. I know kids in Woodburn who would love to dance in Folklorico or join mariachi but don't because they don't speak English or feel like they're not connected enough to the culture, but I don't think that at all. Many kids can feel like they're not connected enough, but I wish they knew that once you feel the music and rhythms you feel even more connected. Although they may feel like that at the moment, I know that if they go to a place where their culture isn't as expressed they'll wanna join in, allowing them to reconnect with themselves. So, it's never too late for anything and always remember to embrace who you are even if you think you're not connected "enough."



Never too late to dance into your identity

His Accomplishments

I think more students need to hear stories like this because kids nowadays are giving up on school. People who do sports also give up on school easily, so it's nice to hear that someone can be valedictorian and still work hard enough to be a successful athlete. Not only does he sound like a good student but also sounds like a good person in general. He made sure that he was successful in school first and that he would be able to accomplish his dream before helping out in the world in whatever way he could. These types of people are one in a million, and to know that if one person can do this can inspire anyone to try even harder to accomplish what they want to do in life.



An inspiration to all