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## **Her Personal Special Touch/ El Toque Personal Especial de Ella** By Jasmin Madrigal Carrillo

Todos me decían que lo hiciera. Tenía trece años y estaba en séptimo grado. Me tomó poco tiempo para inscribirme a correr como una candidata y escribir a short but full paragraph on how I'd be the best student body president the school has ever seen. Solo tenía un muchacho corriendo contra mí para la posición.

Mi experiencia con liderazgo es muy alta y avanzada. I also had this untamed determination to have things be and be done de mi manera. Personas confiaban en mi judgement and that I would follow through on my ideas and promises. Y me encuentro siendo una persona muy outgoing so getting people to feel safe and comfortable around me era facil. Tenía varias personas que me conocían, porque no voy a mentir, era un poco popular en middle school.

I like to think of myself as a very imaginative, understanding, and non-judgemental person. Because of my strong beliefs, I made it very clear in my speech that absolutely any person who wanted to share their concerns or ideas about making the school better and making the experience unmatched or with me personally will be discussed and taken into account.

Pasé mucho tiempo siendo tímida cuando era más joven. Sé exactamente que uncomfortable es tener un problema que de verdad te está molestando, pero nomas tener opciones para hacer justicia que involucra tener que hablar con alguien que no confías y casi ni conoces. Situations like that were where I preferred to stay scared and worried about my problem over talking to someone else. Con saber que pueden ser your own peers, hice muy claro que podían hablar conmigo personalmente en el tiempo que sea con confianza porque absolutely no kid my age or younger will ever be harassed, bothered, or bullied under my watch.

Pienso que muchos student bodies fail because they don't give each other the chance to get to know each other as individuals before having to "work" with each other. I personally, with no hesitation, made it clear to everyone that if I were to win the position, regardless of their support I will personally do what I feel needs to be done. Todos en el council agreed to move forward because they understood there would be no possible way to change my mind. They too respected and trusted my instincts.

The heat was rising. Nomás faltaba una semana para que saliera la escuela para las vacaciones. Pensando en la posibilidad de que mi nombre no fuera anunciado through the loudspeaker made my stomach twist. I knew in my heart I could not lose but the intensity was still in the air.

Luego un día al fin del día cuando faltaban 5 minutos para salir, my name was being announced as the new Student Body President of Fortuna Middle school. I was charged up with the feeling of reaching one of my goals. Casi se me salía una lagrima con la felicidad que overpowered me, my actions, and my words. A huge relief. Everyone in my class got up and clapped. I bet you could hear "WOOOOH!" and "OMG DUDE GOOD JOB!" from two classrooms away. Then the dismissal bell rang and everyone sprinted outside. My dearest friends all stared at me with the funniest looks of joy on their faces. Then surely the crowd went wild and swarmed to congratulate and hug me.

Everyone was hyped. My grade especially knew what was about to go down. They know all the connections I have, they know the personal effect I have on people, they know how argumentative I am, they know I am a strong individual, and most importantly they knew I wanted the same things as them, to make our 8th grade year make up for all three of the previous years.

Me calentaba el corazón mirar a los demás feliz y divirtiéndose. Mis amigos y amigos cercanos didn't think too much of it but they knew I took it all muy en serio. Aunque era un trabajo muy en serio, nunca me perdí las cosas que me encantaban y me traían alegría, como estar en el equipo de voleibol y en el cheer squad. Y si a veces se amontonaban las cosas con los deportes, la tarea y el student council.

Las personas alrededor de mi miraban como me estresaba y enojaba. Si me encontraba furiosa cuando alguien se atrevía a decirme que exageraba y que era mal a mi trabajo. Aunque sabía que esas personas hablando mal de mi nomas estaban de mal humor por verme ser tan exitosa y feliz even with all the cosas que voluntariamente I devoted myself to, todavía dejaba que la frustración me llegara personalmente.

Regardless del estrés, ahora veo que de verdad hice todo lo que quería hacer. Todos los eventos escolares o pequeños detalles, yo estaba atrás de ellos. Mi toque personal. Mi imaginación para ser

diferentes cosas que nunca han pasado o hecho y mi determinación por completar las cosas en tiempo ha dejado una marca en la mente de todas que lo presenciaron. I believe it is more than safe to say, that I once again, fulfilled my promises. Y esto es lo que me hizo sentir el poder de ser una mujer mexicana.