

Hali Hollman looks up to rapper Post Malone



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Heroes don't always wear capes or have superhuman powers. A hero is a person admired for their courage, outstanding achievements, or noble qualities. Everyone has a role model that could be compared to a hero. Heroes come in all shapes and sizes, ranging from lifesaving physicians to political leaders to parents.

For senior Hali Hollman, Post Malone is both a tal-

ented artist and an inspiring figure in her life. Hali appreciates Post Malone's determination in pursuing music and that he never gave up. She commented, "He was turned down by so many people when he auditioned at such a young age and never gave up."

Malone began playing the guitar in 2010 and auditioned for the band Crown The Empire at fifteen years old. His guitar strings broke during the audition, leading him to be rejected. Malone enrolled in college after highschool but quickly dropped out to move to Los Angeles, California to pursue a musical career. His initial songs received mixed reviews; however, "White Iverson" quickly began gaining popularity.

Malone soon started becoming friends with other musicians such as Kanye West and Justin Beiber which helped him rise in the music industry. Malone has made impressive accom-

plishments, including his album Stoney receiving double platinum certification and several songs being in the top ten on Billboard Hot 100. Since then, Malone has become one of the most well known and successful artists in the world.

Hali is glad that Malone did not give up because "look at him now". Her favorite song of his is "Feeling Whitney" which is included in the Stoney album.



Hali Hollman holds her hero in backpack form. Photo by Maggie Boswell