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Unearthing our Passion

“Passion” is more than just a word, a noun, or a compelling emotion or feeling. Passion is in what we do everyday. Students go to school because they have a passion to learn. Athletes go to practice because they have a passion to get better. The President has a passion to improve America. We all have a passion in life. A certain motivation that drives us, a fire. Throughout my life I have developed my own definition for passion and have found that it is each individual's job to unearth it and keep it.

My personal definition of “passion” comes from the word itself. The 'P' stands for perseverance. A perseverance that pushes farmers to their limits every year. 'A' represents action. The driving action that united a nation to rebel against one of the most powerful countries ever. 'S' stands for strength. The strength that drives every American Farmer to produce more and keep pushing forward. The second 'S' represents the spirit of hope. The hope that next year's crop will be even better than the last. 'I' symbolizes inspiration. The ability to inspire others to do and achieve more. The 'O' stands for On fire. A leader that is on fire will send sparks flying. Lastly, the 'N' represents never-ending. The never-ending drive to enhance my herd, crop, and my life. This is what “passion” means to me. It's more than just a word on a page, it's more than just a noun used to describe a feeling. It has a past and a future. It can't be taken lightly. It's one of those feelings that doesn't come every day, and when it does it leaves an impact.

Being an athlete is difficult. Finding the motivation to put in the hard work day in and day out is exhausting. Athlete's have to have a deep undeniable passion that pushes them to

continue to become better. Young boys passion to become a professional football player propels them to pursue that dream. They start off by playing flag football where they run around with friends, but in their minds they are on TV. Running, dodging defenders, juking them out, and making a touchdown-even though it was just a first down. Then the boy is old enough to play tackle football with pads. His first practice he is nervous about getting hurt and is scared. The coaches teach him the proper way to hit and block. Then have him do a drill called the Oklahoma. He doesn't know what it is but it sounds fun. The goal is to tackle them before they get to the other side, but it is not as easy as it sounds.He is third in line the first ones go when the whistle blows. They run right at each other and there is a loud pop! This drill must by suicide! The second ones to the same. He's next, sweat is rolling down his face. He is scared, the whistle blows and he pauses for a second and then run right at the ball carrier. He is getting closer and closer and then SMACK! He opens his eyes and sees the coaches jumping up and down. He looks around and all the boys have big eyes. He gets this feeling in that just runs through his body! The coaches help him up and tell him he just delivered the biggest hit all day. Fast forward to when he finally gets to start his first high school football game. He keeps telling himself, "it's just another game", to calm his nerves. The lights come on that Friday night, everything else seems to disappear. He is in the huddle getting ready to run through his school's tunnel the feeling he get gives him goosebumps and butterflies. He gets this spark in him that burns for the rest of the game. The Seniors start the chant and the crowd gets loud! This is his passion, a love of the game and his teammates. All the hard work and year of learning has finally paid off. Even though he had great wins and bad losses or a broken bone that caused him to miss a whole season, it is still part of his life.

Without passion it's hard be motivated or inspired. "Passion" is in everyone of us, so don't be afraid to show it off. My definition of "passion" describes me, let's find our definition as individuals and let the flame burn.