

## My Super Heroes

I love super heroes movies like Wonder woman, Captain America, Spider man and even the warrior princess Mulan. Like the teachers in school who teach us Maths, science, Latin and sports these heroes teach us about life and the struggles we must face and fight. They teach us to have a strong heart and character. Every hero has a story; the fights, fear, doubts, role model they followed, and how they overcame all this to be a role model for kids like me.

The heroes teach me that every person has something to add, make, discover and even invent howsoever small. We should respect everyone's opinion even if we don't agree as with my friends in school. Today I want to tell the story of 4 such super heroes, all Asian immigrants, who are here because they believed that their contribution and opinion matters:

- My Kungfu teacher- Instilled discipline for small things in life, and made me believe myself after every match I lost
- My Piano teacher- Made sure I don't lose the love of music after my failure with Violin. Never stopped trusting me and helped with me every step
- My doctor- Made me believe that girls can achieve what they dream of and hard work can be fun as well
- My Table tennis teacher- He teaches kids all weekends and late evenings. Works with them to be better than him and is the happiest when we win

This shows that every person, culture and country brings diverse ideas. These ideas then lead to new things in science, engineering, politics and many other parts of our life. This is what helps a city, state and country keep moving forward. I see that a lot of Asian Americans and Asian immigrants have made contributions to the success of this country. Just like my 4 super heroes, I am sure everyone has role models and stories to tell. These are ordinary people doing extra ordinary work, shaping the future of tomorrow and making sure that we always have super heroes for small kids.

As the daughter of Asian immigrants and being an Asian American myself, I want to do new things, discover something, make friends, take up a cause, and someday be a role model for someone. This is only possible if I am respected and my ideas are considered. It is important that Asian Americans are represented when making important decisions that will affect our community and country because then it gives a sense of agreement that even though everyone is different we respect our differences and cherish it. We agree that being different is like a super hero power to be used and not something to be worried about. Just like spider man said, "With great power comes great responsibility", I say lets use this power of different opinions and new ideas to take our country ahead into the world.