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One quality I have that I am thankful for is my determination. I find this quality is important to me because it has helped me excel in quite a few things in life. Despite any obstacles, I have pushed through to be a better version of myself. My determination has taken me to the next level in most of my sports teams as well.

My parents would agree in saying that I am determined. They will tell you the story that when I turned four years old I asked them to play baseball. They didn't think it was a good idea and it so happened to be the winter. I was determined to play baseball so I asked over and over. My dad supported my decision since I was persistent and called some trainers. Most trainers said I was too young.

Finally one of the trainers told my dad that he would do a trial session to see if I was focused enough. I was so excited to finally be able to learn a sport I loved so much. My parents were not sure that I could be focused in sports at the age of four. After the first session they saw my determination that I could focus and learn the game. I kept going every week to train in the winter and then the spring finally came.

By the time I was six years old I was playing travel baseball with eight and nine year olds but that didn’t stop me. I was determined to play a sport I loved to play at a higher level. My mom tells me she stood by the fence the first practice so nervous that I wouldn’t be able to keep up. I didn't care. I showed up to every practice and still continued to train and love it. I didn’t stop and still have not stopped to this day.

That isn't the only sports story I have where my determination set me apart from a lot of my teammates. Most of my coaches have given me attention and respect and for that I will always be grateful and determined to train hard to push myself to be a better version of me for my coaches and teammates.

My determination has taken me far at the age of ten. I am extremely thankful that my determination has granted me multiple opportunities. I have learned at a young age and continue to learn that sometimes things won’t go according to plan. With determination you can achieve anything you set your mind to. I am forever grateful for this quality I have and the stories of how my determination has taken me to the next level so far. I can’t wait to see the things I will accomplish having this quality.