

# The Value of Female Athletes

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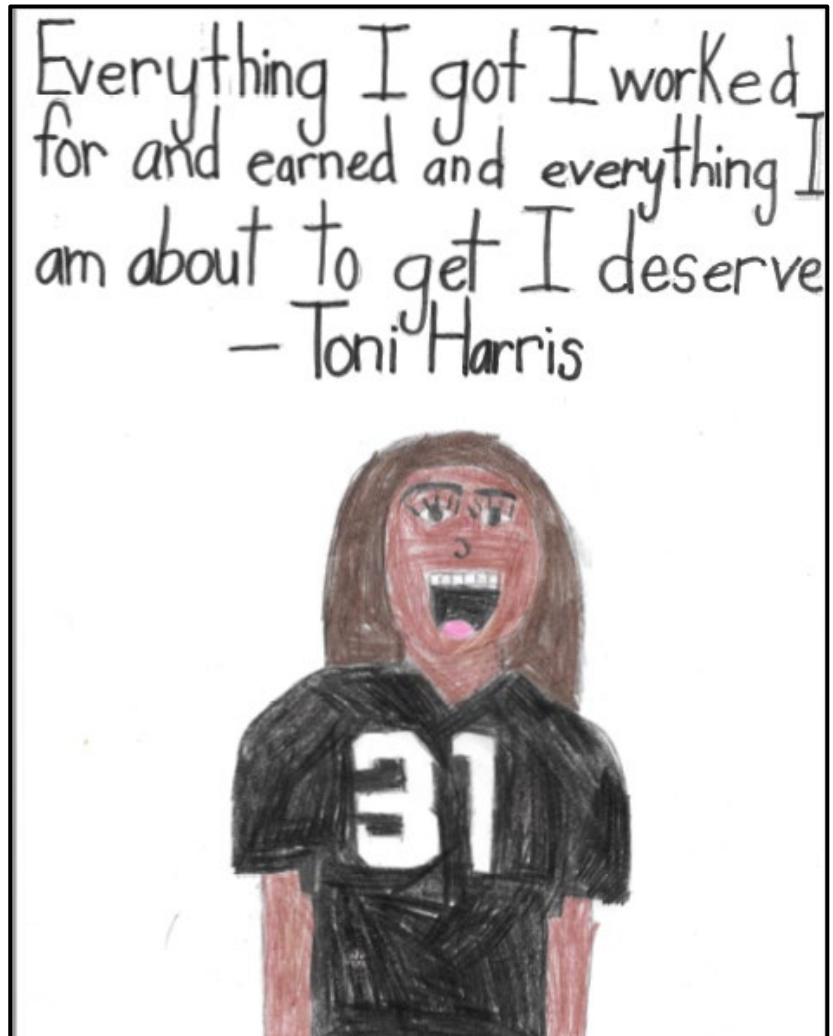
Monroe is a 9-year-old native Washingtonian, and she currently attends Capitol Hill Day School as a 4<sup>th</sup> grader. She has a lot of hobbies but her favorite include cheering and tumbling, swimming, baking, tennis, drawing, and creating 3-D art. She also loves to read, and her favorite book series is the Babysitters Club. On the weekend, she enjoys making TikToks and challenging herself to learn the newest dances, playing ping-pong with her older brother, and having family Sunday dinners! She is excited about entering her first writing contest and had so much fun throughout this process!



I want to see a world where people normalize the success of female athletes. In my world now, they're not recognized in all sports the way men are, and I want that to change. I want to see this change because I am a 9-year-old girl that loves to play tennis and cheer, and I'm looking forward to playing soccer next school year for the first time.

Participating in sports helps me and other girls grow up healthy and confident. There are many female athletes for me to

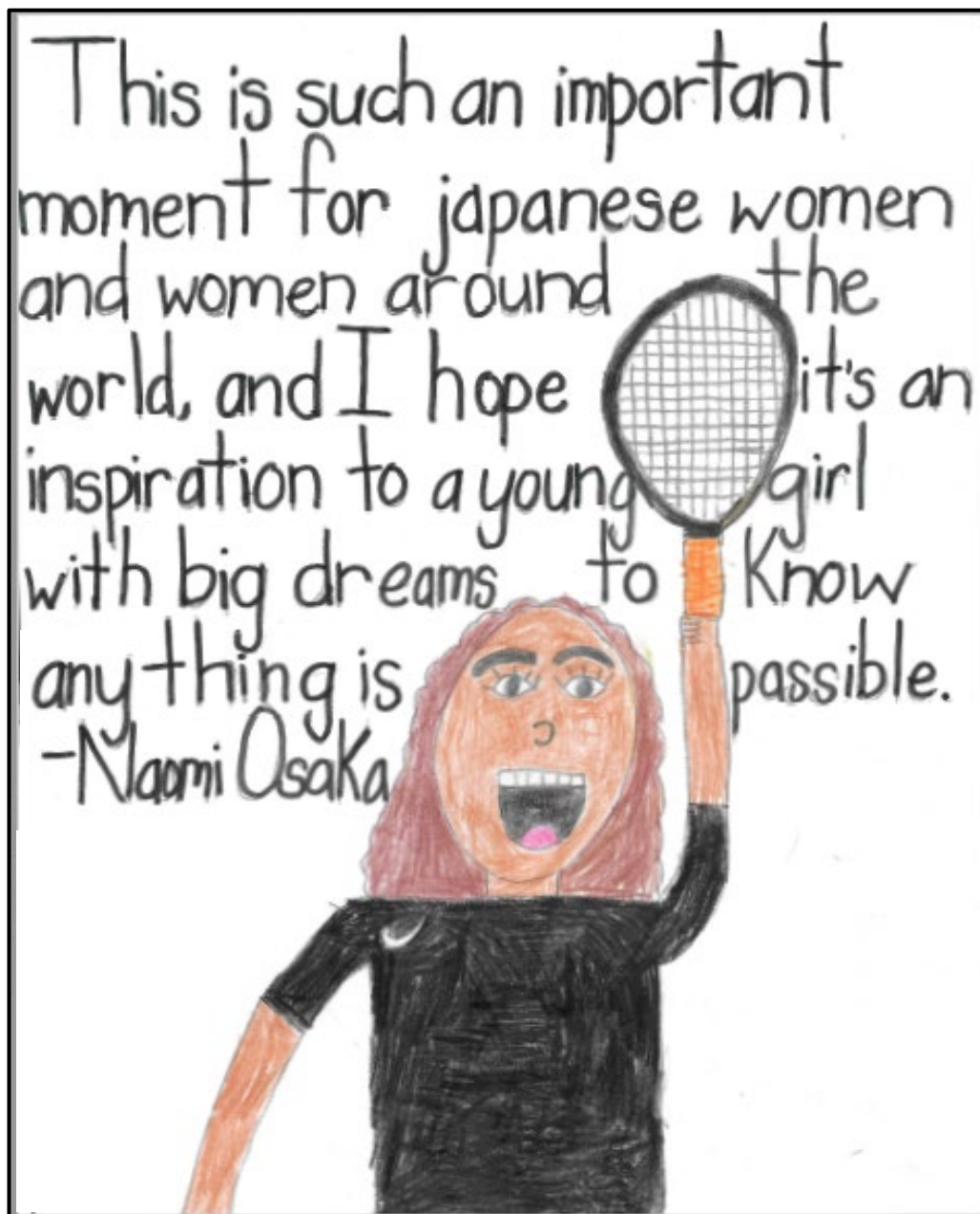
look up to as role models. They've worked hard to master their sport and seeing them succeed shows me that I can do the same. Maybe one day, I'll be a professional athlete!?! Just the thought of that gives me chills!



I've seen many amazing athletes play different sports and compete in the Olympics too! I know they're great, and everyone should encourage them to do what they love. No one should be limited in what they can accomplish or be told that a sport is not for them.



It sometimes makes me sad when I see athletes like Michelle Payne and Toni Harris set records, outperform their competition, inspire millions of fans and kids, and still not get the recognition they deserve. That's why I want to see a world where females get paid equal to men, have all of their games shown on live tv, and be treated nicely too.





I love watching Naomi Osaka play tennis. She has a powerful forehand and because of how amazing she is, I know my serve is going to be just as strong as hers one day. What I love about Donna Orender is that she played basketball and then became the president of the WMBA. How cool is that??? The women in the pages of my essay have overcome so much and didn't let anything stop them from chasing their dreams. I know because of them, that anything is possible! All females deserve to play sports and be treated as equally good as men. Someday, it WILL happen!!!



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