

The first Englishwoman to marry an heir to the throne for 300 years; she was known for her charitable work. Princess Diana, who was born on July 1st in 1961, was usually referred to as the “Princess of the People”. She had many qualities which are very admirable to both myself, and many others. She was incredibly compassionate, resilient and dedicated to promoting human welfare, which I hope to include in my life as I look into the future.

Her compassionate nature was one of the most noticeable traits. She was able to connect with all kinds of people, no matter their background or appearance. As she interacted with people, whether they were in hospitals or she was trying to advocate for those affected by HIV, she would show genuine empathy and understanding. The fact that she was willing to listen to others and connect with their struggles is something that I consider very special and admirable. This kind of compassion and understanding could help me achieve my goals for the future as I try to connect with those around me and build genuine relationships. The ability to actively listen and willingly make an effort to understand someone can also help me as I begin to explore life in college and in the workforce. By understanding and listening actively, I can collaborate easily to work towards common goals.

The second quality that I truly admire is Princess Diana’s resilience. She faced many personal struggles such as depression and bulimia, and other challenges like going against royal protocol, and facing scrutiny from the media. Despite all of this, she remained dedicated to what she believed in. She used her high popularity to spread awareness about landmines, HIV and AIDS. This demonstrated that she could use the high media presence for good, to benefit others. This resilience against such difficulties inspires me to stay connected to what I believe in, even if

there is backlash because of it. It could also help me achieve my goals for the future because I would be ready to overcome challenges, and remain dedicated to what I am working towards.

The final major quality that I admire is Diana's dedication to promoting human welfare. Even though she was a royal figure, she was still an active advocate for change and fighting for what she believed was right. She worked with organizations such as the Red Cross and also made extreme efforts to combat homelessness and poverty. This showed that she truly did want to make the world a better place, despite the struggles that came along with trying to make that happen. This trait really encourages me to try to use my skills and interests to try to make a positive impact on the world in some way. By using Princess Diana as an example, I can focus on trying to work for causes that resonate with me, as her actions show me that really any small effort counts.

Overall, Princess Diana's qualities of compassion, resilience, and promoting human welfare are traits that I truly admire and hope to emulate in my own life. By cultivating compassion, I can build genuine relationships and work towards understanding those around me. Being resilient would help me overcome challenges and remain dedicated to what I am working towards, despite setbacks. Lastly, working towards advocating and helping others will allow me to make a meaningful contribution to society. As I continue into my future of the unknown, I will work to remember these three main qualities which made Princess Diana such an impactful and positive role model, and incorporate them into my own daily life.

- National Honor Society (11th and 12th Grade)
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- National French Honor Society (12th Grade)
- Writing Club (10th, 11th, and 12th Grade)
- Math Team (12th Grade)
- Volleyball (9th Grade)
- Learning Japanese (9th Grade)
- St. Paul's Summer Program (12th Grade)
- Art Award (9th Grade)
- Design Award (9th Grade)
- Summa Cum Laude (9th, 10th, and 11th Grade)
- 27.5 Hours of Community Service (Throughout High School Career)