

**Stanford University Women's Basketball Presents:**

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# **DETERMINATION**

**WITH COACH TARA VANDERVEER**



**AN INTERACTIVE ILLUSTRATED STORY  
WHERE YOU WRITE THE ENDING!**



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Welcome to “**DETERMINATION**,” part three of the **Interactive Creative Writing Program** from the **Stanford Women's Basketball team** and **Coach Tara VanDerveer**.

In its first year, the program is an initiative to promote reading, writing, and creative thought in elementary school children.

The program runs from September 2010, through the Spring of 2011, with each participant reading the provided illustrated workbooks, and finishing up each story either online or through the printed version you hold in your hands.

Participants submit their results to their teachers or finish the story online at [www.gostanford.com/sports/w-baskbl/wbbgrant.html](http://www.gostanford.com/sports/w-baskbl/wbbgrant.html)

A winner will be chosen from each school and you can read about them online!

**But that's not all! At the back of this workbook, you will find a voucher for free admittance to a Stanford Basketball game on February 26, 2011. Just bring your parents, brothers, sisters, and all your friends, and listen for an announcement of winners during the game!**

Good luck to everyone who participates!  
Coach VanDerveer and Stanford University salute you!

For information on participating in this program, please e-mail Sarah Boruta — [sboruta@stanford.edu](mailto:sboruta@stanford.edu)

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IT'S THE END OF ANOTHER SCHOOL DAY, AND THE STUDENTS ARE READY FOR SOME REST AND RELAXATION BEFORE IT IS TIME FOR HOMEWORK.

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# DETERMINATION

FOR ONE GROUP OF FRIENDS IT IS ALMOST TIME FOR...

...**BASKETBALL!**

I CAN'T WAIT TO GET ON THE COURT WITH JAMES, ISIS AND PETE-- HOW ABOUT YOU, ISIS?!

YOU SAID IT, KIMMY! HEY, LOOK! IT'S EVE, FROM OUR ALGEBRA CLASS!

HEY, KIMMY! DO YOU WANT TO GO TO THE MALL?

THERE'S THIS GREAT PAIR OF SHOES I WANT!

WELL, I'D LIKE TO, BUT, YOU SEE...



SORRY EVE, WE HAVE PRACTICE IN A LITTLE BIT.

WE'VE GOT A NEW SET OF DRILLS TO RUN THROUGH TO GET READY FOR THE BIG GAME NEXT WEEK!

KIMMY AND I ARE GONNA PLAY FOR THE STANFORD WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM ONE DAY!



WHATEVER, ISIS! I THINK KIMMY CAN SPEAK FOR HERSELF...

...**RIGHT, KIMMY?**

WELL, GIRL, WHAT'S IT GOING TO BE?





WELL... I'D LOVE TO HANG OUT WITH YOU-- BUT PLAYING FOR THE STANFORD WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM IS A VERY IMPORTANT GOAL FOR ME.

AS COACH VANDERVEER SAYS, WORKING TOWARDS YOUR GOAL DAY IN AND DAY OUT IS A SURE WAY TO REALIZE YOUR DREAMS!



WELL... OKAY. IF IT'S THAT IMPORTANT TO YOU, THEN I UNDERSTAND.



THANKS, EVE-- HOW ABOUT WE GO TO THE MALL ON SATURDAY?



WHY DON'T YOU COME OVER TO MY HOUSE ON SATURDAY AND WE CAN HANG OUT.

SOUNDS LIKE FUN!



OH, AND ISIS -- I'M SORRY IF I WAS RUDE EARLIER.

THAT'S OKAY, EVE. SEE YOU LATER!



HAVE FUN-- SEE YOU SATURDAY, KIMMY!



**BYE!**

SOON, THE TEAM IS ON THE COURT, PRACTICING DRIBBLING, PASSING, AND SHOOTING...

BUT THERE IS SOMETHING MORE THESE YOUNG PLAYERS ARE LEARNING...



HERE YOU GO, PETE!

NICE PASS, KIMMY!

TEAMWORK.

FRIENDSHIP.

DETERMINATION.



THAT ONE WOULD BE WORTH THREE POINTS!

NICE SHOT MARINA! THESE DRILLS ARE REALLY PAYING OFF!

WOW, WHAT A GREAT PRACTICE! I FEEL LIKE I COULD PLAY FOR STANFORD NOW!

IF WE STAY FOCUSED AND DON'T GIVE UP, THERE'S NOTHING WE CAN'T DO!



**DETERMINATION WRITING WARM-UP**

WHAT GOALS DO YOU HAVE?  
WHAT THINGS ARE IMPORTANT TO YOU?

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HOW CAN YOU WORK TO ACHIEVE YOUR GOALS?

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**"STAY FOCUSED!"**

# SATURDAY: EVE'S HOUSE

IT SEEMS LIKE SUCH AN EASY THING TO DO--- BUT EVEN THE BEST, MOST DEDICATED PEOPLE CAN LOSE TRACK OF THEIR GOALS-- AND COMMITMENTS...

YEAH, I'VE HAD A FUN AND EXCITING TIME WITH ISIS, JAMES AND THE REST...

THE BEST PART IS MEETING COACH VANDERVEER, AND THE STANFORD WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM!

THAT REMINDS ME--- I SHOULD LEAVE FOR MY GAME SOON...

I'M SO GLAD YOU COULD COME OVER-- IT'S LIKE OLD TIMES...

HEY, REMEMBER THE THINGS WE DID LAST SUMMER WHEN WE WORKED AT THE SWIMMING POOL CONCESSION STAND?

NOW, THAT WAS FUN!

WE COULD BARELY STOP LAUGHING LONG ENOUGH TO SERVE THE ICE CREAM AND SNACKS!

HA HA! REMEMBER WHEN WE WENT TO THE PARK AND MET UP WITH...

**Ha ha Ha ha ha ha**

ONE STORY LEADS TO ANOTHER... AND ANOTHER, UNTIL...

**OH NO!**

I WAS SUPPOSED TO MEET UP WITH THE OTHERS FOR THE GAME AN HOUR AGO!

I TOTALLY LOST TRACK OF TIME!



KIMMY,  
YOU PROBABLY  
FORGOT...

...BECAUSE  
WE WERE HAVING SO  
MUCH FUN LIKE WE  
USED TO!



I BETTER GO--  
THERE MAY STILL BE  
TIME TO HELP OUT  
THE TEAM!

I JUST  
HOPE THEY  
AREN'T TOO MAD  
AT ME...



WHAT'S THE  
BIG DEAL? YOU'VE  
BEEN WORKING SO  
HARD ON BASKETBALL,  
YOU FORGOT HOW TO  
HAVE FUN!



THEY  
PROBABLY DIDN'T  
EVEN NOTICE YOU  
WEREN'T THERE!

MEANWHILE...



MAN--  
WE'RE  
GETTING  
WHOOPEE!

WHERE'S  
KIMMY?



YOU'RE  
ALREADY LATE.  
JUST HANG OUT WITH  
ME TODAY AND YOU  
CAN MAKE IT UP TO  
THEM NEXT TIME!



WELL...  
OKAY.

KIMMY HAS AN UNEASY FEELING IN  
HER STOMACH, BUT SOON, SHE AND EVE ARE  
HANGING OUT-- EVERYTHING IS COOL...



# TWO WEEKS LATER...



PRACTICE BEGINS, WITH DRILLS, RUNNING, AND EVENTUALLY, A SCRIMMAGE. JAMES, ISIS, MARINA, AND PETE HAVE ALL IMPROVED, BUT WHAT ABOUT KIMMY?

THIS IS HARDER THAN I REMEMBER!

UGH--  
BLOCKED!

NOT AGAIN!

HUFF  
HUFF-- RIGHT  
PAST ME!

KIMMY QUICKLY REALIZES THAT HER BREAK FROM THE TEAM MAY HAVE GONE A LITTLE TOO LONG!

WOW--  
HUFF HUFF--  
- I STINK!

YOU'LL  
GET BACK IN  
SHAPE!

NO  
SWEAT,  
KIMMY!

DON'T  
GIVE UP!

I-- I'VE  
REALLY GOOFED  
UP-- AND LET THE  
TEAM DOWN.

I'VE LET  
MYSELF  
DOWN.

OH,  
THIS IS ALL  
MY FAULT...

NO, EVE--  
THERE WAS TIME  
TO HANG WITH YOU--  
AND PRACTICE.

SOUNDS LIKE YOU  
ARE ON THE RIGHT  
PATH, KIMMY!

**COACH  
VANDERVEER!**

I THOUGHT  
I'D COME BY AND  
SEE MY FAVORITE  
YOUNG TEAM...

...BY APPEARING  
THROUGH THE I-CARDINAL  
DEVICE I GAVE YOU. I HOPE A  
**HOLOGRAM\*** IS ALMOST  
AS GOOD AS THE  
REAL THING!

**HOLOGRAM - A THREE DIMENSIONAL IMAGERY  
PROJECTION OF AN OBJECT OR PERSON.**

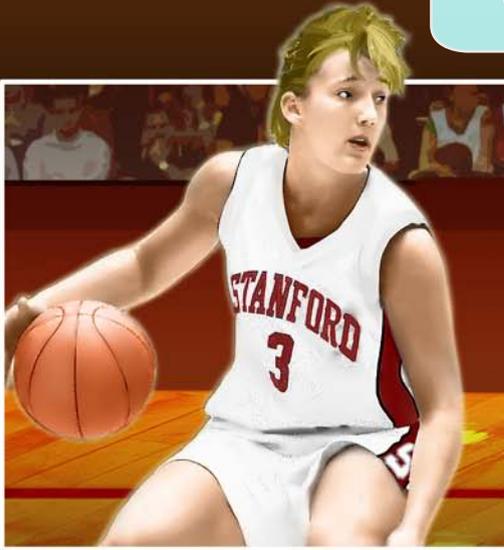
THE I-CARDINAL DEVICE HAS CREATED A LIVING IMAGE OF COACH VANDERVEER, AND CONTINUES TO GLOW BRILLIANTLY, FORMING AN ENTIRE HOLOGRAPHIC BASKETBALL COURT AROUND THE KIDS...



IT'S TIME TO SHARE A FEW STORIES ABOUT STANFORD ALUMNI WHO USED THEIR DETERMINATION TO ACHIEVE BIG THINGS--- BOTH ON THE COURT AND OFF!!

## KATE PAYE

Played for Stanford: 1991–1995



Kate was not recruited or given a scholarship to play basketball at Stanford; instead, she walked onto the team because she wanted to play. When Coach VanDerveer told Kate she would not be one of the team's starting guards, Kate asked to switch from the guard position she always played so she would not have to be a substitute player and come in off of the bench. Kate always found a way to be on the court and compete, and playing a different position allowed her to be on the court more often.

Kate finished her career as the the team's three-time defensive stopper, went from being a walk on to a team captain, and was one of the most competitive players to ever play at Stanford. She is currently an assistant coach with Stanford's women's basketball team and is inspiring the Stanford players with her determination and work ethic.

## ANGELA TAYLOR

Played for Stanford: 1990–1993

Angela was a very unselfish player. She was always the last person put in the game, and sometimes wasn't even subbed in until the final minute. However, she was always hardworking and determined.

One day, when Tara asked her players to write down their role on the team on an index card, Angela wrote down "spread sunshine". No matter what position Angela was in, she was focused and determined to succeed and do whatever it took to win.



# EVON ASFORIS

Played for Stanford: 1985–1989



As a freshman, Evon was a starter on the team and got to play a lot. She enjoyed a lot of early success on the court and things came relatively easy. Unfortunately, Evon then injured her knee and had to have surgery. When Evon came back after her surgery, she was not at full strength and only played limited time during games and her role on the team was reduced. This was extremely disappointing and difficult to deal with compared to how things were before.

Instead of making excuses or giving up, over the next couple of years, Evon dedicated herself to working out, strengthening her body and improving her skills. Evon was extremely enthusiastic, high-energy and positive every day and her teammates could always count on her. By her senior year, Evon had worked her way back to being an important contributor on the team and was a big part of the team's success. Evon's determination to stick with things, work hard, and never give up made her a great player and has helped her become a successful lawyer today.



ALL THESE WOMEN WERE NOT ONLY DETERMINED PLAYERS, BUT DEDICATED STUDENTS! THEY HAD TO MAKE SURE THEY DIDN'T NEGLECT ONE PART OF THEIR LIFE FOR ANOTHER.



I GUESS IT'S NEVER TOO LATE TO GET YOUR DETERMINATION BACK!



I'M GOING TO PRACTICE UNTIL I'M THE BEST I CAN BE!

EVE, YOU AND I CAN STILL HANG OUT--- I JUST NEED TO BALANCE MY WORK, AND MY FUN!

I REALLY UNDERSTAND KIMMY--- AND AGREE!



# AUTOGRAPHS

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PLAYER AUTOGRAPHS AT THE GAME!**



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