

# KNOWING THE PATH BEFORE YOU...

## Quotes from HYS Students - Speech Competition

On May 27th I will get to the top of the mountain and with my diploma in hand, I will look down and see the struggles I have been through but the beautiful view and future will make it worthwhile. Even though I slipped many times, I shook the dust off and kept climbing the mountain of success. My last trail will be the one of college and total success.

*Maria Guadalupe Gonzalez  
Nampa High School*

I want my vision to happen; I want that crazed mother who is crying in the stands. I want to grip my diploma firmly, knowing that I have something stored for this society. HYS may be a one in a chance lifetime opportunity for me, by instilling in me the courage of pursuing "mi vision," my vision.

*Richard Martinez  
Shelley High School*

Sometimes it is way too easy to complain, whine, and give up. Surely we're going to have bad times, but we are going to have good ones too!

*Diana Cook  
Timberline School*

We all need to work towards the best life we can. So with this, I will give you how we can make it better through an enchilada: the importance of your outside, the importance of your inside, and your sauce. In life, you want to have the whole enchilada, Why not start now?

*Caroline Chavez  
Filer High School*

There is always someone that says you can't; something that might bring you down. Let us prove them wrong and show them we can. Si, se puede!

*Tia Velaquez  
Century High School*

Take the steps of those Hispanic students who have succeeded, adopt the style of them and acquire knowledge from them. Some of those Hispanic students have captivating stories of how they stand where they're today; they show us standards and facts that it can be done! Each one of us has a fire in our heart for something. It's our goal in life to find it and to keep it lit.

*Mariela Ibarra  
American Falls High School*

"What does 'si se puede mean'?" Si se puede means a high school diploma, a college acceptance letter and a college degree. Si se puede means making a contribution to society. Si se puede means determination, hope, and most importantly it means change.

*Rubi Rangel  
South Fremont High School*

After 40 years my grandfather became a citizen. I have seen the papers he had to fill out to be in this country legally. Looking at these just reminds me how much I will lose if I don't use all the opportunities that are given to me. That is my drive that keeps me going.

*Javier Bustos  
Boise High School*

I learned that above all, you must respect yourself. I learned that no matter what, no one can tell you what you are allowed to feel or think. You don't need to change your morals and beliefs to satisfy others and make them happy.

*Mayra Lopez  
Aberdeen High School*

Watching my parents live through struggles has made me realize the advantages that obtaining an education would have on my future. I too have worked alongside my family in the fields and during harvest. This type of work taught me the realities of life and what my life would be without an education. Experiences like these have made me more mature and motivated; I learned hard work and the value of a dollar.

*Carolina Gonzalez  
American Falls High School*

Me the Mexicana is counted not overlooked. We may be a minority, but we are not less than.

*Maritza De Loera  
Vallivue High School*

From a young age I have been determined to have an education, at the beginning it was only for the idea of "pleasing" my father, but with time I realized I wanted an education and I also wanted to be able to make a difference and be the role model my parents were for me.

*Maria Rangel  
American Falls High School*