

For Heritage Fair we chose to learn about Ashley Stephenson. Ashley is a Canadian woman who found huge success in baseball. We chose her because we both play baseball and we thought she would be interesting to us, and we found out she inspires a lot of girls to do amazing things in sports.

Ashley Stephenson was born in Mississauga Ontario Canada in 1982. She got started in baseball by playing T-ball when she was four years old. She also started playing hockey at age five.

When she was only ~~five~~ years old her dad passed away. It taught her at a really young age how to overcome tough things in life and having sports in her life helped her get through those tough times.

In her teen years she was all about sports and at that time there were not many sports that were just for girls so she had to compete against the boys. She realized she could make elite teams even against the boys!

When she graduated she played baseball for her University team- the Golden Hawks. She was a strong player and this started her baseball career.

Ashley Stephenson made the women's national baseball team. She played with them for 15 years. She helped Canada win seven international medals and she was Most Valuable Player twice- which is a big accomplishment. After the national team she moved into coaching. She became the first woman to be part of the Blue Jays' coaching staff!

There is now even an award named after her, its called the Ashely Stephenson award! She was also awarded into the Baseball Hall of Fame- that is list or museum dedicated to people who excel in a specific sport. Ashley has proved that young girls can do great things in sports that are seen as "boys sports" and is an inspiration to us!

Where was Ashley born? Mississauga

What is her ~~z~~ favorite position? 3rd base

What is her jersey #? 35

What is one of her quotes? "Dream big, work hard, represent Canada"

Which team does she coach for? Blue Jays