

## Family First

Some people consider sacrificing is a bad thing, others believe it is a good thing. There are many big choices and decisions we have to make in our lives that not only effect us, but the people around us too. Elena Della Donne is a professional basketball player for the Chicago Sky. She went to a small high school in Delaware and played basketball all four years. She began to get scholarships from many different colleges, but she let down all of them.

As tens of many great colleges offered Elena offers to play for their school, she decided to stay in her home town and go to college at the University of Delaware. Most would think why let down offers to play at colleges like Duke, North Caroline and even Notre Dame, but Elena did it for a specific reason. Her sister Elizabeth was diagnosed with autism at a very young age and is also blind. Elena went to the University of Delaware just so she could be close by and help whenever was needed.

As soon as I heard this story it really inspired me. The more I thought about it, I began to realize that Elena and I are a lot alike. We both have relatives close to us that have autism, and we both love the game of basketball. I believe Elena showed a great act of caring by doing this. It also shows that she is very selfless and wants to help other people out even if it doesn't benefit her. Although I barely knew who Elena was before a couple weeks ago, now I look up to her as a role model and hope to be able to accomplish some of the same things she has done. To be able to meet Elena would be a huge honor and I hope to do so one day.