



Amy Purdy grew up with a deep-rooted sense that her life would have a purpose that would have an impact on others but she never knew what was waiting for her around the corner.

At the age of 19, after experiencing flu-like symptoms, she was rushed to the hospital in a state of septic shock. En route to the hospital, Amy experienced respiratory and multiple organ failure which caused Amy to lose circulation to her extremities. When entered into the hospital she was given less than a 2% chance of survival, put on life support and into a coma. After multiple blood transfusions, the removal of her ruptured spleen doctors diagnosed Amy with Meningococcal Meningitis, a vaccine preventable bacterial infection. Due to the lack of circulation she had suffered at the beginning of her ordeal, doctors had to amputate her legs below the knee. She also received a donated kidney from her father a week before her 21st birthday.

After going through this life-altering experience, Amy challenged herself to move on with her life and attain goals that even people who have both legs struggle to achieve. Just 3 months after her kidney transplant, Amy entered the USASA national snowboarding competition where she won medals in three events. She went on to be the first double leg amputee competitive snowboarder and in February 2011 when she won two back to back world cup snowboard competitions, currently making her the top ranked adaptive female snowboarder in the world. Amy's creativity, positive outlook and her never give up attitude has opened doors to many other opportunities for her including a feature in a Madonna music video, a lead actress in an award winning independent film and multiple creative modeling projects including a recent photo shoot ...

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Speech Topics

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