

The Fabulous Life Of: Danielle Heck

It all started on January 30th, 1992 in the wonderful but not so bright town called Orlando, in a hospital not too far from the town's center. That's the day I was born, and the name given to me Danielle Renee Dorothy Heck. My parents Robin and Steve Heck were so proud of the beautiful bouncing baby girl. Anyway as the years rolled by I gained a brother named Stephen; I was at the age of three at the time.



There is no amount to which I can equivalent how much I love and care about my brother, he is



one of the most important things in my life. By the age of five, I had moved to a town called Winter Springs. I had just started kindergarten at Red Bug Elementary and started making a lot of new and interesting people. There is where I met one of my best friends; her name is Shawna Michelle Hooper. Shawna and I have been friends for about

thirteen years now. We know everything about each other. Shawna and I continued to middle school together and attended Tuskawilla Middle School. I went there for about two years then my mom gave me some dreaded news; we were moving, again.

In my Eighth grade year I moved to a town called Oviedo. I now attended a school called Lawton Chiles Middle School. It was tough leaving a familiar place and entering into a new school and a new place I don't know. Thankfully that's where I met an engaging young lady by the name of Shelby Christina Maniccia. She became my new mentor, my guide to



everything Oviedo. I believe it took us five minutes to become BEST friends. Shelby helped me through a lot of things my last year of middle school. Things such as the eighth grade dance, she helped me find a date and a dress, (I know I'm pathetic.) So my years started out a little rough but it was looking better, then all of a sudden our school announced a big change in next year's plans. There was going to be a new school opening up in the Oviedo area so our eighth grade class was going to be split up between the two schools. I bet you know where this is going, as fate would have it me and my new best friend were split up between the two schools. Shelby went to Oviedo High School and as for me I was sent to a school named Hagerty High School.

Fast forwarding to the beginning of my high school life, during my freshmen year I met a girl named Destiny Nicole Masters. She was in my biology class, along with four of my other



classes. I also met a young man named Nicholas William Jakusovas. I became very close friends with the both of them. Over the course of my high school events the three of us were inseparable. Although I met a lot of other friends along the way, Destiny and Nick were the number ones. Through high school I was involved in many school activities such as The Teenage Republicans, Key Club, Book Club, Big Sisters, and much more. I love volunteering and helping out in the community.

I even received the Jefferson Award for outstanding and top community service. I have completed over 300 hours of community service my senior year alone.

In the present time, I am attending the gorgeous campus of USF St Petersburg. I share a room with the three most vivacious girls in the world. Christina Latham, Elizabeth Elhe, and Melissa Metheny are very happy girls and help me when I need them the most. For example my uncle died on Friday June 18, 2010, and they stayed up with me all night to make sure I was okay. I don't know how I would have handled it if they weren't there with me.



My life is and was full of different obstacles and I've learned to handle every curve ball and strike life throws at me (did I mention I'm a HUGE baseball fan.) I've learned though out my life that "Obstacles don't have to stop you. If you run into a wall, don't turn around and give up. Figure out how to climb it, go through it, or work around it."-Michael Jordan