

Dayton Dragons MVP: An Educational Success Story

For this duo, their hearing loss never seems to be what people remember about them



This sibling MVP duo has overcome some big obstacles, but they don't know what the fuss is about.

Michael and Mellie Derry are both described by their teachers in remarkably similar ways.

Each teacher describes their student as thoughtful, friendly, a pleasure to have in their classroom and a dedicated worker. Of course, the similarities are no surprise given that Michael and Mellie are twins.

It isn't until after all of the wonderful qualities have been listed that the teachers mention that both Michael and Mellie have accomplished everything in spite of severe hearing loss.

Both students have lived with the hearing loss since birth, but listening to them, you would think that their loss is actually a benefit.

"We can probably hear better than most students," Millie said, noting that her hearing aid is wired to a microphone that her teacher wears.



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Aside from the times when they need to adjust their hearing aid or when they attend their speech therapy class twice a week, Michael and Millie are seen as just your ordinary kids who have successfully overcome some extraordinary circumstances in their way.

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