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## The Young Icons

Episode #919

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Participants: **Matthew J. Evans**– Film Director

**Regina Nicholson** – Filmmaker

**Perry Chin** – Film Critic

**Riley and Cole McNamara** – Movie Reviewers

### General Synopsis for Episode #919

In this episode spotlighting budding filmmakers and movie critics, committed and talented ‘Young Icons’ share their stories of success. The guests open up the personal side of their journey and what made them decide to pursue their goals. Fourteen year-old actor and film director **Matthew J. Evans** wants to teach and inspire people through his work. He has appeared on Drake and Josh and Zoey 101 shows. He is working on his 4<sup>th</sup> film about his good friend Woody Duffy who was diagnosed with a rare disease called MPS1. He is making the film to educate the public and raise funds for MPS1. Matthew wants the audience to understand that you should always have hope and that the right thing will always happen. Filmmaker, **Regina Nicholson**, has turned tragedy into triumph. She used her faith and filmmaking as a healing process through treatments for bone cancer by creating the film ‘Glimpse Of Horizon’. She now helps a charity called, No Worries Now to provide a voice for other children who are ill. **Perry Chin** is the youngest credentialed film critic. He appreciates the lessons his has learned from writing over 50 movie reviews using his own 1 - 5 starfish rating system. He wants the audience to know ‘you are never too young to start pursuing your passion or dreams’. Movie reviewers and siblings **Riley and Cole McNamara** created KidsPickFlicks.com as a forum for kids to review movies. Cole feels that kids should be able to give their opinion about a movie. Their website features interviews by Riley and other movie news.

### Observation and Conclusion

In episode #919, teens will relate to high achievers who are the same age as role models giving them hope to achieve success. These young icons want to instill in others to do what they love and great things will happen. This episode of The Young Icons delivers an educational and informational message that supports current social, intellectual and emotional aspects of children ages 13 and up. Attributes and advice emphasized by guests instill a grounded balance of priorities, commitment, and perseverance children can apply to their lives.

Sincerely,



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