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"What will you do for work?" It is a simple question that has been posed to children for generations. But when Daniel Ruefman's high school Spanish teacher asked that same question to the class, he just didn't have the answer. One-by-one, as his classmates selected all the good jobs, Daniel searched the recesses of his mind for a unique job, one that nobody else would ever choose--a job that would stand out. In a sudden moment of inspiration, he provided an answer that would ultimately change the course of his entire life--professional mascot.

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