

Through many challenges I have grown through adversity to become the person I am today. I played volleyball for a club based out of Ramsey Minnesota, they had the most talented players from around the state. When I made the team I was overjoyed, but I soon realized that it was not what I thought it was. This team was full of narcissistic maniacs, I had to play with these guys for 6 hours a week. Throughout this season I was forced to make friends, and pretend I was with these guys. The amount of blame that was pointed at me after one bad play was almost unbearable. I struggled to play with these guys, I slowly lost the passion I had for the game I have loved for years because I let them blame me. I would not stand up for myself and that was the closest to depression I had ever been, but I learned to rely on my relationship with God, my parents and trust that I am a good player. That season showed me what it was like to be cast aside, not just ignored, but sent away and ridiculed. This year I switched teams and we have beat them twice, but it is not just that we beat them, I have so much more fun with my new team and I learned how to be a leader that seeks out those who have been cast aside and I learned how to bring a team together. I intend to use this scholarship to bring my positive attitude and work ethic to play D2 volleyball at Rockhurst University while double majoring in Economics and Finance. This scholarship will propel me forward, allowing me to focus solely on academics and athletics without the pressure of such a financial burden.