

Volleyball has impacted me in so many different ways. It has really shaped me into the person I am today. It has taught me many important lessons such as, responsibility, time management, self discipline and how to learn from my mistakes. Volleyball is closest to my heart and has really motivated me to be the best I can be. It has also pushed me to be a role model and a leader. I hope I have made an impact on my teammates and hope I've influenced them to continue playing volleyball in college. By putting my academics first and being involved in volleyball it has molded me to be the motivated and dedicated person I am today. It has prepared me to be an active and successful student-athlete in college. I'm looking forward to attending Concordia University, St. Paul, where I will be playing Division II volleyball and studying Bio Chemistry.

I believe that I am deserving of this scholarship because of how committed I am to achieving my goals. I am very passionate, dedicated and goal-driven. I am from an extremely small town in the far northwest corner of Minnesota. Even though locally I was excelling in volleyball, I always wanted more for myself. Unfortunately due to where I live, we aren't offered as many opportunities to advance skills or play a higher level of competition. I've really had to push myself out of my comfort zone to find and make more opportunities for myself. Trying out and participating in the NCR High Performance program two summers in a row was truly an eye opening and life changing experience. I finally got to participate in a club like setting and at that point in time, I had only played volleyball in small school gyms. I was excited to finally get to experience it alongside so many other athletes from my region and be coached by great coaches. It really was the "Best week ever!" I learned so much in a short amount of time. It gave me the courage and motivation to finally join a club team that is a 2 hour drive from home.

Since then, I have been fortunate enough to keep developing as an athlete and have accomplished so much. I helped my high school team reach the state tournament for the first time in 10 years, got my 1,000 Kill, I was named to the MN Class A All-State Team in 2024 and 2025. I now hold the Kittson Central school record for career kills (1,708) and even got the most season kills in Minnesota last fall with 593.

I might not of had the exposure that bigger city athletes get but I am so proud of my progress and perseverance. I emailed coaches and visited many colleges and finally found where I am meant to be. I believe I have represented North Dakota Elite, Kittson County Central, and the North County Region well and I will continue to push myself to be the best student and athlete I can be, as I continue to play college volleyball for CSP. Thank you for being a big part of my volleyball journey. I wouldn't have got to where I am now without you.