

March Athlete of the Month: Brooklyn Boetel

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Brooklyn Boetel, a senior at Huron High School, participates in multiple sports. She plays volleyball, runs track and cross country, and for nine years, has continued to hone her skills on the basketball court. As a three-year member of the high school varsity basketball team, Brooklyn learned the importance of sportsmanship, patience, and perseverance. Her favorite aspects of her basketball seasons include the friendships she's formed, the opportunity to work with younger players, and the determination she learned overcoming her ACL injury. The recovery and therapy she endured made her work even harder towards attaining her goal of returning to the game she so enjoys. Brooklyn said she has grown to understand "commitment, accountability and time management during [her] years in athletics." Head Basketball Coach, Tim Buddenhagen, had many outstanding traits to share about Brooklyn. He expressed, "she has a set of standards that she follows that are unmatched by a lot of other students." The compassion, pride in helping others build their skills, not placing limits on her abilities, and her integrity are some of the glowing attributes he highlighted. Brooklyn has earned the Tiger Award in cross country and has lettered in all four sports she plays.

In addition to athletics, Brooklyn excels academically and participates in numerous school clubs. She has gained valuable leadership experience in holding important positions such as treasurer and vice president of student council, vice president of Future Farmers of America, vice president of National Honors Society, and executive board member of Huron Youth Leadership Council, a student led group that gives grants to organizations. Brooklyn is also an active member of Key Club and Pep Club engaging in many service projects and encouraging school spirit. Her experiences and achievements in sports and the school community have shaped her into a dedicated, compassionate young woman who is highly regarded by her community. Brooklyn looks forward to attending Dakota Wesleyan University in Mitchell to major in Elementary Education and participate in intramural sports.



Getting to know Brooklyn Boetel:

Favorite Quote: "Too blessed to be stressed."

Favorite Food: Chicken Alfredo

Favorite Pre-game Song: "Good Feeling" by Flo Rida

Highlight of Brooklyn's high school career: Junior year against Spearfish when I received Player of the Game! Shortly after I got in the game, I made two 3-pointers on back-to-back possessions. My best memories from basketball are the summer trips to team camps, hotel stays, bus rides, and team comradery.

Fun Fact about Brooklyn: Last year during quarantine, a couple of friends and I walked and biked a marathon. First, we biked the 26.2 miles, which took us a few hours. A couple days later, we walked the marathon starting at 8:00 am and finishing at 7:00 pm that evening. We were tired and sun burned but determined to finish, and we did! Maybe next time, we will try to run a marathon!

To obtain an application for the Athlete of the Month Scholarship program email bfast@vfplanning.com, visit Vantage Financial Partners website at www.vantagefinancialwi.com, or ask your high school guidance counselor. If you are a high school senior who plays sports, attends a SD high school, you are eligible to apply for a \$1,500 scholarship sponsored by Vantage Financial Partners.



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