

## February Athlete of the Month: Karilyn Wieting

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A senior at James Valley Christian School in Huron, Karilyn Wieting is a dedicated multi-sport athlete. She has competed in basketball, volleyball, and track throughout high school. Basketball is her favorite sport; she began playing in 5th grade and now is the varsity starting shooting and point guard. Growing up, Karilyn attended her brothers' games and knew at a young age she wanted to compete like they did! Her father and brothers have helped shape her into the athlete she is today, with her mom being her biggest fan, attending every game. Along her athletic journey, she has learned to succeed she must be motivated, put in the hard work, and show up ready to give it her all. Basketball coach, Krista Robinson, describes Karilyn as "a competitor who isn't afraid to put in the time to improve herself; she sets goals for herself and is very driven to achieve them." Karilyn was named Most Valuable Player the past three seasons and received the James Valley Female Athlete award for 2019 and 2021. This past fall Karilyn also competed on the varsity volleyball team and looks forward to her senior track season come spring.

In addition to juggling a busy athletic schedule, Karilyn has dedicated herself to her studies earning a perfect 4.0 GPA, which is a great accomplishment! She is a member of the National Honor Society, the student body Vice President, and volunteer at her church nursery. Her athletic, academic, and extracurricular activities have shaped her into a hardworking individual, who is ready to graduate, and well prepared to excel in college. Karilyn is grateful for the support of her parents and God's strength and glory as she finishes her high school journey. She hopes to attend a small Christian college and play basketball but is still undecided.

To obtain an application for the Athlete of the Month Scholarship program email [bfast@vfplanning.com](mailto:bfast@vfplanning.com), visit Vantage Financial Partners website at [www.vantagefinancialwi.com](http://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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### Getting to know Karilyn:

**FAVORITE QUOTE:**

"It's not whether you get knocked down, it's whether you get back up."

**FAVORITE FOOD:**

Lobster and Filet Mignon

**HIGHLIGHT OF YOUR SPORT CAREER:**

When I scored my thousandth point in basketball last year on January 18th. It felt good to accomplish that milestone and reach that goal.

**FUN FACT:**

I love to travel and enjoy going to different places. I would like to go back to Europe to visit France, Italy, and Rome. I love the idea of Paris and would be thrilled to see the Eiffel Tower in person. I would also enjoy going back to Israel and exploring the Holy Land where Jesus walked, taught, and died.




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