

## April Athlete of the Month: Kennadi Buchholz

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De Smet High School senior, Kennadi Buchholz, has been playing basketball for ten years. Her passion in basketball began at a young age watching her older sisters play. In third grade she began playing on her school's team, after begging her dad to coach them. Five years later in eighth grade, she had the opportunity to practice with the Varsity high school team; this experience left a great impression on Kennadi. She has served as team captain her junior and senior years, further developing her character and leadership skills. Kennadi relates easily to others and strives to set a strong example of hard work and dedication for her younger teammates. She shares, "Everything I do I know I am setting an example for my team, so I want to make sure I set the correct example."

Kennadi's motivation and effort extends to the volleyball and track and field team as well, both of which she has participated in for six years. Additionally, Kennadi juggles a busy academic schedule and has been able to maintain an impressive 4.0 GPA. Her dedication and persistence have not been overlooked by her peers and coaches. Coach Brendon Pitts writes of Buchholz, "Athletes and younger students look to her as a role model and positive influence in their lives; she does an excellent job of leading by example." A motivated and academically advanced student, her basketball coach believes Kennadi will "leave a lasting impact on the community." Kennadi has earned numerous individual awards including the Most Valuable Player in the Dakota Valley Conference in 2021 and 1st Team All-Conference Lake Central in 2019, 2020, and 2021.

Kennadi carves out time to be involved in her community and other extra-curricular activities. She serves as vice president of both her student council and FCCLA, lends her talents to the school's choir and band where she participates as a saxophone section leader, and plays piano through the National Federation of Music Clubs the past twelve years. Her accomplishments academically, as well as athletically, have helped Kennadi prepare for a promising future after high school graduation. Kennadi plans to pursue a degree in exercise science and play basketball at the collegiate level but is still undecided on where she will attend.

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### Getting to know Kennadi:

**FAVORITE QUOTE:**

"All the successful teams I've ever seen have three characteristics: they play unselfish, they play together, and they play hard."

- Larry Brown

**FAVORITE FOOD:**

Chicken Alfredo

**HIGHLIGHT OF YOUR SPORT CAREER:**

Winning the Class B State Championship as a freshman in 2019.

**FUN FACT:**

I have eaten chocolate chip pancakes before every basketball game since my freshman year.

