



# Elmbrook Student Athlete of the Month Kate Pavletich

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**K**ate Pavletich, a senior at Brookfield East High School, comes from a sports family. Her grandfather played major league baseball and her parents competed in sports. At the age of five, Kate was signed-up for tee-ball, basketball, and soccer and through the years her skills developed from playing in rec leagues to competing at a higher level. In middle school, Kate realized she was also a strong student who drew great satisfaction from excelling in academics as well as athletics.

As a member of the varsity Spartan 2021 Regional Champion soccer team and the #1 seed basketball team in the state, Kate understands the importance of giving a 100% effort every day and being a good teammate. Although she was frustrated by not being a starting player her junior basketball season, Kate learned how to lead by example. "I focused on supporting my teammates and doing what was best for the team, which meant working hard at practice and having a good attitude," she shared. Her high school coach expressed how important Kate's senior leadership has been to the team's success this season (18-3 record before winning conference): "Kate always gives her absolute best

to support her teammates and has never put herself above the team and the team's goals. She is one of the hardest working and humble human beings I have ever encountered."

In addition, Kate participates in many activities in the school community as a member of National Honors Society, Spanish Honor Society, Link Crew, and student council executive board, as well as a volunteer coach for youth soccer and Jr. Spartan basketball. She also volunteers in the community through the Chick-fil-A Leader Academy by helping young adults with autism. Kate has continued to excel in her studies and was a GMC Scholar Athlete during the soccer and basketball seasons. The strong work ethic Kate has cultivated over the years will undoubtedly lead to much success in college.

#### Getting to know Kate Pavletich:

**Future Plans:** I am deciding between the University of Iowa or the University of Minnesota- Twin cities for college. I am interested in studying engineering, with a focus on chemical or biosystems. I plan to continue my participation in sports through intramural or club programs.

**Favorite quote:** "There are no secrets to success. It is the result of preparation, hard work, and learning from failure."

**Favorite food:** Everything bagel with cream cheese

**Favorite Pre-game Song:** Flashing light by Kanye West

**Basketball Highlight:** This year the BEHS varsity basketball team beat Arrowhead in triple overtime. It was such a long game but worth it. The team and coaches were so proud as this showed us our potential as a team.

**Soccer Highlight:** Our regional win over Arrowhead. It was a home game and one of the first times a lot of students came out to support us.

**Fun Fact about Kate:** I believe I am unique in the way that I have developed a good balance between fun, light-heartedness, and achieving my personal goals. I am intrinsically motivated to do well in school, sports, and to be a better person overall; however, I know the importance of taking a step back to enjoy time with family and friends.



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