

October Athlete of the Month: **Kaydence Tschetter**

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Kaydence Tschetter is an avid student athlete entering her senior year at Huron High School. She began playing volleyball in fifth grade when her parents encouraged her to try it and has loved it ever since. For the past eight years, Kaydence has been a part of the school's volleyball team and the Huron Volleyball Club, where she has developed her skills and grown into an excellent team player. She has supported her team by learning to play every position at one time or another, though her first five years were spent serving as the team's setter. The end of junior year she was faced with overcoming the challenge of switching positions to defensive specialist. Kaydence states, "I focused on what my coach needed me to do" and worked diligently to keep a positive mindset, while also helping their new setter take on the role. Through the guidance and support from her coach and teammates, she was able to persevere and excel in her new role. She shared, "I am thriving in the position I am in and love playing it." Kaydence's positivity and strong work ethic did not go unnoticed by her peers or coach. Head volleyball coach, Joshua Lien, remarked on Kaydence's qualities: "She took advantage of every opportunity to improve as an athlete and can be found 'leading by example' in practice during the season." He also says, "she is developing a transformational leadership style that is mature beyond her age."

Despite a busy volleyball schedule, Kaydence has maintained good grades, an active role in her local community, and various extracurricular activities at school. She volunteered to assemble a new playground in her hometown of Yale and serve food at the annual Parade of Lights and Elks Pancake Breakfast. Her school activities have included Prima Chorale, Pep Club, Yearbook, and Prom Committee. Kaydence has also held several jobs over the last few years. As she begins her final year of high school, it's evident Kaydence has the work ethic, positivity, and motivated mindset to succeed in the next chapter of her life. Still undecided about her college plans, Kaydence is considering Lake Area Technical College or SDSU to study animal science or agriculture.

To obtain an application for the Athlete of the Month Scholarship program email bfast@vfplanning.com, visit Vantage Financial Partners website at www.vfplanning.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.



Getting to know Kaydence:

FAVORITE QUOTE:

"My mama always said, 'Life was like a box of chocolates. You never know what you're gonna get.'" – Forrest Gump

FAVORITE FOOD:

Mashed Potatoes

HIGHLIGHT OF YOUR SPORT CAREER:

Playing in the State Volleyball Tournament last year.

FAVORITE HS CLASS:

Geography with Mr. Baszler

FUN FAMILY GAME:

Bean bags and buckets

FUN FACT:

I hit two deer within eight days.



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