

November Athlete of the Month: Mya Boomsma

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Wolsey-Wessington School senior, Mya Boomsma, began her athletic journey at an early age, trying every sport to find her favorite. She joined the volleyball team eight years ago and has continued this athletic pursuit throughout her high school career. Mya has excelled as an outside attacker on the varsity team and made a name for herself on the court by earning the title of Team Captain her senior year. An accomplished team player, Mya has been recognized with the Most Kills Award the last two seasons and Breakout Player of the Year, along with hitting the 1,000 dig and kill milestones. She has helped her team earn CSDC and Warbird All-Tournament Team two years in a row. These impressive efforts extend to basketball and track and field where Mya has participated as a point guard and forward, and a sprinter and long jumper, respectively. Through Mya's love of sports, she has learned the importance of maintaining a positive mentality both on and off the court. Mya writes of her experiences, "Going into junior year, I completely changed my mindset about playing sports. I realized there is more to sports than just winning and losing, and more importantly, I learned that I am more important than my performance in sports." Head varsity basketball coach Josh McGillvrey commends Mya not only for the hard work she puts in for games and practices, but for her solid foundation rooted in faith. He shared, "... Mya doesn't put herself above any of her peers or teammates. She treats everyone with kindness and respect, which is what a true leader does."

Mya's positive attitude has helped her excel not only with her sporting endeavors, but also with her extra-curricular activities and academic studies. She has been a member of the Future Health Professionals club the last four years where she competes and learns about various health careers. The last three years she has served as the Club President for a youth basketball skills camp and referee for youth basketball games. She has been an active 4H member for ten years and competed in FFA for seven, where her team won state in floriculture last year. Earning a flawless GPA while juggling a busy schedule will serve Mya well as she looks forward to attending North Dakota College of Science to pursue a degree in dental hygiene. Ultimately, Mya pushes herself to pursue all she enjoys by keeping a mindset and identity rooted in faith and God's purpose for her.

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.



Getting to know Mya:

FAVORITE QUOTE:

"Follow what honors God."

FAVORITE FOOD: Wings

HIGHLIGHT OF YOUR SPORT CAREER:

Making it to the Sweet 16 in volleyball my junior year!

NICKNAME: Mimi

FAVORITE CLASS:

Agriculture

FAVORITE FAMILY TRADITION:

During Thanksgiving, we make crafts with my grandma to give to the elderly in the community.

FUN FACT:

Cats are my favorite thing ever.



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