

# December Athlete of the Month: Hamtyn Heinz

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Hamtyn Heinz, a senior at Huron High School, started athletics at an early age with the encouragement of her father. Fast forward to her senior year where she is competing in her ninth year of volleyball as the varsity setter and team captain. Having started as a freshman on the varsity team, the increased responsibilities and expectations of playing at this level have taught her many lessons. Hamtyn shares, "As a leader and role model to my younger teammates, I am extremely mindful of my actions and always strive to maintain composure on the court." This leadership mindset is also evident on the basketball court where Hamtyn plays point/shooting guard and starts her 11th season this year. According to Basketball Coach Jeremy Noyes, "Hamtyn has several qualities that separate her from the norm. First and foremost, she is a fierce competitor. This is due to her tireless preparation. She holds herself, and often her teammates, to a higher standard than what is asked or expected from her adult leaders." He goes on to note her exceptional leadership and determination in all aspects of her life, whether it's on the court, in the classroom, or the community. Hamtyn is an accomplished athlete having earned ESD Honorable Mention for both basketball and volleyball, the 1,000-dig and 2,000 sets milestones for volleyball, and the school record for the javelin throw in track where she's competed for seven years.



In addition to pushing herself athletically, Hamtyn strives for excellence in the classroom and has maintained perfect grades. She is also active in many extracurricular clubs namely Huron Community Foundation Board, Future Health Professionals, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Future Business Leaders of America, and Huron Youth Leadership Council. With her busy schedule and many accomplishments, it's clear she will have a bright future ahead. The next big decision for Hamtyn is to decide which college she will attend.

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## Getting to know Hamtyn:

**FAVORITE QUOTE:** "I've failed over and over again in my life. And that is why I succeed." - Michael Jordan

**FAVORITE FOOD:** Chicken alfredo

**FAVORITE LATE-NIGHT SNACK:** Cereal

**HIGHLIGHT OF YOUR SPORT CAREER:** Competing in Volleyball State Tournaments.

**FAVORITE CLASS:** My favorite class was Honors Algebra 2. Math is my favorite subject and Mrs. Fitzgerald is my favorite teacher.

**FUN FACT:** All my siblings' first names start with the letter H and have a Y in their name; We all have HPH as our initials.



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