

Top of the Ohio Valley

My high school career at Beaver Local High School has provided me with everlasting memories that I will cherish forever. Perhaps the best part of high school was participating in Varsity Volleyball since my freshman year. Volleyball has taught me so many things that I will be able to utilize in the future, like dedication, perseverance and leadership. I have built a very close relationship with my team and we had a lot of fun playing together this year. Due to the success of my team, I was able to earn many honors throughout my high school career. District I All-Star pick, 1st team All-County, District I first team, Review Player of the Year, OVAC AAAA Player of the Year and team MVP are some of the awards I received this past year because of the skills I display on the court. My junior year, we won the OVAC AAAA championship title by defeating Weir and Big Red. I remember wishing I was a senior and graduating as I would have those memories as I was sure we would probably not have a great season my senior year as we were losing four seniors to graduation, not to mention they were all my best friends. Much to my satisfaction, we won another OVAC AAAA championship title this year by beating Weir and Indian Creek. Those four victories were some of the greatest moments of my life and I will look back on them forever with fond memories. Volleyball certainly made my high school experience very exciting.

Besides athletics, I am an active member of many different clubs at my school. French Club, Learn and Serve Club, Interact Club and English Honors are some of the clubs that I participate in at Beaver Local. Learn and Serve Club, which I have been a member of since my freshman year, is based on community service hours. I have accumulated over 350 hours of community service throughout my high school career. In recognition of my services to the public, I was named Calcutta Rotary Student of the Month for September 2007.

My junior year, I participated in Varsity Mock Trial. Even though I'm not a real outgoing person, I was the prosecuting attorney in our case dealing with eminent domain. At the 2007 Mock Trial Competition held in Lisbon, I was named Outstanding Attorney by a group of judges who were attorneys. Through Mock Trial, I gained many new friendships and learned another side of myself that I didn't even know existed.

My high school experience provided me with some of the greatest experiences of my life. Participating in volleyball at school as well as Junior Olympic volleyball has kept me busy. Homecomings and Prom as well as my employment at Bruster's Ice Cream and the YMCA also has provided me with many memories I will cherish. My time at Beaver Local High School has flown by so fast, and now that I am graduating, I am sad to leave it all behind. I look forward to attending Duquesne University and majoring in pharmacy however, Beaver Local High School will always have a special place in my heart.

Thank you for allowing me to participate in your "Top of the Valley" program.

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