

Saugerties Sports Hall of Fame Club

2011 Jack Keeley Memorial Scholarship Award



Brooke Littlefield

The Saugerties Sports Hall of Fame Club is extremely proud to announce this year's recipient of the Jack Keeley Memorial Scholarship Award, Saugerties High School senior Brooke Littlefield.

Brooke is the daughter of Gary and Debra Littlefield and the sister of Brittany and Brandon. In addition to being an avid sports participant, Brooke has also done very well in the classroom as she is ranked number two in her class of 220 with a GPA of 99.897. Brooke is known by both faculty and coaches as one of the hardest working student athletes in Saugerties High School and her receipt of this award is truly well deserved. She is a well rounded individual demonstrated by her involvement in Student Government grades 9-11 (2005-2010) voted class secretary, Student Council grades 9-12 (2005-2012) secretary senior year, Key Club grades 9-12 (2005-2011) voted secretary senior

year, Volleyball Club 9-12 (2007-2011) voted treasurer 2009-2011, Lip Sync (2007-2011), Senior Class Play (2011), and National Honor Society Member (2010-2011). Additionally, Brooke has participated in numerous conferences and camps to enhance her leadership skills and to gain a better understanding of diversity. Included in the programs which Brooke has attended are; People to People Leadership Conference, Girls State, and Students Inside Albany.

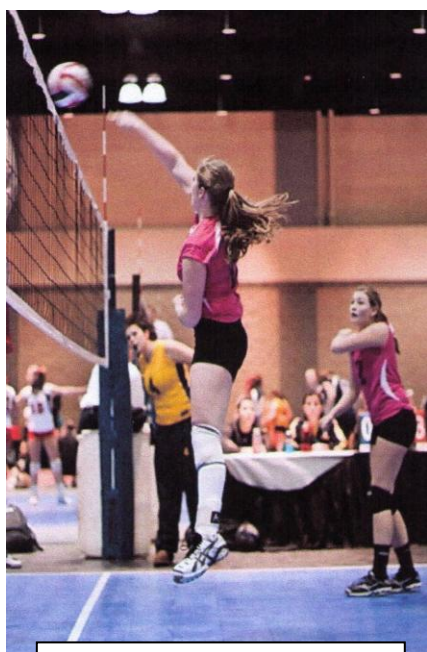


Brooke at 2011 Orlando Team Dance Nationals

Brooke has also had a profound impact on the community of Saugerties as demonstrated by her involvement in volunteer activities at the annual Garlic Festival, local blood drives, assisting at the Saugerties Food Pantry, lecturing at St. Johns Evangelist Church and working for the American Cancer Society. These academic activities and volunteer projects would seem to have been plenty to keep anyone busy but Brooke has also found time to participate and excel in athletics during her years at Saugerties High School.

Brooke's strength was in the sport of volleyball where she played for the varsity team as a freshman and was voted captain and MVP in her senior year. Outside of high school, Brooke also played volleyball as a member of the Poughkeepsie based APEX travel team from 2009-2011. In the spring, Brooke took to the diamond where she played softball and was an impact player and leader on the Sawyer JV and Varsity softball teams as well. Brooke's athletic talents, although, weren't only limited to traditional team sports. One team event that Brooke participated in and received national attention for was in dance. As a member of the "World of Dance" competition squad, Brooke and her teammates placed eighth in the nation at the 2011 UDA Nationals in Orlando, Florida. The 8th place national finish reflected an outstanding showing by the Saugerties based dance organization and once again put Saugerties competitors in the sports limelight.

Brooke has had many memorable experiences during her athletic career at Saugerties High School, but the most memorable is one that she carries with her to this day. It was during her freshman year when she was playing for the junior varsity volleyball team. The JV season had just ended and the varsity team was going on to play in the sectionals. Coach Greco called Brooke out of class to ask her if she would like to practice with the varsity. Brooke not only participated in practice, but also got an opportunity to play in a sectional game, and even though the team lost the game, Brooke felt that the chance she was given to play with girls she had looked up to was something special for her. This experience made her realize how wonderful it was to be able



Brooke hitting "kill shot" for APEX travel team

to put that Saugerties uniform on and represent her town, school, and family. Brooke exclaims, "I was honored".

Brooke plans to attend Penn State University to pursue a career in orthopedics with her eye on becoming a surgeon. Her attendance at the National Youth Leadership Forum on Medicine in the summer of 2010 gave her an introduction to medicine and helped her formulate her career choice. We are very confident that Brooke will be successful in any endeavor she chooses to pursue, in and after college, because she is a hard worker and strives to meet her ambitions.

Brooke explained how great it would be should she be awarded this scholarship and stand with those that have won it in prior years. She says that honors bestowed upon someone after all the years of hard work make it all worthwhile but it is the memories and relationships that she cherishes the most. From practices, to bus rides, to team dinners, and just being a part of the team, these are the things she will always remember.



Brooke in Sawyer softball action

The Saugerties Sports Hall of Fame congratulates Brooke Littlefield for being the 2011 Jack Keeley Memorial Scholarship Award winner. Brooke, your family and the Saugerties community are proud for what you have accomplished in your life so far and wish you the best in your future. Stay the course and continue to pursue your life ambitions with enthusiasm and tenacity. Well done young lady!