



Anderson, Kate: Unknown, Environmental Studies

- **What varsity sport(s) did you participate in during high school? Why did you choose to play these sports?** *I participated in field hockey, basketball (11th grade only), and golf. These were the sports I chose to play during high school because of the history that I had with each sport prior to high school. I had good experiences with the sports previously, and I knew I would enjoy being on the teams during high school.*
- **What motivated you to participate in these sports?** *Sports in high school was always something I wanted to do, if only because I hate being bored, so filling up my schedule with activities like sports was very appealing to me. After a little while though, I ended up loving the sports and the teams that I was on and playing wasn't just about staying busy anymore, it was about doing something I really enjoyed.*
- **What was your most memorable moment as a Marathon Olympian Athlete?** *There were many memorable moments over the last four years on all the teams that I played on, but I don't think I will ever forget when I won the IAC championship for girl's golf in 11th grade. When I came in to the clubhouse after finishing my game, I knew that it was by far the best golf round of my life, but there were other talented golfers playing too. The thought that I may have won never even crossed my mind. Even when I did realize it, I could hardly believe it which is probably why it sticks out to me as a memory.*
- **How has your experiences as a student athlete helped to mold you as the individual you are today?** *My experiences as a student athlete have molded many of my characteristics today, but the most easily recognizable influence is in my confidence. Through playing high schools sports, I learned how to be confident not only in myself, but also in others. I also discovered that confidence is not always a loud and obvious characteristic, there is*

such a thing as a quieter confidence that can be just as useful in life as its louder counterpart.

- *What is one piece of advice you would pass along to the younger Olympian Athletes? If I had to choose just one piece of advice, I would tell the younger Olympians to not quit even when it gets hard. You most likely will at some point feel like playing a sport on top of school and all the other craziness of life is just too much, but I can tell you that the work is worth it. There is no limit to how good you can become, but for that to happen, you have to be willing to put in the work and time.*

College Sport: None



Delta, Barber: Niagara University, Marketing/Psychology

- *What varsity sport(s) did you participate in during high school? Why did you choose to play these sports? Soccer - I've loved it ever since I was a child, it was a way for me to express myself. Today, it has become my creative outlet and passion.*
- *What motivated you to participate in these sports? My siblings played so it was always an expectation, but I wanted to be a part of something bigger than myself. Getting to represent my school and be watched by the peers made me want to play.*
- *What was your most memorable moment as a Marathon Olympian Athlete? Scoring the tying PK my sophomore year to beat Lansing for the first time in many years. Scoring the game winner at Roxbury in OT and going on to win Sectionals. Winning IACs my senior year and scoring the game winner.*
- *How has your experiences as a student athlete helped to mold you as the individual you are today? Sports have allowed me to appreciate hard work and develop the mentality*

that you must work for what you want. Having to juggle school, sports, and a social life has made me more disciplined as an individual.

- *What is one piece of advice you would pass along to the younger Olympian Athletes? Dream big. If you want to be successful in your sport, you must take all the opportunities presented to you and be prepared to make sacrifices to get better. Don't let those around you influence your decisions or beliefs about yourself.*

College Sport: Soccer



Carter, Brie: SUNY Broome, General Studies

- *What varsity sport(s) did you participate in during high school? Why did you choose to play these sports? field hockey, basketball, and softball.*
- *What motivated you to participate in these sports? Doing sports helped me maintain my grades.*
- *What was your most memorable moment as a Marathon Olympian Athlete? Getting into sectionals for field hockey.*
- *How has your experiences as a student athlete helped to mold you as the individual you are today? Sports has helped me so much with my patience.*
- *What is one piece of advice you would pass along to the younger Olympian Athletes? HAVE FUN! That's what it's all about in high school.*

College Sport: Softball

Grace, Colledge: Unknown, something to do with animals

- ***What varsity sport(s) did you participate in during high school? Why did you choose to play these sports? Field hockey, bowling, cheerleading. I chose these sports because I truly enjoyed them. I also love being a part of a team.***
- ***What motivated you to participate in these sports? I love feeling like I am a part of something and that for me was sports.***
- ***What was your most memorable moment as a Marathon Olympian Athlete? Getting McDonald's after games if we were lucky.***
- ***How has your experiences as a student athlete helped to mold you as the individual you are today? Sports helped me learn how to be a leader and helped me realize that I love to help people and that I just love everybody that I am on a team with.***
- ***What is one piece of advice you would pass along to the younger Olympian Athletes? Practice makes perfect!***

College Sport: none



Gacek, Ian: SUNY Canton, Autotech/Mechanical Engineering

- ***What varsity sport(s) did you participate in during high school? Why did you choose to play these sports? Baseball b/c I've played since I was little and wanted to play in college***
- ***What motivated you to participate in these sports? Exercise.***
- ***What was your most memorable moment as a Marathon Olympian Athlete? Soccer championship or division champs for baseball my freshman year***
- ***How has your experiences as a student athlete helped to mold you as the individual you are today? Teamwork, discipline, working hard, motivation***

- *What is one piece of advice you would pass along to the younger Olympian Athletes?*
Work hard and keep your head up

College Sport: Baseball

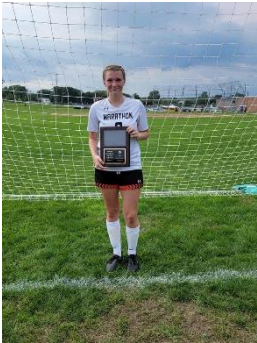


Hafer, Aidan: SUNY Oswego, Film Making/Broadcasting

- *What varsity sport(s) did you participate in during high school? Why did you choose to play these sports?* *Cross Country- Many of my friends suddenly joined as a dare, and I quickly followed suit. Indoor & Outdoor Track- Having enjoyed Cross Country I signed up for track.*
- *What motivated you to participate in these sports?* *Funnily enough I originally joined Cross Country because many of my friends suddenly joined as a sort of dare, and not wanting to miss out I joined with them.*
- *What was your most memorable moment as a Marathon Olympian Athlete?* *Cross country sectionals when we all ordered hot chocolate, but when it ended up tasting horrible we all did the most reasonable thing and spiked the cups on the ground as hard as we could in plain view of everyone. Just hoping nobody there will recognize us in public.*
- *How has your experiences as a student athlete helped to mold you as the individual you are today?* *My experiences have taught me a lot and have helped be become more confident, more social, and overall much happier.*
- *What is one piece of advice you would pass along to the younger Olympian Athletes?*

Never count yourself out, I know that sounds like the most generic piece of advice out there, but speaking from personal experience you'll be surprised what you're capable of.

College Sport: Cross Country



Hurlburt, Paige: Onondaga Community College, Nursing

- *What varsity sport(s) did you participate in during high school? Why did you choose to play these sports? I played soccer 9-12, basketball 9 and 12, indoor track 10, 11, and Softball 9-12. I played these sports for many factors. Soccer has always been my favorite sport and so has softball. But basketball and indoor track were things that I wanted to try. Play basketball in 9th grade I broke my hip and wanted something easier on my hips so I tried indoor track and when I figured out the indoor track was not for me I switched back to basketball for senior year.*
- *What motivated you to participate in these sports? My parents motivated me a lot but playing sports made me want to keep my grades up.*
- *What was your most memorable moment as a Marathon Olympian Athlete? My favorite memories are the soccer trip to Albany and winning sectionals in 2019.*
- *How has your experiences as a student athlete helped to mold you as the individual you are today? Sports had me a helpful and motivated person. I like to help people and interact with different people. So, sports are my thing.*
- *What is one piece of advice you would pass along to the younger Olympian Athletes? If you like a sport, stick with it.*

College Sport:none



Morrison, Braeden: Unknown, Exercise Science

- *What varsity sport(s) did you participate in during high school? Why did you choose to play these sports? Soccer, Basketball, Golf, Track. I had been playing soccer and basketball since I was little and I enjoyed playing them so I continued in high school. I played golf because my brother Cody was really into golf so I gained interest in it. I decided to run track my senior year to become a better athlete so I can succeed in college soccer.*
- *What motivated you to participate in these sports? I grew up watching my siblings play sports in high school and being active is a big part of my life.*
- *What was your most memorable moment as a Marathon Olympian Athlete? Winning the NYS Championship for soccer in 2019.*
- *How has your experiences as a student athlete helped to mold you as the individual you are today? It helped me learn to work with different types of people and reinforced the discipline needed to improve as an athlete*
- *What is one piece of advice you would pass along to the younger Olympian Athletes? You have to work in the offseason if you really want to improve, otherwise do not be upset when others are beating you out for the spot you want.*

College Sport: Soccer



Morrison, Ethan: Alfred State, Auto Body Repair

- *What varsity sport(s) did you participate in during high school? Why did you choose to play these sports? Wrestling, soccer, baseball.*
- *What motivated you to participate in these sports? Growing up playing them.*
- *What was your most memorable moment as a Marathon Olympian Athlete? Winning the state championship in soccer.*
- *How has your experiences as a student athlete helped to mold you as the individual you are today? Leadership.*
- *What is one piece of advice you would pass along to the younger Olympian Athletes? Work hard and don't stop.*

College Sport: Wrestling

Peck, Lacie: TC3, Nursing

- ***What varsity sport(s) did you participate in during high school? Why did you choose to play these sports? I played softball. I chose to play this sport because it is what I love.***
- ***What motivated you to participate in these sports? Being able to get out there and experience working as a team with other players on the team.***
- ***What was your most memorable moment as a Marathon Olympian Athlete? Winning the first ever game I played in.***
- ***How has your experiences as a student athlete helped to mold you as the individual you are today? It helped me see who I really am and the things that I love doing. It helped me realize who I wanted to be in life.***
- ***What is one piece of advice you would pass along to the younger Olympian Athletes? Try your best. You may not make to into the big leagues but if you try your best you will have a shot.***

College Sport: None



Potter, Timothy: Planning to work for Upstream

- ***What varsity sport(s) did you participate in during high school? Why did you choose to play these sports?*** Soccer, because it's the most fun, the hardest, and is the best sport.
- ***What motivated you to participate in these sports?*** My friends, family, and the desire to play a sport that actually requires skill.
- ***What was your most memorable moment as a Marathon Olympian Athlete?*** Winning the state championship in 2019.
- ***How has your experiences as a student athlete helped to mold you as the individual you are today?*** I've become aware of me being a role model for younger athletes. I take much pride in being part of a team that allows you to grow.
- ***What is one piece of advice you would pass along to the younger Olympian Athletes?*** Pick the sports you want to play and don't let anyone tell you differently. Practice every day until you are the best.

Plans to work in construction and "make bank"



Tillotson, Brooke: SUNY Cortland, Unsure

- ***What varsity sport(s) did you participate in during high school? Why did you choose to play these sports?*** I played soccer, basketball and softball all throughout elementary, middle and high school. I chose to play these sports because my three older brothers played as well and I wanted to follow in their footsteps.



- ***What motivated you to participate in these sports? I was motivated to play sports in high school because they had become such a huge part of my life when I was growing up. In elementary school, I always looked forward to going to practice or games with my friends and competing with others and that same feeling carried over into high school.***
- ***What was your most memorable moment as a Marathon Olympian Athlete? My most memorable moment as an Olympian is breaking the single game scoring record and becoming the all-time leading scorer for Marathon girls' basketball all in the same night. It was a home game with all my friends, family and community in the crowd so it was just a very special night for me.***
- ***How has your experiences as a student athlete helped to mold you as the individual you are today? My experiences as a student athlete has molded me into the competitive and motivated individual I am today. My desire to be the best on the court or field and in the classroom has shaped me to be the successful individual I am today.***
- ***What is one piece of advice you would pass along to the younger Olympian Athletes? I would tell them to think about the fact that playing time is a reflection of your effort, ability and attitude. Do not expect to start or get lots of playing time when you don't portray positives in those three categories. I would also warn them not to take everything personal. Sports are a place of tough love and everyone wants everyone to improve so take criticism in stride and use it as motivation.***

College Sport: Basketball



VanOrder, Kassidy: SUNY Brockport, Sports Management/Coaching

- ***What varsity sport(s) did you participate in during high school? Why did you choose to play these sports?*** Varsity Field Hockey- keep me in shape for softball
- ***Varsity Softball- had to keep the legend of my grandpa alive. I do it for him.***
- ***What motivated you to participate in these sports?*** For one, both of my grandpas were very big athletes in the late 1940s. They grew up with sports and so haven't I. For two, sports keep you in check more and busier.
- ***What was your most memorable moment as a Marathon Olympian Athlete?*** Sliding practices in the rain.
- ***How has your experiences as a student athlete helped to mold you as the individual you are today?*** Leadership skills were nurtured throughout my high school years. Being both a captain and loving the sport itself, I learned what I wanted to do while I was older and how to do it well.
- ***What is one piece of advice you would pass along to the younger Olympian Athletes?*** Train for yourself, but play for your team. Your skills will only be as you train, but you will only have a good time playing if you do what you do for everyone and not just yourself.

College Sport: Softball