



2022 Newberg Boosters Scholarship Recipient



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NHS Soccer, Lacrosse

University of Oregon

- I plan to pursue a five-year degree in architecture at the University of Oregon. I hope this is a career path that will allow me to combine my mathematical and science skills with my passions in art/design. Through architecture, I hope to one day be able to help address the environmental crisis through sustainable architecture. I also plan to study abroad, hopefully somewhere like Italy, where I can learn and see architecture from the past.
- Hayden Fredrickson could not complete his high school soccer career due to a tragic accident in July 2020. As I struggled with grief, the one thing I wanted to do was play soccer, not only for me but also for him. Unfortunately, he would never have the opportunity to be part of a team again and finish his high school sports career with a Senior night. Still, I was determined that I would be the best soccer player I could be, enjoy the time on the field with the team and make him proud of me. The best moment was Senior Soccer night when his mom, Alix, was able to walk with my family and me onto the field. Hayden was with us too. Since July 2020, every moment I have spent on the field as a high school player, I think of him. As I stand with my team for the national anthem, I look to the sky and promise to play every game for him. His legacy drives me to push myself in every aspect of my sports because he cannot.
- My varsity soccer team didn't win a single game during my sophomore year of high school. Through all the jeers from my peers about lack of skill, I knew the real problem—the team's dynamic. Many of the girls were hostile, arrogant, and unpleasant. Every mistake was called out, and most of us went home crying. I made a vow that when I was a senior, I would change that dynamic. Upon reflection, I wish I had tried to do something earlier. While during my junior year, I attempted to make a difference by leading by example. Even though the perfect opportunity to make a difference arose when I was offered the position of captain as a senior, I wish I had found a way to make a difference earlier. As captain, I made an extra effort to show kindness to those younger than me. I now realize that I didn't need the title of captain to make a difference through kindness. As captain, I did everything I could to shut down the negativity when I saw it. Slowly but surely, I saw the dynamic start to change. Players made friends outside of their usual group, the talk on the field, and changed from toxic to productive. Therefore, my advice to incoming NHS athletes is to be vocal and help create the team you want to be a part of from day one. Get to know everyone on the team, be positive and supportive and make friends. Overall, make changes early.