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CAREER ACCOLADES

NCAA National Tournament Participant, advancing to the round of 32
 Ohio Athletic Conference Champion
 Team National Ranking as high as #16 during her four years
 Conference Tournament Participant all four years
 Conference Midfielder of the Year as a Senior
 Two time All Conference Midfielder
 Team GPA of 3.4 over four years
 Member of the ONU Women’s Soccer Leadership Council



Favorite Movie Quote and from what movie:

Austria? Well G’day Mate. Lets throw another shrimp on the Barbie- Dumb and Dumber

If your life story was going to be made into a movie, who would star as you and why?

Amy Schumer fo sho. She is nothing like me so it might be interesting...

What’s your go to snack before a game?

Peanut butter crackers or Peanut M&M’s...sometimes both...

McDonalds Big Mac or Wendy’s Baconator?

I have never had either so I am going to go with spicy chicken nuggets from Wendy’s...

If you could be an animal, what animal would you be and why?

For sure a Dragon because they can breathe fire.



Describe your favorite memory from your collegiate soccer experience:

Too hard... I have 2. One was definitely our Europe trip to Germany, Holland, and Belgium. My other favorite memory was junior year against Mount Union when Michaela and I were in the midfield. One of the Mount girls was dribbling up the side and we were running as fast as we could (not that fast obviously) trying to track their attacking mids in the center for about 60 yards and then the girl dribbling took a bad touch and our defender cleared it all the way down the field and McKay and I looked at each other for about 5 seconds and started laughing hysterically. I am pretty sure we both thought it was physically impossible for us to turn around and run back down the field.....Greatest mids ever..

Describe your favorite memory from your youth soccer playing days.

I loved playing rec soccer for my dad and I loved going to soccer tournaments. It still amazes me that I was able to play 5 games in one weekend...

Why was it important for you to play soccer in college?

I never really considered not playing in college. It was the biggest part of my life growing up aside from my family and school. I think after dedicating so much time and putting in so much effort, I knew I owed it to myself to at least try and get recruited and I just was not ready to give it up after high school.

What are your plans after graduation?

Depending on PA school applications, either PA school or going back to work in the hospital back home for the year.

How did being a part of a college soccer team prepare you for the challenges you will face after college?

I think that being a part of a college soccer team has taught me an immense amount on time management and balance. Personally, things got really hard for me if I had a lot going on academically that week or if I wasn't getting enough sleep to where my energy level in the classroom and on the field were lacking. Finding the balance between school, soccer and social makes playing college soccer and just being in college in general a lot more enjoyable. It was important to know that making sacrifices were a part of the job but that is life. It has also taught me responsibility and accountability and just taking ownership for my actions, which is huge in any work setting after college. I think that is how you gain respect from others.

Describe your journey from your freshman collegiate season to being a senior; what you learned along the way, things you took for granted, would you have changed anything over the course of your collegiate career?

Freshman year was very overwhelming for me. It was very new however, knowing that I was going to have 25+ friends right away made it a bit easier. The routine also took some getting used to. It's not like high school where you're in one building all day. If I had time I would go back to my room or go to the library to try and get some homework done and it took me a while to figure out a routine that worked for my schedule and me. Sophomore and junior year was a lot easier to become adjusted to the routine of being away from home and to get in the mind-set of pre-season and school. Not only did I have my team but I also had my group of friends that I had met through my major, which also made things a lot easier. This past year I was very excited to get to campus and to get going on the season and school although I noticed that throughout this season before every game I had the thought in the back of my mind that I will never play this team again and I think that having that mentality motivated me to do the best I could every game. I think that I just took time for granted. As a freshman I never thought about what I was going to feel like as a senior. I thought I had all the time in the world and now I think of how these past 4 years have flown by. I remember moving into my dorm every year and getting ready for season and I still cannot believe that it's over. I definitely wouldn't change anything about my experience. It was a total rollercoaster with ups and downs but I met and got to play with very talented and awesome people who will be my friends for a long time.



What schools were on your list when you started the college search process and why did you eventually choose your current university?

I actually did not have one D3 school on my list... I had a bunch of D1 schools and a few D2 and the ones I was really interested in were Purdue and Toledo. I had committed to Purdue my junior year of high school and realized around April/May of my senior year that I did not want to go there anymore. It took me a long time to realize that it just was not the right fit for me. I visited ONU's campus, did a few of the camps here and met some of their current players and absolutely loved everything. It was small and quiet but had a soccer program that had a fantastic reputation. They also had a really good and reputable Biology department. I think it is very easy to get caught up in the glamour of going to a D1 school however in the end I am very happy with my decision (:

Quote from Mark Batman, Head Women's Soccer Coach at Ohio Northern University

"I first saw Alex at a practice for GTFC. Mike Aubry asked me to come and help out with a few practices here and there. I saw Alex play and asked Mike about her' Mike said she was verbally committed to Purdue, so I left it alone. Then a few months later, Alex had reached out regarding visiting and said she was no longer attending Purdue. I was very happy to have her interest; she visited, and the rest is history. She was a fantastic addition to our soccer family. It's been really fun and rewarding watching her grow into a confident young woman. When she first showed up, she was a shy, nervous 18-year old. Now that she's graduating in a few months, she's sure of herself, confident, isn't afraid to speak her mind and someone her teammates really look up to. I have so many memories of Alex during her time here. Alex has scored some big time goals in massive moments for us, but I think my favorite memory of Alex was her entire senior year. Even though Alex wasn't a captain, she took on a leadership role (Alex was one of three seniors), and brought the best out of her young teammates. That's what great players and exceptional teammates do, they bring the best out of others and Alex did that every day this past season. What a tremendous example and precedent she set for younger players who will eventually be seniors."

THANK YOU ALEX FOR BEING A PART OF THE GTFC FAMILY. WE WISH YOU THE BEST AS YOU MOVE FORWARD AFTER GRADUATION. WE HOPE YOU CONTINUE TO BE A FAN OF THIS GAME WE ALL LOVE SO MUCH!

