

## Penn Station Athlete of the Month – Columbus January

Student: Diana Brown

**GPA**: 4.3

School: St. Francis De Sales

Athletic Director: Tom Neubert

Parents: Ivy & Stephen Brown

Sibling/s: Alexa, Erika, Julia Brown

Favorite Penn Station Restaurant: Sancus Blvd.

Favorite Penn Station Sandwich: Chicken Teriyaki

Extracurricular Activities: President of NHS, Student Council member, and photography

Favorite Book: To Kill a Mockingbird

Role Model: Mother Theresa

Sports Role Model: LeBron James

Greatest Achievement So Far: Recovering from a shoulder injury in April to be able to play my

senior season

Plans After High School: Study Bio chemistry and play volleyball at university of Illinois.

How has participating in high school athletics benefited you? High school athletics helped me become more efficient with my school work and balance my life. The sport has taught me to be on my toes for anything unexpected, always look at your opponent/challenge beforehand, and how to be coachable.

What made you decide to play the sport for which you were named the Penn Station Athlete of the Month? I decided to play volleyball because I was basically born in a gym, with having 3 older sisters who all played the sport. I was tall and lanky and seemed to have a knack for the sport.

**Quote from Athletic Director:** Diana has accomplished so much on and off the court, but what sets her apart is her leadership and presence among others. Diana was a huge part of De Sales volleyball success the last 4 years.

**Quote from Principal:** In my many years of my career in education, I have been blessed to work with outstanding student athletes. However, I would place Diana at the top of that list. She Truly exemplifies a student leader and has made our community an even better place.