



Penn Station Athlete of the Month –

Student: Charli Rosenberg

GPA: 4.75

School: South Johnston High School

Athletic Director: Brady Massengill

Parents: Deborah and Marvin Rosenberg

Sibling/s: Deandra Stewart Tart and Jake Clifton Stewart

Favorite Penn Station Restaurant: Falls of the Neuse

Favorite Penn Station Sandwich: Cold Club

Extracurricular Activities: Soccer, Cheer, Track, Student Government (Vice President Junior and Senior Class; Secretary Freshman and Sophomore Class, National Honor Society, Yearbook (Senior Editor), Trojan Ambassador, Special Olympics Volunteer, Member of Elite Dance Company at Alicia's School of Performing Arts

Favorite Book: Bible

Role Model: The kids and families of Miracle League Special Olympics. They play just as hard as kids without disabilities, and they put their all into it every time.

Sports Role Model:

Greatest Achievement So Far: If I must choose one, it would be being named to the Board of Directors of the Miracle League of Johnston County at 16. I have been blessed with many achievements, but my greatest achievement hasn't happened yet. That will come when I graduate from medical school, and I can help children with disabilities, sickness and cancer.

Plans After High School: I plan to attend a four-year university to major in Biology/Pre-med Sciences. I will then attend medical school to obtain a doctorate in Pediatrics, and possibly, specialize in Pediatric Oncology. My hometown of Benson doesn't have a pediatrician, so I may open a practice there.

How has participating in high school athletics benefited you? High school sports have taught me a lot of lessons in determination and leadership, pushed me to be stronger mentally and physically, smarter and well rounded. I have made friends that I will share memories with that will always connect us. I have also had the privilege of being coached by some amazing individuals that are mentors on and off the field.



What made you decide to play the sport for which you were named the Penn Station Athlete of the Month?

I played soccer for one season when I was very young, but was injured and never went back. However, 7th grade tryouts came around and I told my mom that I wanted to try it. She was honestly worried about me because I am a very low-key kind of person and I had not played in so long. I made the team and was a starter. The love for soccer, and the desire to try something new was the reason I started playing.

I have cheered since a young age, and no matter how hard or frustrating it got, whether as a flyer or a base, I have always loved it. Being part of a team, learning to trust others to carry me, building strength to carry others, and doing what I love is what continues to give me joy and determination to succeed wherever my coach needs me.

Quote from Athletic Director:

Charli is a model student-athlete at South Johnston High School. Her high character and positive influence is more than we could ever ask for from a student-athlete. She is a tireless worker and such a role model on her cheer & soccer teams. We look forward to seeing where her bright future takes her and how she will continue to make South Johnston proud.

-Brady Massengill, AD

Quote from Principal:

Charli is one of a kind. She has high expectations and is always serving others. South Johnston High School is fortunate to have Charli represent us both in the classroom and in athletics.

-Dr. David Pearce, Principal