



Penn Station Athlete of the Month

February 209 Columbus Market

School: Hilliard Bradley High School

**Student:** Abigail Leasure

**GPA:** 4.33

**School:** Hillard

**Athletic Director:** Cort Hamilton

**Sport:** Cheerleading

**Parents:** April and Eric Leasure

**Sibling/s:** Chelsea and Alexandra Leasure

**Favorite Penn Station Restaurant:** The Hilliard Location

**Favorite Penn Station Sandwich:** Grilled Italian with No Banana Peppers

**Extracurricular Activities:** Class Cabinet, National Honor Society, Internet Club

**Favorite Book:** The Namesake

**Role Model:** My Dad

**Sports Role Model:** Kerri Strug

**Greatest Achievement So Far:** My greatest achievement in my personal life has been collecting and distributing personal hygiene items for local homeless individuals. I've been doing this since I was 5, and I'm proud to say that it gets bigger every year. My goal last year was to fill 18 boxes and food bags, and actually had enough to make 30! My greatest achievement in sports has been a 5 time state champion in gymnasts, and all OCC in cheerleading.

**Plans After High School:** Ohio State University in the Fall where I will be majoring in Psychology.

**How has participating in high school athletics benefited you?**

I know it may sound cheesy, but cheering has taught me that there are things in life that are bigger than one person. It has instilled in me a sense of ownership in myself as well as my place on a team and in the community. In addition, cheerleading has taught me



that I need to work hard for what I want and be determined to succeed in whatever I set out to do.

**What made you decide to play the sport for which you were named the Penn Station Athlete of the Month?** After eleven years of gymnastics, fourteen broken bones, and five years of homeschooling all to participate in a forty hour/ week program, I decided it was time to try something new. Gymnastics is an individual sport, where your score may or may not contribute to a team score. I was drawn to cheerleading because it's a team sport where we all work together to achieve a goal. Of course it helped that I could still tumble and dance without the high risk of injury.

**Quote from Athletic Director:**

Abi is a tremendous role model for our young ladies. Her talent and energy help our school spirit. Cort Hamilton (Athletic Director)