

Penn Station Athlete of the Month – February 2021

Presentation Date: Tuesday, January 19, 2021

Student(s): Elizabeth (Lizzie) Bruce

GPA: 4.2

School:

Catholic Central High School 1200 E. High St. Springfield, OH 45505

Athletic Director: Jon Metzger

Parents: John & Linda Bruce

Sibling(s): Jack, Maggie, Stella

Favorite Penn Station Restaurant: Bechtle Ave.

Favorite Penn Station Sandwich: Chicken Teriyaki

Sport(s): Basketball, Soccer, Track, Cheerleading, Volleyball

Extracurricular Activities: Class Vice President, National Honor Society, Student Amabassador, Kairos leader, peer tutor, magnified giving, service dog planner, golfing, walking, dogs, skiing

Favorite Book: Just Mercy – Bryan Stevenson

Role Models: My parents

Sports Hero: Mia Hamm

Greatest Achievement So Far: First team All-Conference for Soccer

Plans After High School: I plan to attend a 4-year university and still deciding what I will major in and if I want to continue my athletic career.

How has participating in high school athletics benefited you? High school athletics have taught me the value of hard work, how to be disciplines and manage my time.

What made you decide to play the sport for which you were named the Penn Station Athlete of the Month. I first started playing soccer because my older siblings did. I have played for so long because I like the competition and the speed of the game.

Quote from Coach: "Lizzie has been an integral part of the Lady Irish Soccer team all four years of her career. From her first practice as a Freshman throughout her career, Lizzie was



always focused on being a better player and person every day. Lizzie would stay and work extra on her skills and when a teammate wanted to work on something, she would stay and help them. Whatever role Lizzie has been asked to play on this team she has done it and done it well. Lizzie has the kind of drive and work ethic all coaches love. Even this past season, when she went down with an injury, she was still at every practice and game encouraging her teammates. She is and will be an outstanding athlete in the future, but more importantly she is an outstanding young person." – Mark Derr

Quote from Principal: "Lizzie is an exceptional student, hardworking, compassionate, talented and kind. We couldn't be more proud!" – Patrick Rizer