



Penn Station Athlete of the Month

Winter Seasonal Winner 2019 – Springfield, Ill

School: Springfield High School

Student: Abby Ratsch

GPA: 5.400

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Athletic Director: John Connolley

Sport: Basketball

Parents: Laurie and Robert Ratsch

Sibling/s: Joseph & Anna

Favorite Penn Station Restaurant: The Penn Station on Lindbergh

Favorite Penn Station Sandwich: Club

Extracurricular Activities: National Honor Society, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, High Pride

Favorite Book: Nineteen Minutes

Role Model: My Grandpa

Sports Role Model: Kerri Walsh Jennings

Greatest Achievement So Far: Being able to balance family, school and sports

Plans After High School: Millikin University to play basketball and major in accounting

How has participating in high school athletics benefited you?

It constantly pushes me to work hard and be my best.

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

I decided to play basketball because I was rather tall and already loved soccer so I wanted to see all the possibilities that another sport could bring me.

Quote from Principal: Abby is a leader both on and off the court. She has both academic and athletic gifts and her work ethic is beyond reproach. Abby's energy and do -the right thing



attitude inspires others. Abby is kind -hearted and looks out for other people. We will miss her and know she will be successful in college.

Principal: Lisa Leardi