

My involvement at Sultan High School started with high school sports. I was a child who grew up in the stands admiring the high school athletes and wanting to become one. As a middle schooler, I started attending the weight room with my older brother. It was such an honor to be lifting weights with the high school football team. I was looking forward to the day when I, too, would be a high school athlete. Although the start of my high school career was the beginning of COVID, I wouldn't change those four years for anything.

I have had the privilege of being a three-season varsity athlete at Sultan High School for the last four years. Being involved in football, track and field, and cheerleading has taught me many different life lessons. As well as giving me opportunities to make friends and become more involved in the community and the school. As a cheerleader, we decorated the school before students returned, and we were out there on the opening day to welcome everyone back. At the beginning of my senior year, I gave tours of the school to incoming freshmen. As a person who has never actually attended any classes at the sultan, I knew it like the back of my hand because of how much time I had spent there.

During the fall season, I was not only a football player, but I also spent my time cheering at as many soccer and volleyball games as I could. I was also an ASB representative for football and cheer, attending the meeting every Tuesday for the last two years. Sports were the start of my involvement at Sultan High School, and that is what led me to fully transferring in January of my senior year. Sultan High School has been my home, and I have spent more hours than I know on the field during football, on the courts cheering on basketball, at the stadium during track season, and representing my school at Cheerleading State for the last four years.

I have always been taught that sports are an extension of the classroom. Although I was not taught by SHS teachers in a traditional classroom setting, I have had the opportunity to be mentored by some amazing SHS staff. Mr. Sifferman and Coach Trichler were my youth coaches. Coach Rudd, Coach Murphy, Coach Grath, Coach Dalbeck in football, Coach Lisa, Coach Grady, and Coach Brumley in track. Mrs. Power in ASB and track. Mrs. Fuller at cheer camp, and of course, Coach Catherine and Mr. Coach in cheer. All of these coaches have taught me lifelong lessons and will always be dear to my heart. Without athletics at Sultan High School, I would've never had the opportunity to be mentored by such amazing people and create lasting memories within my school and community.