

Athlete of the Season: Karsyn Stratton

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Off the court, Karsyn Stratton ('20) is described as a hardworking, studious high schooler as well as a determined go-getter who won't quit when times get tough. On the court, she holds many of the same qualities; teammates describe her as a friend, a supporter, and mostly as a strong leader for the Clipper team.



Photo by Maddy George

"The team works well with each other, and they push me to keep working hard so they play a big part in how I'm able to stay motivated," Stratton said.

Stratton is leading more than just the CCA Girls' team to victories; this young sophomore is leading the WAMAC in two different categories: points scored per game by scoring an average 23.5 as well as rebounds per game where she grabs an average 7.6.

CCA Girls' Basketball Head Coach P.J. Sweeney said, "With all the success Karsyn has had on the court she's a better person."

Stratton was nominated for and won KCRG's Athlete of the Week. Stratton said, "So many people were posting things on social media, and it was awesome. I feel lucky to be in this district with all of the support that I got during the days of voting."

Coach Sweeney describes Stratton's best qualities as: thinking of others first, being a great teammate, being well-spoken and polite and her willingness to listen to others. To any coach, these are top recruiting qualities, besides the ability to play the game, which Stratton has not been short of.

The team is at a current winning streak of five games, beating teams like Liberty High School, Central Dewitt and Williamsburg High School. But Stratton isn't done yet; the team holds high hopes of making it to the playoffs and of course the end goal: State Championship.

Matthew Bain from the Iowa City Press-Citizen described her as, "A 5-foot-8 shooting guard who elevates like a college freshman. A 15-year-old whose ability to knife through defenses belies her age."

Stratton has two more years to prove herself on and off the court to herself and college coaches. She has already made an impact on the CCA Girls' Basketball Team and the community can expect more from this young player in the coming years.

GUESS WHO?

Guess the teacher correctly by the hints given. Answers will be revealed on our website a week after this issue comes out.



This Teacher...

- Ran track in college
- Has a father who is a minister
- Went fishing in the Bering Sea
- Went ziplining in Costa Rica
- Has a tattoo



This Teacher...

- Was in jazz band and show choir in high school
- Was born in Phoenix, Arizona
- Attended CPU High School

Where are they *now*?

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The Anchor decided to take a look back at various alumni and what they are doing now. Our first alumni feature is Michael Wurth, better known among the youth as "Money Mike."

What years did you attend CCA?

I've been in the CCA school district since I was in preschool, but I was a CCAHS student starting in the fall of 2012 up until I graduated in 2016.

Where do you work/go to school and reside currently?

I'm currently a second year student at the University of Iowa living in Iowa City :-)

What do you do in your free time?

In my free time I like to produce instrumental hip hop as well as wrestle with my roommate Drake Shores.

Did you play any sports or take part in any clubs while you were in high school?

I played football all four years of high school but more interestingly, last year I returned for a legendary ping pong match against my little brother Nick, so I'd say I'm probably an honorary member of the prestigious CCA ping pong team.

Out of all your years in the CCA school district, who was your favorite teacher and why?

This is sooooo tough because I had so many great teachers at CCA. I have to shout out my advisor Mr. Huch first and foremost, but I think my junior year teachers especially had the biggest impact on me. That would be Mr. Schulte, Ms. O'Connor, Ms. Hargens, and Mrs. Schultejeans. Also quick final shout out to Mrs. Nelson and Mr. Benson because they had to put up with a lot of late assignments from me.

Funniest moment at CCA?

I'm sure this will be too dirty to run in the paper but it was definitely when another student left a monster turd in the upstairs bathroom and it was the talk of the school for weeks.

Least favorite memory?

Having to talk with Mr. Potter for changing teachers name cards to things like "Sausage Link" and "Hot Dog."

Why or why not did you love going to CCA?

I loved going to CCA because it was small enough that I felt like I was able to create closer, more wholesome connections with the people I interacted with, as opposed to going to a larger school and knowing more people, but having [a] solely superficial interaction.

Things you wish CCA would've done when you were in high school?

I cannot emphasize this enough: MORE CRISPITOS FOR LUNCH.

Tips for any high schooler attending CCA?

Don't let CCA's atmosphere dictate how you act. Let your actions and outlooks impact CCA's atmosphere. I feel like CCA was a goofy and fun place when my class was passing through and it was because we made it that way. Be a trend setter, not a trend follower; the school is what you make it.



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