

Hello, My name is Caitlyn Martin. First, I would like to thank the members of the Gulf Coast Athletic Club for recognizing me as a Scholar Athlete from Gulf Shores High School.

My parents have always believed that staying active and being open to trying new activities was important. So, like many others, my sports career began at age 4 with tee ball and soccer. I wasn't crazy about tee ball, but I loved playing defense in soccer and making boys cry. I was later introduced to basketball and found another sport that allowed me to be physical. I guess I could have stuck to 2 sports, but I was asked to run track and cross country in 7th grade and found out that I loved running. In 8th grade, I was lucky enough to be the leadoff leg of the varsity 4 x 400 meter relay at the sectional track meet and came in first of 8 schools on my leg against Vigor, Leflore and other schools from Mobile County. During my last 4 years of high school, I have continued to be involved with the Basketball, Soccer, Track and Cross Country programs. I have also been an athletic trainer for the GSHS football team for the past 2 years. I have been a 4 year starter on the Girls Varsity basketball team. I have run track every year of high school and made it to the state meet all 3 years so far. I ran Cross Country 2 years and made it to the state meet both years. I have played soccer for the past 2 years and had the honor to be selected to the Alabama South All Star Team in 2015.

I have always been inspired by my Dad who was a college athlete and preached the value of hard work. He was a hurdler in college and I thought it looked like fun. In middle school, he began to teach the basics of hurdles, but I didn't get to run a race until a year later as a Freshman. The first race of my high school career was at Foley and after the gun went off, I was ahead of everyone. I later tripped on the third hurdle, rolled and landed on the ground. It hurt, but I knew my Dad would want me to finish, so I got up and sprinted hard to finish the race. I was really embarrassed so I ran so hard that I started to catch the other runners and I couldn't believe it when I crossed the finish line to find out that I came in first place. My dad was at the fence of the finish line to hug me and say, "Now you never have to be afraid of the hurdles because you fell and won your first race, you will be fine." To this day, my dad inspires me to be my best. I look forward to every little pep talk before races or games and can't wait to see his face at the end. He is my mentor and a big reason I have received athletic honors such as: All County Track and Basketball, Offensive and Defensive player of the year in Basketball, AHSAA All Star Soccer team member, and school record holder of 4 GSHS track records in the 100, 300 meter hurdles and relay teams.

Being involved in sports is a huge commitment. When you are involved in more than one sport, time management is very important to maintain good grades. I have worked hard and been able to maintain a 4.25 GPA and I am also involved in multiple clubs and community activities. I am a member of the National Honor Society, Key Club, Leo Club, Junioresettes, Citizens Environmental Organization and the Book Club. I am Editor of the Yearbook, Vice President of the Student Government Association and was recently voted by my peers as Homecoming Queen. I have also enjoyed volunteering with many activities such as Dinner in the Dark, Coastal Clean Up, and Green Up Gulf Shores.

In my spare time, I enjoy watching Dallas Mavericks Basketball, as well as almost any football team. I also enjoy photography and photo editing. I have been accepted to University of Alabama, Auburn, Spring Hill and Troy. Due to their Nationally recognized Graphic Design Program, I hope to attend Auburn University and start my own graphic design company.

Thank you again for this honor.

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Education

Gulf Shores High School
Graduation Date: May 16, 2016
Diploma Track: All AP, College Prep
Cumulative GPA: 4.25
Cumulative Rank: 8 out of 208
ACT Composite: 25

Academic & Other Awards

"A" Honor Roll 9, 10, 11, National Honor Society 10,11,12
HOBY Leadership Representative 10, Alabama Girls State Representative 11
Honorable Mention Talent Show- Photography 11

Athletics

Cross Country- 9*, 11*(State Qualifier), Varsity Basketball- 9, 10, 11, 12, Track- 9*, 10*, 11*(State Qualifier),
Varsity Soccer- 11, 12 Athletic Football Trainer- 11, 12

Athletic Awards

All County Basketball 10
Basketball-Offensive player of the year 10, Defensive player of the year 11
AHSAA All-Star South Soccer Team Player 11
All County Track 9,10,11
GSHS School Record 100 Meter Hurdles, GSHS School Record 300 Meter Hurdles
GSHS School Record 4X100 Relay Team, GSHS School Record 4X400 Relay Team

Clubs

Key Club- 10, 11, 12 Leo Club- 10, 11, 12 Citizen Environmental Organization- 9, 10, 11, 12
International Club- 10, Junioresettes- 11, 12 Book Club- 11, 12 HOSA- 10, 11

Leadership/ Offices

Yearbook Editor-11, 12, Student Government Assoc. VP-12 SGA Rep-10, 11, Class VP 11, Class Rep-10,
Homecoming Court-10, 11, 12 Homecoming Queen 12, CEO-Sec 10

Volunteer Work

SEC Fest-9, Shrimp fest-9, 10 Leo Duck Races-9, Seafood Fest-10, Dinner in the Dark-10, 11
Earth Day-9,10,11, Boo in the Zoo-11, GSHS Youth Summer Sports Camps-9, 10, 11
Coastal Cleanup-9, 10, 11, DAC Fundraisers-9, 10, 11, PTSO 12, Green Up Gulf Shores-12

Employment

Sand & Sun Cleaning- Orange Beach, AL
Condo Inspector 2/15-815
Packed linen bags, washed & dried linens 5/14-2/15