



Congratulations!
2012 Ferguson Scholar

KELSEY LINDE

Kalamazoo Central High School

Kalamazoo, Michigan, Class of 2012

Bound for University of Michigan,

Ann Arbor, Michigan

Pre-Med Major

Kelsey is a senior at Kalamazoo Central High School and will graduate this year in the top five percent of her class with highest honors. Kelsey has achieved academic distinction having taken mostly AP courses throughout high school and achieving a weighted GPA of 4.11. In addition to her studies, Kelsey has devoted countless hours to community service and has been a leader in school and on the soccer field.

Kelsey has contributed to her community by helping at local food shelters, events for the March of Dimes and the American Red Cross, to mention a few. Kelsey also manages to devote several hours to food service for the elderly each week. As treasurer of the Student Leadership Council, Kelsey has been involved in numerous community service projects including; Stuff the Bus, Bread Lift, and Relay for Life. She also enjoys working on service projects organized by the National Honor Society, of which she is a member.

In addition to community service, student government, and school activities, Kelsey has been a varsity soccer player since freshman year. In a very strong essay, Kelsey reveals how she has learned to live life to the fullest. She describes how her experiences with soccer have helped her to realize what it takes to be successful. Having played soccer for most of her life, Kelsey suffered some significant adversity with serious injuries during her sophomore year. Surgery on her knee after a torn ACL and meniscus in the middle of the season forced her to support the team from the sideline for the rest of the season. The following year, she had to re-build her fitness and sharpen her skills only to injure her knee again, just a few games into the season. When many people might have quit, Kelsey went through physical therapy all over again. For a while, Kelsey thought she would not have the same ability to play soccer after the surgery. After intense therapy and training, she realized that her hard work and perseverance would eventually pay off. She was back playing by senior year, stronger than ever. Kelsey describes how important her family was as a constant source of support and provided her with the "motivation to do the very best I possibly can throughout my entire life". She has taken this motivation and applied it to her studies and will enter her freshman year at the University of Michigan where she will study for a career in the medical field.

Steven and Sheri Linde are the proud parents of Kelsey. Sheri is a Show Room Consultant at Branch # 1474 in Kalamazoo.

Best of luck at University of Michigan, 2012 Ferguson Scholar

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