

Mckinley Lynn Ritchey

Meritorious Service

Youth Star of Tomorrow



McKinley Lynn Ritchey is the daughter of Patrick Ritchey of Pocomoke City, Md. and Ashley Webster Ritchey of Marion, Md. She is the granddaughter of Vicki and JB Vance of Salisbury, Md. and George and Jennifer Ritchey of Pocomoke, Md.

McKinley was born on April 20, 2006 and attended Pocomoke High School and graduated in 2024. She participated in Pocomoke High Schools' JROTC program all 4 years, obtaining the rank of 1st Sergeant due to her extensive leadership qualities. While in JROTC she performed as drill instructor for multiple JROTC functions and presented the colors at numerous events including opening ceremonies at Camden Yards.

At the age of 3 years old, McKinley, enrolled in the Saturday Morning Youth League at Eastern Shore Lanes. Her entire family is dedicated to the sport of bowling. Her paternal grandparents, George and Jennifer, have been running this league for 38 years. McKinley's father and her aunt started bowling when they were 3 also. Currently, her father, step-mother, siblings and a cousin all bowl on leagues. Needless to say, they have had a lot of good times in the bowling alley!

McKinley has been a sanctioned bowler since 2012. She has qualified for Pepsi regionals every year and has been to the State tournament once. She enjoys bowling in tournaments and has participated in the Maryland State Youth Championship several times. In 2019 her team came in first in their division.

McKinleys' service to the sport of bowling is evidenced by her eagerness to help coach, give assistance with teaching the rules of the sport and her enthusiasm. She is often approached by the younger bowlers for advice and is quick with a "high five" on the lanes. She plans to continue to be a presence at Eastern Shore Lanes on Saturday mornings.

Recently she completed the SafeSport program and has received her registered volunteer status. Mckinley is also being trained on the BLS software so that she can perform secretarial duties. She has assisted with trophy selection and presentation as well. She believes in the sport of bowling and how important it is for our youth. Teamwork, camaraderie, and good sportsmanship all make bowling the perfect sport! No one sits the bench in bowling!

Currently, Mckinley, is enrolled at Wor-Wic Community College in Salisbury, Md. where she is studying to be an Emergency Medical Technician. She plans to continue on for her Paramedic license in the future. She has also joined the Monday Night Peterson Point League at Eastern Shore Lanes in Pocomoke, Md. and has a 175 average.

Mckinley is a Youth Star of Tomorrow and will be a lifelong promoter of the sport of bowling.