

OPENING:

Welcome to the 2016 Southwest High School Women's Senior Recognition Ceremony. Tonight we will recognize and congratulate our seniors in the program. Seniors and parents will be introduced and invited out on to the field for a photo as well as a group shot.

Alex Gaffney

Parents: Mark and Jennifer Gaffney

Alex was 5 or 6 when she started playing soccer at the YMCA and Pershing Park Friday Night Soccer Fundamentals which was coed and coached by her dad! She has played for Pershing Park, Minneapolis United rec and traveling teams, and Keliix since U14. She currently plays on the Keliix u19 C1 team. At Southwest she has played on the JV and Varsity teams.

Her favorite thing about soccer is playing the game, or as she says: "Spending time playing a game I love with the people that I love! The friends I have made are unbelievable." Her favorite memories of playing for Southwest are Super Soccer Saturdays and winning their first section game last year!

After high school she plans to go to college and would love to play soccer and/or hockey in college!

Kate Hacker

Parents: Ted and Anne Hacker

Kate started playing soccer for Armatage Park when she was 5 years old. She also went on to play for Minneapolis United and Keliix soccer clubs. She is currently on the Keliix U19 C1 team. At Southwest Kate has played on the B-Squad, JV and Varsity teams.

Kate's favorite thing about soccer is the team. She says "My soccer teams are my second family. We all share the same passion and love for the game which makes playing together so much fun. Soccer has been my life for 13 years and because of it I know I've made friends for life." Her favorite memory of Southwest soccer is playing on Super Soccer Saturday and scoring a goal off of a trick corner kick play.

After Southwest her plans are to go to college and study something in science or medicine.

Sophie Hedrick

Parents: Kirsten Moertel and Joel Hedrick

Sophie began her soccer career playing for Fuller Park. She has also played for Pearl Park, and Minneapolis United rec and traveling teams. She most recently played for the Minneapolis United u17 C2 team. In high school she has played on the C-Squad, JV and Varsity teams.

Her favorite thing about soccer is the relationships and lessons she has learned from the game itself. She says of her favorite Southwest soccer memory: "My favorite memories are from my sophomore year on the JV team with Jim Cosmos. We had so much fun together and I learned a lot about soccer."

After leaving Southwest she plans to attend college, hopefully at the University of Minnesota Twin Cities.

Isabelle Korsbon**Parents' names: Jennie and Jesse Korsbon**

Isabelle was 4 years old when she began playing soccer for Kenny Park. She went on to play for the Southeast Honey Bees, Eastside, and Keliix. She is currently on the Keliix u19 C1 team. At Southwest she has played on the B-Squad and Varsity teams.

Her favorite thing about soccer is being with her teammates and creating friendship bonds outside of her high school and grade. She says this of her favorite Southwest soccer memories: "My whole sophomore soccer season was the best, I had tons of my friends on that team and we kinda just goofed around...we had a candy cooler and SMASH candy all practice."

After high school she plans on attending the University of Kansas.

Myranda Sloo**Parents' names: Mindy and Mark Sloo**

Myranda was 7 years old when she started playing soccer for WESAC. Since then she has also played on Minneapolis United rec and traveling teams, and for Keliix. She currently plays on the Keliix u18 C1 team. In high school Myranda has played on the C-Squad, JV and Varsity teams.

She says this about soccer: "I love that you can achieve anything as long as you give effort and time. It just takes practice. I also love that soccer has taught me so much about myself and life, not just about the game." Super Soccer Saturday has always been her favorite thing about playing soccer for Southwest.

After high school she plans to attend college at a small liberal arts school (probably in the Midwest) and play soccer at a Division 3 level.

CLOSING:

Congratulations to all of our senior players on a successful soccer season and your accomplished soccer careers!

And thank you parents, family, friends and students for coming tonight. Good luck to everyone in the game tonight.

GO LAKERS!