NICOLE MUEHLENKAMP CHERRY

HIGHLANDS HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

Class of 2019

Nicole Muehlenkamp Cherry graduated from Highlands in 1997. Upon graduation, Nicole received an athletic scholarship to Division I Wright State University in Dayton, Ohio, where she played soccer. She graduated Cum Laude in 2002 and earned her Master’s Degree in Education Administration from the University of Cincinnati in 2004.

She earned 14 varsity letters in three sports while at Highlands. She excelled in soccer, diving and track. Nicole was named the Female Athlete of the Year for Highlands and was named a Wendy’s National High School Nominee while maintaining honor and super honor academic success.

As a soccer player, Nicole earned First Team All-State honors for two years as a forward and First Team All-Region for three years. She lettered all four years for the Bluebirds and was also a three-time All Northern Kentucky Athletic Conference selection and tallied 16 goals and 12 assists as a senior as Highlands went 13-7-1 and was the Regional Runner-up. She was selected as the Most Valuable Player her senior year.

As a diver, Nicole was a member of the 1995 State Championship team. She participated and lettered from the 7th-12th grades, where she placed in the top 20 for diving and as high as 6th in the state.

During her four-year tenure on the track team, Nicole earned All-State for three years on both individual events and relay teams. During her junior and senior years, she was a member of the state championship 1600-meter relay team. When she graduated, she held individual school records for the 100 meter and 200 meters. She was the All Region Runner of the Year in 1997 and Most Outstanding Division I NKAC Runner in 1995-96. She was the team’s Most Valuable Runner for three years.

The fact that Nicole is hearing impaired amplifies the amazement of her achievements. Her competitive nature was still evident in 2016 when she was invited to the Olympic training facility in California for training camp with the USA Deaf Women’s National Team.

Nicole continues to inspire children and adults. She was a teacher at St. Rita’s School for the Deaf for 14 years and teaches American Sign Language in the Lakota Local School District.

Nicole lives in Maineville, Ohio with Ryan, her husband of 16 years. They have two children, Hannah and Carson.