

Getting to know Ally. BY SHANIA SWANN

Among the peers of Alyssa Massey, better known as ally, many may just view her as your standard student athlete. But, to each is their own, and we all have layers yet to be discovered. Majority of the time we tend to misinterpret the true meaning of what a student athlete truly is and like the rest of us they have aspirations.

As Ally enters into the fall as a junior at Butler (BTHS), she's also at a crossroads of juggling soccer season. A typical day for the athlete isn't just her practice and homework. She revealed she is the older sister among two younger siblings, which comes with a great responsibility. The adolescents have learned to look up to Ally as inspiration and became involved with sports themselves. Following her footsteps, it almost seems to have become destiny that Massey's were born true athletic stars.

In life role models become a very significant key to our future and mold the characters we become. She is already showing true leadership skills as she was announced to be a junior captain this year for the girls' soccer team. So, what has influenced her natural ability to be a leader? Ally says the most influential individual in her life is her mom. Ally's mom is a current teacher for JCPS. With the standards set high already being a student athlete her expectations from her mom are no different.

Butler girls soccer team battles against Holy Cross resulting to a 2-2 draw. (Ally defending the ball on the right) -photo taken by Katie



"It can get overwhelming at times. Not only am I dedicated to school soccer but I also play for DCR, a travel team. When that season begins, it conflicts with soccer at school and the homework can become a little unbearable. I'm taking my first AP class this year but it's my passion that keeps me going."



The 2017-18 Butler Traditional High School Girl's soccer team. (Ally stands as the fifth person to the right, #17) -photo taken by Katie Barker

Passion is the key word that every student athlete can agree to that keeps them determined. Her hard work has caught the attention of a very well-known university. University of Western Kentucky (WKU), had sent a personal invitation to attend the open house in order to explore the campus of the notorious college. Ally plans on majoring in communications and fulfill her dream of becoming a marketing manager for a prestigious company. For example, Nike, Adidas, and etc. Without a doubt her charisma and natural hardworking ability, she soon will become a walking dream.