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Essex, Missouri - Baylee Taylor has been a Richland Rebel all of her life and has played many great volleyball games throughout her years on the Richland volleyball court. Taylor is one of many seniors in the graduating class of 2013 that plans on attending college. In fact, she has her sights set on playing collegiate volleyball and majoring in Sports Medicine.

Today, Taylor officially signed her Letter of Intent to play volleyball at Crowley's Ridge College in her upcoming school years. She had numerous supporters that came to the signing that took place earlier this morning at Richland High School as she took the first step towards her new, bright future. At Taylor's side were both of her parents, Lisa and John Taylor, along with the Head Coach of Taylor's new volleyball team, Cindy Henry. The other members from the Lady Rebels Volleyball Team and the Junior High Volleyball Team also attended the signing as they wished their former teammate good luck. Richland's Principal, Cindy Rhodes, and the Superintendent, Frank Killian, were also in attendance to show their support.

Taylor has played volleyball for a majority of her life and will continue playing in the future. She has played all four years of high school for the Lady Rebels and also played in junior high school. She has played on the Varsity Team since her first season during her freshman year and has continued to work hard and improve throughout the previous years. She has been under the direction of three different coaches and has learned and picked up on many different skills that each mentor had to offer.

Most of Taylor's supporters and fans believed that all of her hard work, sweat, and tears had finally paid off when she was recently chosen for the 2012 All-District Team, but little did they know that she would continue to advance forward and would sign with Crowley's Ridge College.



She will begin her first official volleyball season at Crowley's Ridge College this summer with the rest of her new teammates in Paragould, Arkansas. She will be taught and mentored by the Head Coach, Cindy Henry, who focuses her coaching on fundamentals, attitude, and conditioning.

Aside from playing volleyball throughout the four years of her high school career, Taylor is a very active club member and is the current FFA President of the Richland Chapter. She is also involved in Beta Club, Student Council, FBLA, FCA, Pep Club, and Library Club. In previous years, she has also been a member of the cheerleading squad and was the catcher on the softball team, along with being a junior writer for Richland's newspaper: *The Rebel Yeller*. She has also participated in the Richland Rebel Marching Band in previous seasons as a member of the flag corp.

Richland is showing Taylor just how proud of her they really are by having her banner hung in the gym. The banner was presented to her by her high school coach (her mother, Lisa Taylor) and her team members, who all signed it for her. There are also many pictures of Taylor on the volleyball court throughout the years that have been posted in the high school hallways.

The Richland students and faculty will be torn to watch Taylor go but are very proud of her and find peace in knowing that she is an amazing addition to her new volleyball team at Crowley's Ridge College. The school and community will continue to cheer her on in the years to come and know that she will accomplish even greater things in her future as she attends college.

Congratulations, Baylee!

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