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## To Whom It May Concern:

This is my personal nomination for Katlyn Kendrick (Katie) for the Dawahares / KHSAA Hall of Fame.

She was and is a remarkable volleyball player because she works hard at it. She was a leader on and off the court and makes things happen with positive results. She was dependable, trustworthy, and extremely coachable. She was a self-starter, arriving early for every practice, always prepared, and strove for team effort. Her commitment to the Allen Central Volleyball Program was second to none and she was relentless toward goal achievement.

Katie became a varsity starter her eight grade year and recorded 171 kills and 103 blocks as the Rebel Middle. She put up big numbers in her six years on the varsity but was recognized as an All-American her sophomore year when she recorded 576 kills, 201 blocks, and 176 digs. She was recognized her senior year for three milestones – 2000 kills, 1000 blocks, and 1000 digs. She concluded her high school career with 242 aces, 2501 kills, 123 assists, 1047 blocks, and 1028 digs. She was selected the 'A' Class Player of the Year for the State of Kentucky and the Kentucky Volleyball Coaches Association15<sup>th</sup> Region Player of the Year her senior year. Her other awards include: First Team All-State (three years), All 'A' Classic State Tournament All-Tournament Team (three years), Max Preps and American Volleyball Coaches Association Player of the Week for the state of Kentucky (three times), 15<sup>th</sup> Region All-Tournament Team (five years) and the tournament's MVP (four times), the 58<sup>th</sup> District All-Tournament Team (five years) and the MVP (three years), and the All-Conference Team (six years).

In Katie's career, the Rebels compiled a 159-37 overall record (82-4 in  $15^{th}$  Region play and 40-0 during her junior and senior years). She was instrumental in winning five consecutive  $15^{th}$  Regional All 'A' Championships, she was an All-A State Semi-Finalist four times, and an All 'A' State Runner Up once. She contributed immensely in winning five consecutive KHSAA  $15^{th}$  Region Championships and was key to the team making it to the Elite 8 in the KHSAA State Tournament – the only team from the  $15^{th}$  Region to do so.

Katie earned the reputation as a hard-working, aggressive, and dedicated volleyball player. She garnered the respect of every coach and team Allen Central competed against. They were not only impressed with her skills but were amazed at her attitude, her determination, and her pursuit of excellence. She was respected by her teammates because she fostered growth in their abilities, she stood up for what was right, and she lead by example. In high school, it takes much courage to lead and Katie possessed that courage.

In short, Katie Kendrick was totally committed to excellence. She responded with courage when challenged to produce her best. She had a superior work ethic, was and is a leader, and absolutely deserves selection to the Dawahares / KHSAA Hall of Fame.

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