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Kailyn Dudukovich Lakota West High School



A two-sport athlete in soccer and basketball, Lakota West senior Kailyn Dudukovich is a soccer high school All-American, an international champion, an Ohio state champion and a player that the Girls' Soccer Network called one of the top five high school soccer players in the nation in the 2021 class, while Top Drawer Soccer rated her as the #3 soccer forward in the nation in the 2021 Class.

In 2018, Kailyn was a member of the USA Under-16 girls' national team, helping lead the team to an international title at the Torneo Delle Nazioni tournament in Italy. She scored four times in an 8-0 victory over Iran.

During the Firebirds' high school season-to-remember last year, Kailyn helped the team to a 22-0-2 record and an Ohio state championship, the Firebirds' first state soccer title since 1999. Kailyn came through in the clutch with two goals in the state championship game, including the game-winner with 13 seconds to go, to secure a 2-1 victory over Anthony Wayne. She scored a remarkable 50 goals during the season, a Lakota and GMC single-season record. She also chipped in nine assists, so for the year, she accounted for 109 points, also a school and conference record. She holds at least a half dozen other records. The Firebirds' team last season finished as the #2 rated team in the nation by USA Today. Kailyn also plays for the Ohio Elite soccer club.

Kailyn has won numerous honors for her stellar play. She was named a soccer All-American, Ms. Ohio Soccer, Gatorade Ohio Soccer Player of the Year, Ohio Soccer Player of the Year by the coaches' association, SWO District Player of the Year, GMC Player of the Year and 1st team all-state. She was also named by the Cincinnati.com Sports Awards' as Soccer Player of the Year as well as the girls' overall Athlete of the Year. Kailyn will stay in-state to play her soccer collegiately at the Ohio State University.

Kailyn also played basketball for the defending GMC champion Firebirds. Her junior year, she averaged 15.3 points, 5.8 rebounds a game. Big games included those vs. Middletown (25 points), Springfield (23 points), Hamilton (22 points), Western Hills (22 points), and Lakota East (21 points). She was named first team all-GMC, GMC Defensive Player of the Year, honorable mention all-city Div. I by the Enquirer, and honorable mention all-SWO District.

A super student (4.76 GPA) and member of National Honor Society, she is very active in community service. Her favorite athlete is Michael Jordan, favorite entertainer is Kevin Hart, favorite book is Above the Line, favorite movie is The Blind Side and most-like-to-meet is Ellen DeGeneres.



NAME: Kailyn Dudukovich
GRADUATING YEAR: 2021
SCHOOL: Lakota West High School
SPORT: Soccer-Basketball
BIRTHDATE: 11/16/2002
PARENTS: Dan & Debbie
HEIGHT: 5'11"-155 lbs.
INFLUENCE: "My parents and Grandpa."
FUTURE GOAL: Play for U.S. Women's national soccer team

"Kailyn is an outstanding student-athlete with high character, incredible work ethic, vision towards future goals, and a true mentor to her peers. She is a one of a kind young lady."

- Brigit Reder, Soccer Coach

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