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CARDINAL SENIOR VIRGINIA TRAVERS SIGNS WITH ASHLAND UNIVERSITY

Will Be a Walk On for the Golf Team

Middlefield, OH - When Virginia Travers first learned how to play golf, just four short years ago, she immediately set a goal - play for a college team. At 11:39 a.m. on Wednesday, April 11, 2018, Virginia was all smiles in the lobby of Cardinal High School as she signed her National Letter of Intent to play the sport for Ashland University - the only university she wanted to attend. "I can't explain how good this feels," says Virginia. "To be able to go to the school I fell in love with and play golf for them is just a double bonus, I'm so excited." Virginia will be a walk on for the school's second team, eventually hoping to earn a scholarship and a spot on the first team.

Virginia's golf career began when she was a freshman in high school. "She originally wanted to play volleyball in ninth grade," says Varsity Golf Coach (and dad) Glenn Travers. "When she realized that wasn't a good fit for her she asked if I would teach her how to golf... I said, 'sure.'" The pair would practice, particularly the short game, in the backyard for at least 90 minutes every day, eventually convincing neighbors to allow them to create golf holes in their yards too, for a more realistic approach to fine-tuning her skills. And when the weather turned cold, "I would putt in the house on the carpet," shrugged Virginia.

All of the hard work paid off. Starting out Virginia says she was shooting in the upper 80s for nine holes, but she finished her freshman year as a starter for the JV team and shot a 55 for her best nine hole round. As a sophomore she earned the number four spot on the Varsity golf team and was a letterwinner. During both her junior and senior years, Virginia was selected as the Varsity Golf team captain and earned the role of number one golfer. She advanced from the Sectional Tournament to the District Tournament both years, narrowly missing the State Tournament by three and five strokes respectively. Virginia also received CVC honorable mention honors as a junior and senior.

Along with golf, athletically Virginia also played basketball for the Huskies. Academically, she is a member of the National Honor Society and Student Leadership committee, works with Project ACHIEVE, serves as a freshman mentor, and takes college credit plus classes. Her short term goal is to earn a 4.0 GPA this quarter so she can graduate with her honors diploma.

Virginia reports to Ashland at the end of August, where in addition to playing golf, she plans to earn her degree in Biochemistry.

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