



CHELSEA PETERSON, ATHLETE, CLASS of 2001

One of Portage Central's most gifted female athletes. Chelsea still holds two GK records in two different sports; swimming and track. With no swimming background, Chelsea has the distinction of being the only swimmer to have qualified individually for the state championships in her first year of swimming. During her senior year Chelsea was a conference champion, G-K record holder, state placer and team captain in both track and swimming. Not only excelling in athletics, Chelsea earned academic All-American and academic All-State in both track and swimming her senior year.

Biggest thrill in athletics: *being recognized for my achievements in high school and beyond, and all the support from family, friends, coaches, and teammates.*

PORTAGE CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE HONORS

Track and Field

- All-State – 2000 – Placed 6th in the 300 meter hurdles
- Regional Champion – 2000 – 100 and 300 hurdles
- Set PC record for 100 high hurdles in 2001. Record still stands
- Set PC record for 300 hurdles in 2000. Record still stands
- GK Champion – 1999 and 2000 for 100 hurdles
- GK Champion – 2000 for 300 hurdles
- Big 8 Conference Champion – 2000 – 100 and 300 hurdles
- MVP – 2000 and 2001
- Academic All-State -- 2000
- Leading Scorer – 2000 and 2001
- Captain – 2000 and 2001

Swimming

- Academic All-American – 2000
- Qualified for state finals 3 times in the 100 yard breaststroke
- Set PC, GK, and Big 8 Conference record for the 100 breaststroke. All records still stand
- Member of the school record 200 Medley Relay Team. That group is now 3rd all-time.

- 100 Breaststroke Conference Champion – 1999 and 2000
- 200 Medley Relay Conference Champion – 1998 and 1999
- 200 Free Relay Conference Champion – 2000
- MVP – 1999 and 2000
- Captain – 2000

All Sports

- Earned a total of 8 letters
- Smith Award recipient as top PC female athlete – 2001
- B'nai B'rith Scholar Athlete recipient – 2001

University of Colorado at Colorado Springs

- Was accepted and enrolled at the Air Force Academy and then transferred to UCCS
- Earned 4 track letters
- Upon graduation, Chelsea held the school Indoor 60 High Hurdles record
- Upon graduation, Chelsea was a member of the Top 5 Indoor 4x4 Relay Team