

# Hahn excited to join Delaware Valley soccer program



Sierra Hahn loves the game of soccer. She always has, even at the tender age of 3.

Hahn really couldn't imagine soccer not being a part of her life. She's even willing to travel to make sure of it.

In a signing ceremony in early May, Hahn made it official as she signed with Delaware Valley University, a Division III program based in Doylestown, Penn.

"Ever since I was little I had dreamed of being a college soccer player, but the last year I wasn't too sure and was just going to just choose a college based off of my career path," Hahn said. "My last club and high school season, however, made me realize that I wasn't quite ready to give up the beautiful game. I love the sport too much to give it up just yet. When I finally signed with DelVal, I was very relieved."

Hahn, who has been the starting goalkeeper for the Wildcat soccer program the last two years, is excited to give it a try at the college level.

After this past season, Hahn was selected as a first team All-Frontier League goalie and later earned second team all-state honors. She finished the year with 55 saves and recorded eight clean sheets.

Hahn is looking forward to learning from head coach Ben Wilson and the rest of the Aggie goalkeepers.

“There is a good amount of goalkeepers on the team, but I see myself fitting in quite nicely,” Hahn said. “Coach Wilson is really excited with me joining the team because he feels I will help push the other keepers and he loves my ability to distribute the ball well.

“He said he will be rotating his keepers evenly during regular season to decide who he believes is best for postseason. So I am guaranteed a good amount of playing time this year.”



**Louisburg senior Sierra Hahn signed her letter of intent to play at Delaware Valley University in early May. Sitting next to Sierra are her parents Jeral and Darcy Hahn. Standing (from left) is former Louisburg assistant, and current activities director, Michael Pickman, former head coach Kyle Conley, her brother Vance Hahn and her club coach Tom Holmes.**

However, the soccer program wasn't the only thing that drew Hahn to travel halfway across the country.

She will be majoring in zoo science and minoring in equine science and Delaware Valley was one of the few schools that

offer that type of opportunity. In fact, she chose the school based on her major before deciding on playing soccer.

“I first picked Delaware Valley because of my rare major, but I think what drew me to the team was all of the playing opportunities I will be getting there,” Hahn said. “Not only that, but Coach Wilson was new just as I am. He was someone who had personally worked with keepers before, which is something you rarely see with head coaches.

“I am very excited to be accepted to this program because of the amazing hands on experience and the farm that is on campus. I am also very honored to be a part of the program because they only accept 35 people because of all the program has access to in the zoo system. I am a little nervous and sad to be going so far away but I already have a great support system there. I am super excited for my next adventure, even if it is a little far away.”

Even with all the nerves that going to a new school entails, Hahn is appreciative of the family atmosphere that is awaiting her – just like the one she experienced at Louisburg with head coach Kyle Conley.

“I had always built my friends from soccer and I was worried it would be hard to find a good group of friends moving so far away,” Hahn said. “The girls there have already made me feel welcome and Coach Wilson is very big on all of us being a family much like Coach Conley. I am also super excited to get this chance to challenge myself at the next level.”