

Kuhlman excited to reunite with familiar faces at Avila



Louisburg grad Ashlyn Kuhlman is looking forward to joining the Avila basketball program this coming season.

Ashlyn Kuhlman has played basketball for most of her young life and isn't ready to slow down anytime soon.

The 2025 Louisburg High School graduate has played a big role on the Wildcat girls basketball team for the last two seasons and is ready to continue that at the collegiate level. It didn't take her long to find the right landing spot.

Earlier this year, in front of friends and family, Kuhlman signed her letter of intent to play basketball at Avila University and is looking forward to the opportunity of

helping out the Eagles' program.

"It has been a goal of mine to play in college since I was really young," Kuhlman said. "When I started playing club I knew that I would want to continue for as long as I could. It felt so special seeing my dream become reality on my signing day with the support of my friends and family."

Kuhlman knew Avila well and that was before any official visit. Her sister, Brianne, played for the Eagles last season and the two will get a chance to share the court together this winter.

Having the chance to share time with her sister, along with everything Avila had to offer, made for an easy decision for Ashlyn as she achieved her dream of playing college basketball.

"I started playing basketball when I was in first grade and it has been a huge part of my life with countless hours being put into it," Ashlyn said. "The environment of Avila really stuck out to me. When I stepped on the campus to watch my sister play for the first time, I knew it felt like home."



Louisburg's Ashlyn Kuhlman signed her letter of intent to join the Avila basketball program. Seated next to Ashlyn are her parents Holly and Brian Kuhlman. Standing is her sister Brianne, her brother Ethan and Avila coach Remy Wolfe

However, her sister won't be the only familiar face on the Avila roster. She will also join Louisburg graduates Madilyn Melton and Ava Baker on the team that will now feature four former Wildcat players.

"It is so nice to have others on the team that are from Louisburg because it helped me feel like I could fit in quicker," Ashlyn said. "Also I am so excited to be able to play with my sister and share my first year of college experience with her. I believe that having all these people I know around me will help the transition because they all are very supportive and have taken me in already."

Kuhlman had a pair of successful seasons for the Wildcat basketball program as she earned honorable mention all-league honors the last two years.

She averaged 10.3 points per game to lead the Wildcats and recorded a team-high five rebounds a contest. Kuhlman, who played mainly the guard spot, also tallied a team-best 41 blocks.

As for what the future holds, Kuhlman is just willing to help the team in any way she can.

"I hope to fit in well with the team and be able to play with my sister this year," she said. "I am very excited for everything that is in store for me."