

# McKain excited to join Neosho County volleyball



***Katie McKain, a 2025 Louisburg graduate, is looking forward to her journey with Neosho County Community College volleyball.***

As Katie McKain got older, it became apparent to her that she wanted volleyball to become an important part of her life.

McKain wanted a chance to play volleyball in college and so she began the journey of making that happen. Her hard work and dedication to the sport presented her with an opportunity that she wasn't about to pass up.

Earlier this year, McKain signed her letter of intent to play volleyball at Neosho County Community College and it was an eye-opening moment for the Louisburg graduate.

"I've wanted to play college volleyball ever since I was around 13-14 years old," McKain said. "It was very surreal to

be able to sign. I started playing volleyball when I was 7 years old, and I have loved it ever since, and it's been a huge part of my life."

McKain spent most of the winter trying to find the best landing spot for her, and after a few visits, it became apparent that Neosho was the play for her.

"The thing that stuck out to me here was the group of girls on the team that automatically became friends the second I talked to them," McKain said. "Everyone was so welcoming, along with the coaches, and that's not something I got from other schools I visited."



***Louisburg's Katie McKain signed her letter of intent with Neosho County volleyball earlier this year. Seated next to Kaite is her mom, Michelle. Standing (from left) are her brothers Ben and Jacob.***

She was a part of a Louisburg team this past season that reached the sub-state championship, before falling to the

state runner-up in Rock Creek. McKain played the right side for the Wildcats and the coaches see her playing a similar role for the Panthers.

“When I first did a visit and practice with them the coach had me playing multiple different positions to just see where she wanted to put me, and she told me she sees me as a right side hitter,” McKain said.

McKain reported to the Neosho team in late July and practice has already begun for the upcoming season. She is excited to get going with her new team.

“My goals are to further my ability on the court and just see where these two years here take me,” she said. “I can’t wait to see what this year has in store for me.”