

The Above and Beyond 'Thunder Clap'  
Recognition for the Week of April 8th:

## Halle Colby



### Hometown Pride:

"The OF community is a one of a kind thing to be a part of. It's such a fun environment where no one is afraid to take time out of their day to help out. From next door, to down the road neighbors, everyone will be there. Being a small community ensures that we know everyone. However, the love and support that comes from it, is amazing."

### Bleacher Report (activities):

Sports: Volleyball, Basketball and Softball

Clubs: Above and Beyond, FBLA, FFA

Outside of School: Ruby's Pantry

### Thunder Role:

"I think that it is important to be a good role model because there is always someone watching you. In my case, it's my niece and nephew. My niece watches my every move and is starting to copy what I do. She follows me around constantly and repeats what I say and even how I say it. Besides her, I have many small children in my life that copy what I do, and that has definitely pushed me to be the best role model that I can. I want to set a good example for these kids."

### Topic Thunder:

"I think that it is important to stay away from drugs, alcohol and tobacco as an athlete for many reasons. The biological aspects of what they do to your body are only hurting you. Athletes that want to train and practice, will not gain anything if they use these substances."

### Scouting Report (quotes from teachers):

"Halle has really focused on her academics this year and it has not gone unnoticed. She has found her voice in class discussions and always has interesting thoughts to contribute. Contributing in class isn't always easy, but Halle has modeled it exceptionally." – Mrs. Schultz

"Halle has really made efforts to create a positive situation for her and her future. She has evaluated what is best for her and adjusted to make things happen. She is goal and detail oriented. She is a strong young woman who is destined for success." – Mrs. Simpson

### Fan Deck (quotes from peers):

"Halle Colby enjoys helping people when they have a question on something and is respectful to staff and students."

"She'll always help people with schoolwork, whether she's confident in it or not. She gives everything her best shot."

"Halle Colby is a great role model when it comes to being able to balance sports and school."

"Halle is a very involved student and excels in her extracurriculars."

### Hometown Hero:

"Kevin Rongstad. Kevin is my home town hero because he is the most caring and kind person I know. He's always willing to step in and lend a hand, no matter the situation. I can always go to him when I need to talk to someone or when I just need a hug."

"Dale Polinske is also a hometown hero of mine. I nominated him to be my hometown hero because of the kind of person he is. He is our local schools crossing guard, helps out whenever he can, and is always kind. Dale is the type of person you could call whenever you need help and he would be on his way to you. He takes care of his mother as well."