

Volleyball Star Wins Shopper Scholarship

The Shopper's 2013 Scholarship winner Taylor Massengale has earned a spot on an NCAA, Division II, Volleyball team while maintaining a 4.35 grade point average, even taking difficult Advanced Placement and Honors courses at River Valley High School.

The Shopper Scholarship was the first scholarship offered to River Valley High School's first graduating class six years ago. Shopper Publisher Clark Buschmann said, "It goes every year to a student who shows amazing promise in at least two distinct disciplines."

Taylor earned this year's Shopper Scholarship by posting amazing achievements in history and English literature, and in volleyball.

Volleyball is Taylor's first love, and it's what's drawing her to California State University, Stanislaus. She met the volleyball coach and loved the campus when she visited. "The campus is like a park, with seven lakes," she said. The Volleyball scholarship will cover tuition and fees, and the Shopper Scholarship will help too.

You'll find Taylor at the net a lot when she's playing volleyball. She's 6-foot-2, and she says, "I hit and block." Her River Valley High School Girls Volleyball team won the Tri-County Conference League Title twice, and Taylor was named the team's MVP and Tri-County Conference All League three years.

Taylor also thinks playing Volleyball will help her schoolwork. "Sports really helps me keep focused," she said. "I had a regimented schedule when I was playing high school sports. I got home from practice, and I knew exactly what I had to do."

What she "had to do" was study hard enough to earn A-pluses in AP World History and AP US History. She also earned A grades in the math and science courses, but the humanities courses, especially history and English literature, are her primary academic strengths.

Taylor plans to earn a Bachelor's Degree in anthropology and a Master's Degree in sociocultural anthropology. She said the anthropology field "keeps a lot of options open" for jobs in environmental planning for large companies or for research for museums.



Fight on For Stanislaus (1977) / Warriors of the West (2011)

*Fight on for Stanislaus.
Be strong and brave and bold.*

*Fight on for victory.
Defend our colors red and gold.*

*Fight on for our great name.
We are the strongest and the best.*

*Fight on defend our fame.
We are the Warriors of the West.*

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