

2025 Application for the Inspiration Award for Student-athletes presented by Piedmont Orthopedics by OrthoAtlanta.

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Nominated by: Jordan Tate

What she wrote:

Raylee inspires not only her team and her coaches, but everyone around her. Before finishing up her junior year, Raylee was diagnosed with Non Hodgkin's Lymphoma. She started her very rigorous treatment in the spring and that began the journey of wishing, hoping, and praying. Wishing she didn't have to go through this, hoping her outcome was positive, and praying that treatment worked. She faced every round of treatment with impeccable courage and continues to carry that with her every day. Shortly after completing her treatment, Raylee was back on the mat, more determined and more amazing than ever. She gives 100% every single day. Watching her perform now is nothing short of inspiring! She is the epitome of perseverance and heart! We are so proud of everything she has accomplished and continues to accomplish!

Hey! My name is Raylee Greeson. I am a senior at Coahulla Creek High School. On February 20th, 2025 I was diagnosed with stage 3 non-hodgekens lymphoma. I had a tumor around my lung that was about the size of your fist. Just four days before my diagnosis, I was competing with my all-star team, The Stingray Allstar Sugar was more than just a team at this time.

March 10th I started my first round of chemotherapy. I went through five more rounds after that. Before my diagnosis, I had been dealing with chest pain for a couple months. Working out slowly got harder and harder. I went to a walk-in clinic, and it was mistaken for mono. So we brushed it off and I continued to cheer. Eventually, I couldn't make it through practice without feeling like my body was giving up on me.

I got a chest scan, and that's when they found mass in my chest. A CT scan confirmed it. That same day, we got a call back from the hospital saying we needed to meet with an oncologist. Having no idea what that was, a Doctor walked into this tiny room with a TV screen, watching a video of me breathing as the doctor explained that I had a tumor on my lung that was taking up more than 40% of my lung capacity.

The next day, I had a biopsy to get a small piece of the tumor. After that, I underwent five more surgeries: another biopsy, a bone marrow biopsy, a picc line placed, a chest tube, port placement, then finally a port removal. During my treatment, I had more spinal taps than I can remember.

After roughly 100 days spent in and out in the hospital getting chemo, I was starting to question if I'd ever cheer again. A part of me was so exhausted thinking there was no way my body would be ready to compete in time. Cheer was my life, I spent seven days a week in the gym ,never missing a practice.

As my all-star team finished their season, my high school season began. Right before my treatment started they had tryouts, unable to try out. I came and sat and watched everyone else try out for something that was my entire life.

During my time in the hospital I had some of the best nurses in the entire world. But not only did I just meet amazing nurses, doctors and amazing child life specialists. They saved my life.

While I was there, I also met my little best friend, Cade. We spent a lot of time in the hospital together, finding joy in small things when there wasn't much to do. Cade never failed to make everyone laugh. We all are amazed by this little boy's strength. Cade showed me a different kind of strength.

June 3rd, I completed my last round of chemo. My team was having choreography close to the hospital that same day. I annoyed the nurses that day to make sure I was out of the hospital in time to stop by. And they did! Because who else would make sure there was one? ME! Slowly starting to gain my strength back, I started to cheer again.

My diagnosis and this cheer season has shown me so much of what an amazing God we serve. I am honored to be nominated for the GHSA Inspiration Award.



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Reference Letter-Raylee Greeson

1 message

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To: "ghsaspirit@gmail.com" <ghsaspirit@gmail.com>

Miss Raylee Greeson,

Hands down the most inspiring young lady I know. Raylee and I had to meet in the absolute worst way. In a small room we gathered together and found out her and her family were going up against cancer. In that moment, I saw a sweet resilient 16 year old ready to kick cancers butt. Raylee has inspired myself and many others in more ways we can count. My favorite example to outline just how great she is, while Raylee was receiving treatment she made sure to check on others around her and leave notes and treats to brighten other peoples day. She is a true light to all the ones who have the opportunity to cross paths with her and although we had to meet in the worst way i am so thankful God placed her and her family into my life.

With my whole heart,

Nurse Tiffani Vincent