

HIGH SCHOOL — GYMNASTICS

Brookings High School

LAYLA ERICKSON

Senior

Layla is the epitome of hard work, dedication, and effort. Layla was one of the only 3 sport female athletes we had as a senior this year. Layla competed in competitive cheer, gymnastics, and softball. Layla was a strong leader on the Comp Cheer team that placed 4th at state this last fall. In gymnastics, Layla placed 10th in the state in all around, and placed in the top 10 in vault, floor, and beam at state. As a softball player, Layla is a team captain and will be one of our best infielders and base runners this spring. Weight room wise, Layla works harder than every other athlete in the room. She has a drive to always push herself and be better than she was previously. Layla is also an athlete that will seek out alternatives in the weight room if she has an injury, compared to others who avoid training around an injury. Layla will always put her best foot forward and will work towards the betterment of herself and others. Her gymnastics coach would often comment that “Layla is more concerned about other's development than her own.” The same can be said for the weight room, as she is more concerned about the younger girls doing things the right way than focusing on herself. She is truly a selfless athlete. ~Kerry Brown

Yankton

BURKLEY OLSON

All Around

Senior

Burkley is a 4 sport athlete, competing in Volleyball, Basketball, Track and Gymnastics. She has used training to help excel in all four areas. In Volleyball, Burkley is a team captain and 2x varsity letter winner. In Basketball she is a 3x varsity letter winner. In track, she is a 5x varsity letter winner, conference Champion in the long jump and placed at State last year in the long jump. In Gymnastics, she is also a 5x letter winner, has received an award for All Around Gymnast of the Year and the Callie Boomsa Award for the highest average on the Beam. She is a 2x State Qualifier in gymnastics. Also a member of the National Honors Society, she also volunteers as a coach for youth basketball, volleyball and gymnastics. ~Mark Roozen