2020 Senior Softball Players

My name is **Megan Konkol** and I am a senior. I started playing softball when I was a kid. My sister, dad, and I would always play catch and hit balls together. Since my mom wasn't big into playing sports she loved to come with and just help pick up balls and watch. The thing I love the most about softball is all the encouragement you got while playing. Especially when you are up to bat and your whole team is in the dugout cheering you on. To me softball has always been an uplifting sport and I was always in a good mood playing the game. Although I wasn't able to get a senior softball season, I will always remember the memories I have made throughout the years. I do not plan on furthering my career in softball, but I definitely will continue playing for fun with my family and friends. Next year I will be attending the University of Wisconsin Stevens Point to study dietetics. I one day hope to become a registered dietitian. I would like to give a special thanks to my parents for all the time and money they have spent on me playing. Especially my dad for teaching me the skills I needed to play when I was young. I would also like to thank all the coaches I have had throughout the years. I would like to also say a very big thank you to Coach Fraaza. You have helped me grow a ton as a person and softball player throughout the years. You would always tell me what I was doing wrong and what I could do to better myself as a player. I was extremely disappointed in knowing I wasn't going to ever play another high school softball game again. It is even worse to think that the last time I played on the field or the last time I was with everyone I didn't know it was going to be the last. This year has been anything but your typical senior year, but I know it is definitely a year I will never forget.

My name is **Madison Schwalbach**. I started playing softball when I was in fourth grade, but I grew up watching my mom play every summer on a bar league team. My mom likes to Joke around by saying I was almost born in a dug out. She was practicing two days before I was born and played a game two weeks after I was born. Softball has been an activity that helped me relate to my mom. Knowing it was her favorite sport wanted me to play it because I wanted to be as good as she was. My mom was always there at every game, taking me to practice, or playing catch with me when I would ask. When I was in eighth grade I started to play on the same softball team as my mom in the summer, I probably never admitted it to my mom, but being able to play with her for all these years was an experience I am glad to have made. I was so looking forward to playing this spring with my team, but sadly that wasn't the case. I will always be thankful for the memories that I have made over the last 9 years while playing softball. In the fall I will be attending UW Green Bay, for elementary and special education. I hope to be able to continue to play sports with intramurals. Lastly, I would like to thank my parents, but especially my mom for being supportive of me playing sports and coming to as many games as they could, and teaching me to love the game.