

Brooke Wila

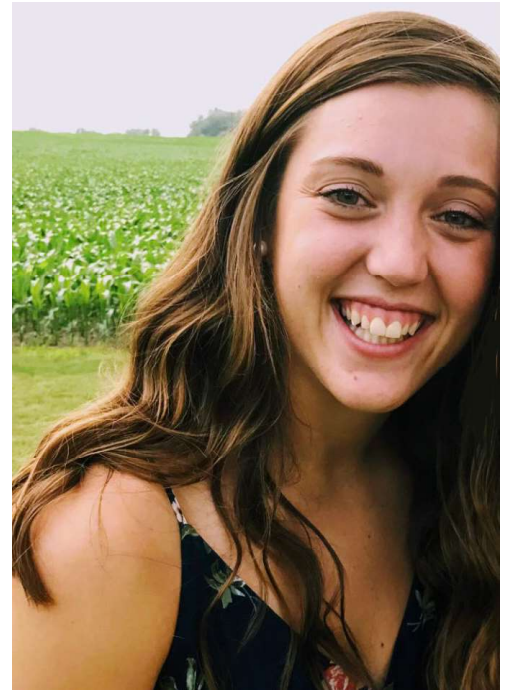
Brooke Wila, All Saints Academy class of 2012, is graduating from Aquinas College with a degree in Secondary Education and Integrated Science. She chose education because she values the ability to create relationships with students while teaching something she is passionate about. She recalls countless amazing and caring teachers who have supported her, and she would love to shape the minds and hearts of her future students in the same way.

When thinking about the Catholic education she received from All Saints Academy, West Catholic, and Aquinas College, Brooke feels prepared to be an empathetic, dedicated, and kind-hearted educator. “It is through my faith-based education that I have developed the right mindset and skills to teach with love, care for my students, and support them in all of their needs.”

When asked what words of advice might help students maneuver the middle years, Brooke cited laughter as an important element. “Those years are challenging in so many ways, and taking it day by day while finding ways to integrate humor into each one can make a huge difference. Don’t be afraid to laugh at yourself.”

Brooke also highlights the importance of healthy relationships and how she knows first hand how much growth they can foster. Her past five years on the Aquinas softball team have brought her some of the most meaningful and special relationships and memories of her life. “I have no idea where I would be without this sport and all that it has taught me about life!” Brooke currently holds the record for Aquinas Softball career stolen bases. Earning All-conference, All-region, Academic All American, and being recognized as a Champion of Character only give further testimony to the importance Brooke places in being part of, as well as relying on, sound relationships and teamwork.

Brooke ends with the following note: “Don’t forget to take time for yourself—the formative years go by too quickly and college goes by even faster! Put in the hardwork it takes for academics, athletics, and extracurriculars, but don’t forget about your relationship with Christ, your family and friends, and time for yourself.”



“Every day brings its own challenges and hills to climb, but I am able to find strength and patience through prayer and little conversations with God daily—whether that be in my car or in my room.”