

Faces off the Field: Abbey Pennington

Georgetown, Senior, Basketball



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Abbey Pennington is a senior on the Eagles basketball team.

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What makes Georgetown basketball so good year after year? The players really buy into the program and have trust in each other and in our coaches. Each day we make sure that we have worked harder than any other team.

What is your favorite basketball memory? I will always remember going to Phoenix and playing in the Nike Tournament of Champions there. We had so much fun together. Also, each year staying in cabins in the middle of nowhere at the Winnsboro tournament was also interesting. We had to make our own fun around the lake and the woods because no technology was out there.

Do you have any pregame rituals? I always eat a Subway turkey sandwich before every game. My team and I always say the same cheers to pump us up, and we say an awesome team prayer together. Oh, and we all put on Georgetown blue eyeliner and blue mascara before our games.

What is a bigger challenge — keeping up with academics or staying sharp for athletics? I think keeping up with academics is probably a bigger challenge. Between late-night games and long practices after school, it's hard to get homework and studying done before a reasonable hour at night and still have energy for the next day's game or practice.

If you were to have dinner with four people in the history of the world, who would they be? I would choose Jesus, of course; my grandfather who died before I was born, because I never got to know him; Jesse McCartney because he is my celebrity crush; and Eve because she was the first woman on earth.

How important has your coach, Rhonda Farney, been to the success of the school's basketball program? Coach Farney is a big part. She involves everyone: our families, our fans, our Sun City boosters, people who just want to support our program, and actually, the whole community. The little girls in Georgetown who play basketball dream of being a Lady Eagle when they get older ...

What's the best advice anyone has ever given you? My dad always tells me, 'Anything worth doing is worth doing well. You don't always have to win, but you do always have to give it your all.' Giving 100 percent can be applied to basketball as well as other things in life. It is something I have always remembered and applied to what I do, probably because I have heard it way too many times.

If you bought a car that best matched your personality, what would it be? I think the car that best matches my personality would be a BMW 3 or 5 series car in a charcoal gray color. Safe, simple, classy, yet fun.

If you could take a vacation anywhere you want, where would you go? I would love to go to Australia to see the outback, visit Sydney, see the beautiful beaches and cool animals. I have also never left the country, so that would be exciting.

— Rick Cantu