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Baylor Bound Gymnast is MHS's First Signed Athlete of the Year

Monroe, WA – Taking a proud next step in her athletic career, MHS senior Hannah Schumacher's signing to be on the gymnastics team at Baylor University in Texas launches the college intent signing season of MHS athletes for this school year.

Schumacher, daughter of Christine and John Schumacher, said she chose Baylor for two reasons. "They have a really good nursing program and they have the sport I want to do which is acrobatics and tumbling," she explained.

There are only 13 schools in the country with an acrobatics and tumbling focus. Schumacher was keen on continuing gymnastics, an endeavor she began at the age of 5. "I did it until my freshman year," she explained. "Then I started competitive cheer and continue to do that now."

She plans on continuing in cheer as well. "I like how there are different things to do and I can always push myself to be better," she observed. "There's no limit."

Schumacher said it was a little scary thinking about going so far from home, but is excited to start a new chapter in her life. She plans on pursuing a nursing degree, which is a career that hits close to home for her.

"My brother was in a coma for 10 years and I basically lived in the hospital with him for two years," she said. While her brother was in the hospital, she observed the impact that nurses could have on their environment, both good and bad. "The good nurses changed your life in some way, whether it was little or big. I wanted to be one."

But it's not going to be all athletics and nursing. When asked what she was most excited about at Baylor, she said, "I'm looking forward to making new connections with new people and having a fun time, she said with a smile.

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