

## LJHS GRADUATE STUDENT EXPERIENCES SUCCESS DOING WHAT SHE LOVES



The letter that follows was written by Heather Gillean, whose daughter went to LJHS five years. Her daughter, Brianna Mills, has been attending the University of Maine at Fort Kent. Her passion for soccer continues years after attending our school. Her mother wanted to thank LJHS teachers and coaching staff for their contribution to Brianna's academic and athletic success. As the soccer season wrapped up, Brianna was named to the "All-American" first team in her Freshman year of university soccer at just 17 years old. Once again, U of M (Fort Kent) were the National Champions in Women's Soccer for the third time in four years. Again, proof that the LJHS soccer program can set student up for ongoing success! We are looking forward to next year when as a sophomore, she will be eligible for the All-Academic team as well.

*To Mr. Mason,*

*I wanted to extend a "Thank You" to the staff of LJHS, in particular those who were involved in the Soccer Concentration program in 2008-09 and 2009-10 school years, as well as Mrs Steiner who was both "Homeroom" and the English teacher to my daughter Brianna Mills.*

*Although Brianna chose to pursue Sec 3-5 in the French sector in order to train at a particular soccer program, the two years she spent at LJHS were invaluable in helping her on the road to achieving the goals she has set for herself.*

*Brianna was accepted directly out of Secondary 5 to a US university to play Varsity Soccer for a team which has won 2 national titles in the past 3 years and only lost in the final last year in overtime 1-0. It also boasts a team where every year over half the girls are nominated "All Academic" meaning they not only played Varsity sports but maintained averages over 3.5/4.*

*She is at the University of Maine (Fort Kent), where I am certain her professors will also be very appreciative of the solid academic base LJHS provided in English, Math and Sciences. U of M is a small university that has ranked in the top northeastern schools by the "Princeton Review" for nine years, it is a small but mighty school that cares as is the case with LJHS.*

*Best regards, Heather*

*Gillean*

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