

# White earns scholarship to Bushnell

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Bre White and her family moved to Sisters her senior year and she finished her high school volleyball career at Sisters High School (SHS). Now she's poised to carry that career into college.

White started to play volleyball in the fifth grade while living in Ridgefield, Oregon. She also joined a club team and has been playing both school and club ball ever since. White's a versatile player and has covered almost every position on the court.

White's family moved to Spokane her freshman year, and that was when White saw most of her action as an outside and middle hitter. Bre played on a club team in Spokane her sophomore and junior year and traveled to tournaments in Colorado, Florida, and Texas, as well as local tournaments in the Spokane area.

Bre moved to Sisters in May of 2021 and lived with family friends Petra and Duane Chase. White told *The Nugget* she signed up to take the IEE (Interdisciplinary Environmental Education) class at Sisters High School in order to meet other people before she started her senior year in Sisters. The rest of her family officially moved to the area in August.

White shared with *The Nugget* that she especially enjoyed her time in Sisters.

"My family moved a lot and I never felt like I fit in anywhere," said White. "The day I moved here I knew this was where I was going to meet friends that would last forever. I enjoy volleyball so much. It truly is my passion; the rush of being on the court and the excitement everyone brings to the team really can encourage one to do their best."

White was a valuable asset to Sisters' volleyball squad. She played as an outside hitter and earned First Team All-League honors.

Rory Rush, SHS head volleyball coach, said, "Brianna played her senior



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Bre White will play volleyball at the college level next year.

season for the Outlaws and quickly established herself as a go-to on the outside. She has the ability to hit around the block, provide power, but also an off-speed shot when needed. She has many tools in her toolbox and with her great court sense knows when to use just what she needs. She is energetic and enthusiastic on the floor and a natural leader with her teammates. She will do great things at Bushnell, providing them with an offensive threat on the outside."

White told *The Nugget* she wanted to play volleyball at the collegiate level and had a friend who played at Bushnell University in Eugene, which is next to the University of Oregon campus.

"My friend put my name out there," said White. "Then I reached out and Coach Jason Corbin invited me over for a visit."

White visited Bushnell in early August of 2021. Due to COVID, she wasn't allowed to stay with players, but instead was put up in a nearby hotel.

"I did get a tour of the campus," said White. "We were actually supposed to go axe-throwing as a team bonding experience, but COVID shut that down. I was so upset!

"I felt really comfortable at Bushnell," added White. "I wasn't a nervous wreck, and I played well, and felt like I was already a part of

the family."

White was offered a combination athletic and academic scholarship, but she didn't accept the offer immediately.

"I waited until our volleyball season here (at Sisters) ended, and then I called and accepted their offer," said White. "I'm excited about the atmosphere at Bushnell, being able to play and know I'm needed and wanted as a player. I feel like these girls will be friends for life."

There's one item of unfinished business that she wants to take care of.

"I did see my coach recently and told him he owes the team an axe-throwing bonding experience," White said with a grin.

White will head to Bushnell the end of July and practice starts on August 3.

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Extensive preparation goes into the exercise. Hazardous fixtures like water heaters — which can heat up and explode — must be removed, along with any asbestos that could be dispersed in smoke. The building is altered to allow for ventilation and repeated fire starts "to make it last longer and be safer," Johnson explained.

The structure is divided up into cells where fires can be started and extinguished repeatedly. According to Chief Johnson, the goal is to get a dozen to 20 fire starts during the training exercise.

Chief Johnson noted that the Sisters-Camp Sherman Fire District (SCSFD) is working on enhancing its regular training facilities near Sisters' wastewater treatment plant to allow for more live-fire training, where firefighters get the sensation of working in smoke, heat, and close quarters.

On the same day, firefighters responded to a structure fire west of Tollgate that consumed an outbuilding.

The Sisters Fire District is currently seeking volunteers (see related story, page 3).

Sisters-Camp Sherman Rural Fire Protection District is also seeking applicants to fill a vacant position on their board of directors. Fire District board members Jack McGowan and Chuck Newport were on hand for the training exercise. They noted that no fire experience is necessary to serve on the board — simply a desire to serve the Sisters community.

The board will appoint the successful candidate to the vacant position through June 30, 2023. The board of directors meet each month at 5 p.m. on the third Tuesday.

Completed applications should be returned with a cover letter and be received in the Fire District's administrative office no later than February 25 at 5 p.m.

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