

# ALUMNAE SPOTLIGHT

## MARISSA OZOG



**Year of Graduation:** 2014

**What elementary school did you attend?** Our Lady of Good Counsel

**Why did you choose Ladywood?** When I first came to LHS on my “shadowing day,” I received a warm welcome from all of the students and faculty. They were all kind, thoughtful, and receptive to any questions I had about LHS. In addition, I was confident that LHS was going to provide me with the tools to succeed in and out of the classroom and beyond through its sound faith life, rigorous academics, and competitive athletics.

**Why did you choose a Catholic high school?** After receiving a Catholic education nine years prior to Ladywood, I wanted to continue growing and learning about the Catholic faith, ensuring that I continued to develop a close relationship with God before entering into college.

**What are your fondest memories of Ladywood?** All of the dances, whether it was the Opening Dance, Homecoming, Winter Formal, or Prom, were enjoyable and fun! Gathering together in a circle with your classmates for the final song, “American Pie,” was the best part. I also remember winning and defeating our rivals, Marian Mustangs, in the CHSL championship, becoming the first Ladywood Varsity soccer team to win the CHSL championship for soccer.

**What activities were you involved in?** Varsity Soccer (4 years, Co-Captain for 2014 Season); Student Council (Senior Class President); National Honor Society (2012-2014); Prolife Club; Italian Club (President, 2013-2014; Secretary, 2012-2013); Freshmen Basketball (Co-Captain)

**Where did you go to college after you graduated from Ladywood?** I am currently a Junior at Michigan State University.

**How did Ladywood prepare you for the challenges of college?** Throughout my four years at Ladywood, the rigorous and challenging course load that I engaged in really prepared me for college. LHS provides ample opportunities to be challenged by enrolling in accelerated and Advance Placement courses that mimic the rigor and competitive environment of a college class. LHS’s curriculum is not just about memorizing information; it is the application to real-world concepts or hypothetical situations that allows students to grow academically. In addition, the teachers afford their students interactive opportunities to engage with the concepts they learn in the classroom. In addition, transitioning to four to five courses in college from having to handle and “time-manage” eight classes made the change from high school to college even smoother.

**What is your planned profession?** I am currently majoring in Kinesiology and minoring in Health Promotion, taking classes in preparation for physical therapy school. I will be applying next fall for the Fall of 2018 enrollment period.

**How did Ladywood help in shaping you to be the woman you are today?** The faculty, staff, and my fellow classmates of Ladywood High School molded me into the woman I am today. The faculty and staff challenged and encouraged me every day to be the best student and person I can be in the classroom and beyond. My classmates provided a competitive and comfortable environment for me to grow spiritually, academically, and athletically, while also instilling a sisterhood and bond between classmates. I grew into a confident and determined young woman because of all these people. Ladywood High School was and will always be my home away from home, wherever I may be.



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