

# PLAYMAKER

*of the month*

## ASHLEE PARRISH



Ashlee Parrish, junior, Women's Volleyball, at Mount Aloysius College (MAC) is a natural leader and top academic performer on her team. Parrish has a passion to use the power of sport to be a positive role model for the youth in her community.

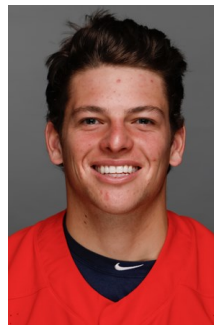
It is important to Parrish to use her volleyball knowledge and skill to coach and encourage the youth in her community. She is a volunteer volleyball coach at the local high school, coaching on the junior varsity and varsity levels. With her busy schedule as a collegiate student-athlete, Parrish finds a way to participate in the high school's entire summer program, and attends practices and games in the fall, while she is in season, when she can.

Parrish dedicates valuable time in the summer to volunteer for the MAC Volleyball summer league for local high schools. Parrish serves the role as administrator, referee liaison, team and parent concierge, fundraiser, and coach. If that isn't enough, you can also find Parrish conducting volleyball clinics for elementary age students. Students learn the basic skill sets of the sport, what good sportsmanship looks like, and a free t-shirt.

During the COVID-19 school shutdown, many families relied on meals provided by the schools. To help with this issue, Parrish helped to coordinate resources to provide food for these families. Her and her teammates personally spent time handing out food at the local schools to anyone who drove up.

Parrish is carrying a 3.84 GPA and majoring in Business Administration.

## TYLER CASAGRANDE



Tyler Casagrande, junior, Baseball, at the University of Arizona (UA), is a proven leader for the Wildcat's athletic community. He has a passion to serve others in many capacities, including his money.

When the new NIL law was announced, Casagrande started a small t-shirt company. Profiting off of his success as a student-athlete, his t-shirts became in high demand. As a result, in October 2021, Casagrande donated \$10,000 to the Banner-UMC Diamond Children's Medical Center for children fighting pediatric cancer. His donation will be used to "buy gifts for children in the hospital, resources for families visiting the hospital and making upgrades to the rooms the children stay in." (article - <https://bit.ly/3okuvCF>).

Casagrande serves as the Baseball representative for the UA Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC), since 2019. He enjoys collaborating on community initiatives with representatives from all of UA's athletic teams. Casagrande might be most proud of helping to organize a charity event to support the children's section of Banner-UMC Hospital.

Casagrande is also known to volunteer in his hometown in Northern Virginia with the Falcon Serve Group. As a volunteer, Casagrande takes leadership in coordinating food deliveries to the homeless and helps plan weekly meal and supply deliveries.

Casagrande carries a 3.344 GPA as a Business Management major. He is expected to graduate this May 2022.