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The journey to Notre Dame begins long before student-athletes step on campus each fall. When they commit to the Blue and Gold, our student-athletes are committing to more. They are committing to represent Notre Dame to the best of their ability in competition, the classroom, and the community.

The Rockne Heritage Fund supports their dreams of wearing the Blue and Gold, by providing scholarships and financial support for more than 700 student-athletes.

A STUDENT-ATHLETE'S PATH TO NOTRE DAME JEMMA YEADON '20 SEATTLE, WA ■ VOLLEYBALL ■ OUTSIDE HITTER



When I decided to visit to Notre Dame on my mid-winter break in February, it was the coldest day of the year. There was snow all over the place. I could not even take my hands out of my pockets. I was questioning if I would be able to come here.

Then I walked into Coach's office. During that meeting he laid out where he thought I could go as a player and challenged me to get better. Seeing this plan and recognizing he would push me to my goals made me instantly realize that this program was the place for me. When I returned to Seattle and thought more about my commitment to Notre Dame, I realized I had to keep getting better, on and off the court.

Going into my senior year, I noticed that many of my friends were taking easier classes to be able to have more free-time before they enter college. However, that was not the journey I chose. I chose to prepare for the academic rigours of Notre Dame as much as possible. I took the most AP courses I had taken in my life. I tried to make my schedule match that of the student-athletes at Notre Dame. I woke up early to workout, I went to classes, to practice, to another workout, and then finished my school-work. I was determined to come into Notre Dame and be able to have an impact while succeeding in the classroom.

Coming into my freshman year, I am excited to be a part of the team - excited for the 6:30 am workouts followed by class and practice. I love being around the team and drawing inspiration from those I surround myself with every day. Coach has already been telling our team that it is our chance to "Set the new standard" for ND Volleyball.

That is my goal for my next four years. I want to be able to look back on my time and say, "I played a role in that. I helped set the new standard at Notre Dame."

- Gemma Yeadon '20

The background of the bottom section is a sepia-toned photograph of the Notre Dame campus, showing the main building and surrounding grounds. Overlaid on this is a dark blue rectangular box containing the text "ROCKNE" in large, gold, serif capital letters, and "HERITAGE FUND" in smaller, gold, serif capital letters below it, separated by a thin gold horizontal line.

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