

## **Menchak Signs With Bellarmine**

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Allison Menchak fell in love with Bellarmine University when she visited it.

The Triad senior recently signed a letter of intent to play soccer for the university in Louisville, Kentucky. "I knew if I was going away I wanted to go somewhere small," she said. "It's what I want. I love Louisville, it's beautiful."

She started playing soccer when she was four with the Troy Soccer Club through the Tri-Township Park. She has played on select teams ever since, and been with the St. Louis Scott Gallagher Soccer Club for about six years. Menchak played varsity soccer for Triad as a midfielder all four years of high school.

"She's a really talented player," said Triad Head Coach Mike Villa. "She's really good at distributing the ball, and keeping it. She's capable of getting a goal every now and then, too."

"She's very quick, she's got really good dribbling skills," said Scott Gallagher Program Director Dale Schilly. "She had issues with heading the ball, but now she's very strong in the air. She's a well-rounded player now and she'll be a good college player."

"She was really bad [at heading] and we used to make fun of her," said Scott Gallagher Coach Mitch Bohnak. "Now she's very good so it's just fun watching her develop over the past six or seven years. Allison has been a huge part of this team for entire Metro career and we look forward to her having an awesome College career!"

"She's an outstanding person and an unbelievable soccer player," said Scott Gallagher Coach Tony Segobiano. "She's going to do exceptionally well at Bellarmine."

Allison's parents, Frank and Annette Menchak, said they were pleased with her choice. "I'm excited for her," Frank said. "She fell in love with the school - liked the coach, liked a lot of the players when she went down to visit and it was a fit." "It's in a nice area so I'm not alarmed about the safety," Annette said. "The coaches just really seemed like they took the girls under their wings and really cared about them." "She's looking forward to it," she added. "If she's excited and happy that makes us excited and happy."

While attending Triad, Menchak has also participated in student council, Knights council, FCCLA and FCA. At Bellarmine, she plans to go in undecided but looks to move towards studying marketing and advertising.