



**Ashley Friend**  
**Class of 2015**  
**Female Athlete Inductee**

Ashley Friend graduated from Holton High School in 2015. As a Volleyball and Softball athlete, Friend demonstrated dependable athleticism that made her a valuable asset to her teams.

As a three-year varsity volleyball player, Friend was a libero. She earned this defensive position because of her intensity and drive. It was almost a mark of failure to her if she didn't touch every ball in her designated area. This intensity combined with her competitive attitude could be seen in her face and her actions. Ashley was a completely focused athlete, when it was game time there were no distractions. These traits created a strong defense, which allowed for many wins throughout her time in the volleyball program.

As a four-year varsity softball player, Friend really shined. Serving as the starting catcher for multiple seasons, she established a dominate wall behind the plate. Her defensive skill not only kept runners from scoring but she was often able to prevent a base runner from stealing. In her freshman year, Friend threw out 11 of 30 base stealers. She earned All Area and All Conference Honorable Mention her freshman year. In 2014, she earned All State Honorable Mention. In 2015, Friend earned 1<sup>st</sup> Team All-Conference, All-District, All-Regional, 1<sup>st</sup> Team All State Catcher, and played in the MHSSCA All Star Game. Her phenomenal playing contributed to multiple softball teams earning District Championships, Regional Championships and State Semi Final runs.

In addition to her outstanding athletic contributions, Friend was also an outstanding student graduating in the top ten of her class. After high school, Friend went on to serve our country in the Marines.

Friend's hard work and athletic success make her a worthy inductee into the Holton Athletics Hall of Fame.