**Mackenzie Cunningham**

Our first featured (new) scholarship winner is Mackenzie Cunningham from Mt. Carmel High School. Mackenzie has been playing soccer since she was a toddler (3 years old!) starting out her career at Poway Soccer Park, later playing for San Diego Soccer Club and MCHS..

She described her struggle developing into a top notch soccer player *but she did so*. . . Sophomore year, she had 11 goals and 3 assists and scored the winning goal in the Division 2 San Diego CIF championships. In addition, she ended up as her team’s MVP in her junior year and the 2021 Mt. Carmel Female Athlete of the Year. Senior year she was voted team captain and MVP, once again. Other honors include the CIF San Diego Section/Mission Federal North County Conference Winter Student Athlete of the year and, a “ San Diego High School Sports Association, Scholar-Athlete of the Year” (one of only eight!)! Besides praising Mackenzie’s many positive qualities, her coach also wrote stated that she never met anyone who loves playing soccer as much as Mackenzie.

Mackenzie is a three sport Varsity athlete, also running cross country and playing softball. She worked hard to maintain balance and stay an integral part of all three teams. She is also a top student with a GPA of 4.26. She plans to attend Boise State with a major in kinesiology and the eventual goal of becoming a Physician’s Assistant.

