

Taylor Simpson Recipient of Mike Muth Scholarship 2016

Taylor Simpson, an honor graduate and two-time captain of the Palmetto High School Lady Mustangs basketball team, is the 2016 recipient of the Mike Muth Basketball Scholarship.

Simpson, the daughter of Dury and Amy Simpson of Williamston, will use the scholarship to help further her education at Clemson University, where she will enroll this fall and pursue a degree in mathematics education.

“Taylor is someone who strives not only to excel at the sport of basketball but also in the classroom,” said Meagan Pack Lundeen, Simpson’s basketball coach during her junior and senior years. “She truly embodies what the Mike Muth Basketball Scholarship is all about.” Lundeen herself was the 2005 recipient of the Muth Scholarship.

Terri Cortez, a math teacher at Palmetto High School and Simpson’s basketball coach from 8th-10th grade, echoed Lundeen’s assessment, saying Simpson “demonstrates the quality of pursuing excellence in both academics and in the sports arena.”

Simpson graduated near the top of her class and was a member of the National Honor Society and the Beta Club and took advanced placement classes throughout her high school career. She served as student body vice president during her junior year as was selected as a Palmetto Girls State representative in 2015.

On the basketball court, Simpson was called up as an 8th-grader to play on the varsity team and earned a starting spot as point/shooting guard the next year. She earned numerous awards as a player, including All-Region, Best Offensive Player, Anderson Independent-Mail All-Star Athlete and Wendy’s High School Heisman. As a senior, she averaged 18.5 points and made 61 of 72 free-throw attempts.

“I am excited for the future, and I am thankful I have had the opportunity to represent my school and community through my involvement in basketball,” said Simpson.

The Mike Muth Basketball Scholarship Fund was established in 1995 by friends, classmates and relatives of Muth. Since the scholarship was founded 21 years ago, more than 30 Palmetto High School graduates have received the award, and three-fourths of recipients have gone on to earn their college degrees.

All contributions to the scholarship fund, a not-for-profit organization, help offset the costs of the recipient's college tuition. For more information, visit MikeMuthScholarship.org or write to: Mike Muth Scholarship Fund, 2 Camelia Circle, Williamston, SC 29697, or contact Dale Bell at 864-847-7295 or fdalebell@gmail.com.

