

Brianna Barna

Youth Star of Tomorrow

Superior Performance



Brianna Barna is an 18-year-old freshman at Lindenwood University in Belleville, Illinois (LU-B). She is the daughter of Tom and Erin Barna and the sister of Tommy and Mandy. Tommy was the Youth Star of Tomorrow in 2010 and is now an active member of the PBA. Mandy is also a competitive high school bowler. Brie began her bowling career at the age of five by joining an adult/youth summer league with her brother and parents. At the age of ten, she was diagnosed with rheumatoid arthritis but she didn't let that keep her away from the lanes. Brianna has also battled back from a shoulder injury caused by her arthritis and bowling which required anchors to be surgically implanted to keep her shoulder from dislocating and then followed by a knee injury which required surgery and physical therapy. During these times her constant goal was to return to the lanes. So, during these down times, Brie involved herself in other areas of bowling such as supporting her siblings and friends in their bowling. She also has helped with numerous tournaments by being a scorekeeper, inputting scores, running brackets and selling raffle tickets which supported youth bowlers.

Brianna started her bowling career at County Lanes in Westminster then spent many years at Terrace Lanes in Frederick. She has participated in youth leagues at Thunderhead Bowl, Country Club, Brunswick Normandy and finally at Brunswick Perry Hall. Currently, she is on the bowling team at LU-B. She has been an active youth league bowler for 13 years. Brie has competed in the Central Maryland USBC Youth Tournament and has placed numerous times as well as having won All Events in the handicap division twice. She has been competing in this annual tournament since 2006. Having bowled in the Maryland State USBC Youth Championship Tournament since 2007, she has placed numerous years as well as having won the All Events twice over the years.

Brie worked the control counter at the bowling center her parents owned beginning at the age of 11. She was able to run the counter during league play, tournaments, and open play. She was known for helping to train new employees on all aspects of running the counter.

Brie has competed for over eight years in the Pennsylvania Junior Bowlers Tournament Series (PJBT). She has earned seven titles in the handicap division as well as having won the end of year Bracket Roll Off twice.

She has competed in the USBC Youth Open Championship tournament for seven years beginning the first year it was held. In 2014, Brianna was the first girls to win the Danny Wiseman Youth Scholarship tournament in the handicap girl's singles division. Brie has bowled in the USBC Junior Gold tournament in 2015. She has competed on the regional level in the Pepsi tournament for many years and has advanced to the state level twice. She has also competed in the Maryland Tenpin Council High School Tournament and was a champion in 2015. Since 2013, Brie has been invited and competed in the High Average Invitational tournament at the regional level and won 1st place at the state level in 2015. She finished the 2015-2016 season with a 171 average. Her highest game was 268, her highest set at 648, and her highest sport average was 165.

Brianna was a very active volunteer throughout her high school years. She was a Junior Volunteer at Carroll Hospital in Westminster in the Recovery Room. There she cared for patients after surgery and assisted staff in readying them for discharge. She helped the staff prepare for incoming patients and post discharge. She completed well over 100 hours during two summers volunteering at the hospital. Brie was also involved in the Teens to Tots program sponsored by her high school for two years. She has also participated as a volunteer during many events sponsored by her parish of St John.

Brianna has been coached by her Dad, a USBC Certified Bronze Level Coach, from the beginning of her career and in more recent years by her brother. In the summer of 2015, she attended the Turbo Tech Collegiate Expo. She continues her quest in improving and learning more about the sport under Coach Kimberly Cherise Williams at Lindenwood University-Bellefonte Bowling. Brie is majoring in biology with a minor in psychology. She looks forward to becoming a pediatric surgeon.

