

Amanda (Mandy) Barna Youth Star of Tomorrow Superior Performance



Amanda Barna is an 18 year-old freshmen at William Paterson University in Wayne, New Jersey. She is the daughter of Tom and Erin Barna and the sister of Tommy and Brianna. Tommy was the Youth Star of Tomorrow in 2010 and is now an active member of the PBA. Brianna was the Youth Star of Tomorrow in 2016 and competed in college in the NAIA her freshman year until the program was cancelled at Lindenwood University, Belleville.

Mandy has dealt with hip pain for the past two years and was diagnosed with labral tears in both hips. The left hip, worse than the right, forced her to have surgery to fix the tear just this past May. She will have to sit out her freshmen year from bowling at William Paterson University. When she is not bowling over the years, she has helped at tournaments by collecting scores and selling raffle tickets.

Mandy began her bowling career at the age of three in the Bumper Buddy league at Terrace Lanes. She participated in youth leagues at Country Club, Thunderhead Bowl, Brunswick Normandy, and Brunswick Perry Hall. Mandy has bowled in sanctioned/certified leagues since 2005 and started competing in the Central Maryland and Maryland State USBC Youth Tournaments from 2006 as a five year old.

Mandy won the Maryland State Family Qubica Tournament with her mom and competed in Detroit on the National level and earned her first scholarship at the age of 6. She has won All Events numerous times at different age levels at the Central Maryland and Maryland State Youth Tournament. Mandy has won Maryland State Pepsi as a prep and U20. Also, she has won the Maryland State Youth 600 Tournament back to back in 2016 and 2017. In 2017, Mandy won the Maryland Tenpin Council Junior/Senior high school tournament as a junior. Mandy has competed in the High Average Invitational Tournament at the regional level several times.

She has bowled in the USBC Junior Gold tournaments since 2014 for four consecutive years. In 2014, she made first cut in the U15 as a thirteen year old. In 2016, in the U15 division, she made the top 16 as the fifth seed and finished thirteenth overall. In 2017, she participated in the Turbo Tech Collegiate Expo and competed in Junior Gold tournament in the U20 division for the first time and made it to the first advancers round.

Mandy finished her first sanctioned league with an average of 38 at the age of 5 without bumpers and finished this last season with a 202. She bowled her first 300 at the age of 16 during her league at Perry Hall and bowled her highest series of 729 that same day. She competed in the Pennsylvania Junior Bowl Tournament Series for the last nine years.

Mandy has been coached by her Dad, a USBC Certified Bronze level coach, from the beginning of her career and in the more recent years by her brother and Brandon Runk, who was a collegiate bowler at William Paterson University. Amanda looks forward to bowling for William Paterson beginning next year once she is cleared by her doctors and regains her strength. She is majoring in accounting and hopes to work as a Corporate Accountant and pursue her professional career in bowling.

