

Living in Lee Vining and in a small rural area has made me who I am today. I love living in a place where I can walk for 5 minutes, and I can be in the forest next to a creek away from all the cars and chaos. And attending a small school has allowed me to play all three sports, given me the opportunity to stay late and work on athletics, or academics. And attending a small school of only 60 kids, I have been able to find a sport that I'm in love with, that what makes me who I am. And to find a sport that I have a connection with, which has led me to be able to have a dream that I could play Softball in college. And this is the best thing that I feel for myself.

I am a mountain girl, and I love to walk around and go hiking, swimming, camping, and fishing. Living in Lee Vining has given me all these opportunities to do these things, and it's so convenient to have all this beauty and nature in my back yard. When I think about myself, I feel that I wouldn't be as respectful of nature as I am now. I have grown up here, and been able to see Mono Lake, Lee Vining Creek, and Yosemite National Park which is amazing, and beautiful. I have an amazing spiritual connection with Mono Lake. I see that lake, not only as a tourist spot, but somewhat part of me. It's like my way to find home. My good luck charm for sports, my spot to go sit and relax and watch the sunrise or sunset, and most of all, my home. I love the lake.

Living in a small town has influenced me to go to Lassen Community College because Susanville is a smaller city. I have chosen to go there because it's rural like here, and the school isn't very big either. Also, growing up around Yosemite National Park has also influenced me to go to a college where i am close to National Park. In Susanville I will be able to go to the Lassen National Forest which will be good to see something so beautiful. I have mainly chosen Susanville for school because the school is smaller, and it feels a little bit like home. In Susanville, there is also Eagle Lake which is a recreational lake. At the lake, I can enjoy many activities, and the beauty of nature. At Lassen, I will be pursuing a degree in Natural Sciences.