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### WHS JUNIOR ACCEPTS FULL SCHOLARSHIP TO UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME

Westlake High School junior Kalpana Beach has verbally accepted a full athletic scholarship from the University of Notre Dame in South Bend, Ind. Kalpana will participate in basketball and track and field.

Kalpana is a 6-foot-1-inch basketball guard named First Team Southwestern Conference for the past two years. She averaged 15 points, 8 rebounds and 2.5 steals as a sophomore.

In track & field Kalpana was named SWC champion in the high jump the past two years. She placed seventh in the state as a freshman, and as a sophomore she placed second in the state and fourth in the nation. She holds a school record of 5 feet 10 inches in the high jump.

Displaying her versatility, Kalpana also played Varsity volleyball as a freshman, setting a school block record with 20 blocks in a match. She also played Varsity golf as a sophomore.

“To be able to have the opportunity to commit to a great university like Notre Dame as a junior speaks volumes about her as an outstanding student athlete,” said Athletic Director Dennis Bartlett. “She is a special young lady who will to continue to accomplish great things here at WHS and in the future at Notre Dame.”

Art Daniels, Varsity girls’ basketball assistant coach, said Kalpana has worked long and hard for this opportunity.

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“I know that she will continue to work hard to be the best that she can be,” Daniels said. “Notre Dame will help her reach her goals on and off the court.”

Kristy Beach, Kalpana’s mother, said her daughter had several choices that were great opportunities both athletically and academically, but the proximity and reputation of Notre Dame’s basketball program stood out for the family.

“We didn’t know what else we could be waiting for,” Mrs. Beach said. “Kalpana is a very determined person. She sets her mind to something and does it.”

Kalpana is the oldest of four children. Her brothers are Makis, an eighth grader at Lee Burneson Middle School, Tariq, a fifth grader at Parkside Intermediate School, and Jalen, a first grader at Bassett Elementary School.

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