

Skylor Hilger Shepard freshman

What is your earliest gymnastics memory?

"Around 6 years old, watching the Olympic beam routines on TV."

What is your greatest gymnastics moment?

"Making pre-elite (at Illinois Gymnastics Institute in Westmont).

Do you have any favorite song for gymnastics meets or practice? "'Home' by Phillip Phillips."

What is the toughest gymnastics injury you've overcome?

"The only big injury I've had was a small fracture on my ankle, but I did miss (club) regionals that year. It was the first year I made regionals so that was hard."

What would make this a successful gymnastics season for you? "Qualifying for (IHSA) state, state finals."

What do you hope you are contributing to your gymnastics team?

"I set the bar high for myself. I don't like to settle for easy. Each year I will keep raising it higher and higher."

What is your favorite saying about gymnastics?

"'If gymnastics were easy, they'd call it football."

What movie would you like to see for the first time?

"'Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows,' Parts 1 and 2. I've heard they were good, and I'm one of the only people who haven't seen it."

What do you hope to be doing 10 years from now?

"I'd like to be teaching high school English and coaching gymnastics."

If you could be a guest star on any current TV show, which would you choose?

"'The Middle.' It's one of my favorite shows. I think it would be a fun set to be on."

If you could spend a day with any current living person, whom would you choose?

"Will Farrell, because he is hysterical. It would be a funny day!"

If you could become fluent in another language, which would you choose?

"Italian because my family is Italian, and I have relatives who live in Italy. I would like to talk to them in their language."

If you could become an instant expert in any subject, which would you choose?

"Mathematics because math can be used for almost anything."

What three items would you bring to a deserted island?

"Lots and lots of water, so I don't get dehydrated; lots of dehydrated foods, so I don't starve; and my mom because if I don't have someone with me, than I'd panic and go crazy."