

# Q-and-A with Bridget Powell, Mother McAuley volleyball

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Bridget Powell, 17, of Oak Lawn, is a libero on the Mighty Macs. Her senior season was cut short on Oct. 1 when she suffered a torn ACL while playing at the Asics Challenge. She will be able to return in time for her freshman year at Purdue.

**Boy, this is a tough way to end your high school career.**

It's hard for now, because I really love playing for McAuley. But I'm getting over it. I'm just happy that we're still doing great.

**What is it like playing at McAuley, with all the expectations?**

It's really intense, but I love it. I love the coaches.

**You hit the floor a lot. How many bruises do you get over the course of a season?**

(Laughing) Probably two or three. I don't bruise that easily. I don't even think about it.

**Is girls volleyball better than boys volleyball?**

I think it is. Girls are more in control and have rallies. Boys are more of like a one-play game.

**What TV show would you love to star on?**

I don't really watch much TV. But I love "Jersey Shore." It's so funny.

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**If you were principal at McAuley, what's the first thing you'd change?**

I'd make the lunches cheaper. They're pretty expensive.

**What do you look for when you meet a person?**

If they're funny. If they're nice, actually. That would be the first thing.

**Who would be your celebrity prom date?**

Justin Bieber. I like his voice, and he's pretty good looking to me.

**What will you always remember about coach DeJarld?**

That she gets so excited about things. It's really nice to have that.

**What's your career outlook?**

I want to be a dentist or a dental hygienist.

— As told to Tony Baranek