

Four Seward Cheerleaders Sign

After two successful years as cheerleaders for the Seward County Saints basketball teams, four Saints cheerleaders have made the team at four year universities around the state. Kaela Krueger and Oscar Don Juan will cheer for the Wichita State Shockers next season while Saul Landeros will be on the floor with the Kansas State Wildcats and Darlene Monge will cheer for the Fort Hays State Tigers for the next two seasons.

Krueger was a two year member of the Seward cheerleading and dance teams during her Saints career. She will attend and cheer for Wichita State University next season. Former Seward cheer and dance coach Scarlette Diseker said of Krueger "I coached Kaela since she was 12 years old at South Middle School and I waited a long time to get her back at Seward. Having her through that span and now seeing her make a team like Wichita State, I really feel like my coaching career is complete." Talking of what Krueger will bring to the Shockers, Diseker said "she brings so many skills to the table from tumbling to stunting and everything in-between. She is much loved in the Liberal community and it will be tough to see her go, but she will be a great addition to the WSU team." Krueger is expected to enter the nursing program at Wichita State.

Don Juan spent a year and a half with the Saints cheer squad. One of the team's energy leaders, Don Juan was in the middle of the Saints cheer action during home basketball games. "He is one of those guys who will keep working until he gets something, no matter how long or how much effort it takes" Diseker said of Don Juan. Also a standout student, Don Juan plans to begin his classwork to become a doctor at Wichita State University.

Landeros cheered at Seward from 2010 to 2012 before moving on to Kansas State University. After taking a year off from cheering, Diseker said she was thrilled when Landeros told her that he was planning on trying out for the Wildcats team. "He was one of my best guys of all time at Seward. He is a natural born athlete who had a very successful high school football and wrestling career" she said. "The competition at K-State is very tough. I have had really good kids try out in the past who have gotten really close, but Saul is the first to make the team. I am very proud of him" Diskeker continued.

Monge is another two year member of the Seward cheer and dance teams. "The minute she walked into the gym two years ago, I knew I had to have her on the team" Diseker said of her 5'0 "dynamo". When talking about the skills that she will bring to Fort Hays, Diseker said of Monge "she is so aggressive when it comes to stunting that we lovingly call her our "Crash Test Dummy." If we wanted to try a new

stunt, she was always willing to go first. I have never seen someone so fearless. Fort Hays will have to do a lot just to keep up with her."

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