

To the MHBVO:

My name is Donnie Shook and I am the head coach for the Ketcham Girls Varsity team, and I would like to nominate Sade Reyes for your Inspiration in Volleyball Award.

Sade is currently a Senior at Roy C Ketcham High School and here is why I think that she should receive the 2023 award. Sade's volleyball career started in 8<sup>th</sup> grade at Wappingers Junior Middle School and is currently playing to this day. She was nominated by her teammates as captain on the JV team and the Varsity team. Sade was named captain on her NY Elite volleyball club team. She won the All-League award last year for her outstanding play. To add to this, she was named captain on her JV and Varsity lacrosse teams.

Sade is always there to help the younger players with questions, on and off the court, and has taken these players under her wing to keep our program thriving. We could be losing 25-6 and she is always striving to get the best out of everyone. She pushes them to work harder and not to get down on themselves. That includes me as well. Any program, team, or college that she intends to play for will benefit greatly, and she will be sorely missed next year at Ketcham. She loves the game and will continue to play in college whether it's a club or intermural team.

Sade currently has a GPA of 97 and has not decided what college to attend at this time but wants to major in Sustainable Business. She collected ecological research on glass eels to study population for her community service study. Sade has also worked in the Vineyard Community Church Food Pantry, participated at the Rotary Youth Leaders Awards intensive experience in 10<sup>th</sup> grade, and in 11<sup>th</sup> grade she was a Junior Counselor as a Rotary Youth Leader.

Sade is a player, person, and mentor that only comes around every so many years and she has left her imprint at the school, on the team, and on me as a coach. I have spoken to many of her teachers, and they all say the same thing, she is a pleasure to be around and will be missed. This award was made for players/students like Sade Reyes, and no doubt in my mind she deserves this award.

Thank you for your time.  
Coach Donnie