

Prodigy

I am the next bowling prodigy because the result of me working hard is that people don't believe my parents when they say I just started bowling.

October 3, 2009 is the day that changed my life forever because it's the day I started bowling. It's also the day I found out I was meant to be a bowler. I set a goal to not look like the beginner on my high school team. I wanted to be as good as my other teammates (who have all placed at state and one at nationals). I practiced five times during the week, two times with the team and three by myself. Towards the end of the season, all of my hard work and effort paid off; I had reached my goal of not being the beginner.

My high school team and I took the conference title going undefeated in Feb. 2010 and later the same month we took the sectional title as well. In March, my team took second place at the state championships. In April, I got a chance to participate at USBC Junior League State and I gave it my all. Bowling my heart out let me earn second place in singles, second place in all-events, tie for fourth place in team, and tie for third place in doubles. In May, I received a Sheboygan USBC Youth Achievement Award for the highest game in the county. I was in the 140-159 Average Division with the high game of 234. In June, I bowled the Badger State Games in the Girls Division 15-19 year olds. I took first place and since I received a medal, it qualified me to bowl in the 2011 State Games of America in San Diego, CA next summer. It is such an honor to represent Wisconsin as the number one girl because I feel like younger girls can look up to me and say "I want to be like her someday." Prodigy describes me because everything that has happened has been so extraordinary that people have wondered how I did it since I knew nothing about bowling when I started.

Bowling since October and accomplishing everything that I have makes some think it's beginners luck but I know the success is from the hard work and effort I've put in. I will be a senior in the fall and I have a lot of work to do since my junior year was so successful, but I know it can be done and it will. Sure my upcoming *schedule will be very busy* (three college classes, scholarships to fill out, college visits, designing page layouts for the yearbook, juggling work, family, and friends) but I'm not giving myself any excuses. Hard work and long bowling practices have to be put in because I'm not letting in room for errors.

I have dreams to reach; bowling in the PBA, and participating in tournaments around the world. Only I can make them happen and since I started bowling, I have lived by a famous Edward Simmons line, "Some dream of worthy accomplishments while others stay awake and do them."