

Third-year rower finds support in teammates

Claire Nordt , Sports Editor

Madison Piccirillo is a third-year chemistry and finance student who has dedicated much of her time at CWRU to the CWRU rowing team. When she's not in the water, she enjoys spending time with her Delta Gamma sisters and sleeping.

What is your favorite part of being on the crew team? Why?

The people—it is a very supportive, yet competitive atmosphere. We have the same goals.

Where did you get your passion for the sport?

I've been rowing since ninth grade. Honestly I'm not sure how I started, but I fell in love with it. My favorite part of rowing is the swing of the boat. It's really encouraging to know that that speed is not just related to individual power, but to flow as a whole.

Do you have any fun memories or stories?

It's a rowing tradition to throw the coxswain in the water if you win first place and that's always exciting. At one of our scrimmages last year, our coxswain Natalie [Schemer] called a power ten for chicken nuggets. I enjoyed that.

What other activities are you involved with on campus? What do you enjoy about them?

I work part time at the hearing and speech center. I do [undergraduate] research in the biochemistry department. I am a Delta Gamma sorority member. I love DG because my sisters are super goofy.

Why did you choose your major? What interests you about it?

I am a chemistry and finance dual degree Bachelor of Science major. I want to go into pharmaceuticals, so I really enjoy learning both the scientific and administrative side.

What are your favorite activities to do in your free time?

What free time? I just finished "You" on Netflix. I like to sleep when possible.



Madison Piccirillo, a rower with the crew team, stands next to an elephant.