

Ed-Co Alumni
Kari Fitzpatrick - Class of 2015
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Kari Fitzpatrick could be found in the gym, with a basketball in hand, a hometown hero is chasing her dreams. Kari graduated high school in the class of 2015. After graduation she played basketball at Upper Iowa and then Loras College majoring in Sports Management and Business Administration. Today, she is an account manager for Coca-Cola, Edgewood being a central location for work. "I got to where I am now by being involved in extracurriculars my whole life, especially college. Trying to balance and maintain an education, a job/internship and athletics was difficult, but it allowed me to prioritize my time and stay focused on my goals with minimal distractions. Doing this allowed me to form various connections with people which is crucial for success in life," Kari stated. Her favorite part about Ed-Co was the support she received as a student athlete from both the faculty and community. The advice she would give is to "Form connections with people. You never know who could end up on your resume as a reference. Apply for internships, not only does this help you find what kind of jobs you like, but also what jobs you don't! Lastly, if you are curious about a position somewhere or a position someone holds, reach out to them. Email them, talk with them in person or job shadow. Be curious and ask questions. Not only does this give you more insight and advice, but it could put your foot in the door with a company without you even knowing!" Kari is reaching for the stars, and doing things the Viking way!