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## The Woodlands' Anna Strickland leading the Highlanders

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[View Gallery](#) The Woodlands volleyball team made school history by reaching the regional playoffs, and took it a couple steps further earning a spot in the state championship game this November.

Winning has become contagious at The Woodlands as the girls' basketball team continues through district play with specific goals in mind.

"Our goal for the season is to win district and go as far as we can in the playoffs," Anna Strickland said. "We want to go at least three rounds deep and make school history. Not a lot of people come and watch our games, so we want to prove that we're the best game on campus that nobody sees."

Every team has a strong leader and Strickland has started coming into her own this season, leading the Highlanders in scoring.

"I had a rough AAU season because I switched teams," Strickland said. "I really started lifting and my coaches were really pushing me throughout the offseason. I want a college scholarship and I know I have to have a good season to get the looks I want. I've just been pushing myself toward that. I want to be the District MVP by the end of the season."

Strickland was the MVP of the Conroe Tournament and is currently averaging a double-double in points and rebounds entering the New Year.

"I tried a bunch of sports when I was little," Strickland said. "Gymnastics and soccer weren't for me, but basketball I really loved. I started playing Upwards then I played at the YMCA and WBCL. I got on my first

select team and it just got crazy from there."

Through the years and her travels, Strickland is fully entrenched in the competitive nature that comes with the sport.

"I like the competitiveness of basketball," Strickland said. "I love to win at things that I'm passionate about and basketball is one those things."

Outside of basketball, Strickland enjoys horseback riding, which she's done with her mom since a young age.

"I don't have as much time as my mom does but we ride a lot for fun on the weekends," Strickland said.

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