

# Jenny Lynn Zoch

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## Goal Driven, Community Oriented

5/30/08 Inspired as a young girl by her mom, senior Jenny Zoch has risen to extreme heights during the past four years at Giddings High School.



Jenny is the daughter of James and, the late, Josephine Zoch of Serbin.

Blessed with a level of maturity - beyond her years, Jenny honors her mother's memory, acknowledging that her mom taught her "everything she knows" and is the reason for her "motivation and her continuous drive to be the best".

Heralded by her coaches for her intense work ethic, Jenny has come to excel at both individual and team sports, while being a super star in the classroom as well. Jenny enjoyed competing in power lifting, shot put, volleyball and basketball during her four high school years.

Few students are able to obtain the ultimate high school (athletic) award, a State Title. This special recognition has proven to be truly elusive for many of Giddings' top athletes. Jenny is one student athlete who was able to acquire Texas' top prize and make her mark in the GHS history books.

Earlier this year she was named the best power lifter in the 3-A classification. Jenny competed against some of the state's strongest athletes, at the state power lifting meet in Kileen. She finished the meet on top, claiming first prize, and bringing home the gold medal with a three lift total of 960 lbs.

Shining brightest in individual competition, Jenny worked her way to the state track and field meet in Austin a few weeks ago where she placed third in the shot put the state competition, throwing 39'-9 1/4". She was honored by her coaches and her peers as the Most Valuable Track & Field Athlete (field events) at the GHS spring athletic banquet held earlier this month.

Academically Jenny is the ultimate student. She will graduate tonight as the Salutatorian of the 2008 GHS senior class. The brilliant 18year old carries a 4.0 grade point average. She competed in UIL Science and was selected to attend Girl's State, an honor that is set aside for only a handful of Texas' brightest female students.

While at GHS, Jenny volunteered for the HOST program, reading with struggling elementary students to help them to maintain the reading levels needed to succeed in their classroom.



For several months Jenny had planned to attend Concordia University in Austin. This past Monday she received a scholarship offer from Sam Houston State University in Huntsville. Jenny made the decision to attend "Sam" on a

track & field scholarship. She will compete in the throwing events including the shot put, the discs and the hammer (???, I didn't know they had the hammer throw either).

Jenny will soon join the Bearkats in an effort to achieve her career goal of becoming a math or science teacher and coach for middle school students. She has chosen this path because of her love for teaching and of sports. (Photo: Jenny - back row, far left - with the GHS Top 10)

She has worked hard to get to the level she is at and cherishes her class ring as a symbol and constant reminder of all her experiences at Giddings High School. She will miss, but won't likely forget, all of her friends and the teachers that she will part ways with in the coming weeks. A goal driven and community oriented individual, Jenny sees for herself a bright future, "teaching in a small school - in a small community". Who knows (if we're lucky), maybe she'll be back to make a different kind of mark on GHS.

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