Philly. As a city, we can do better. There are a lot of good examples and influences in this city. Snider Hockey is one of them. Snider Hockey is a place where you can choose who you want to be.

Opportunity and practice. That’s what hockey means to me. Determination to become better on and off the ice.

A few years ago, I signed up for figure skating. I loved it. After two years I started to become really good at it. Then one day, I saw people gearing up and putting on different skates than me. I was curious and watched my first hockey game. I was sure I wanted to play hockey after that. When I told my mom, she questioned it at first because she had seen a lot of boys playing and not a lot of girls. I told her that I wanted to be different. She agreed.

WHEN I’M ON THE ICE I’M HAPPY. BEING ON THE ICE HELPS ME CLEAR MY MIND OF EVERYTHING ELSE.

Snider Hockey has taught me a lot. I learned how to respect myself, especially being a girl playing a male-dominated sport. Snider Hockey helped me to ignore the ignorance surrounding that and put my frustration into what I’m good at—ice hockey.

Since I joined Snider Hockey, I gained a lot of friendships. My teammates and I are really close, since we basically grew up together. I brag about my Snider Hockey friends to other people all the time because they’re so special to me. It’s an environment where I can be myself.

With Snider Hockey, my friends and I traveled to Boston for three days to watch the U.S. Olympic Women’s gold medalist ice hockey team. While there, we did a tour around Boston University and I was so excited because I’ve always wanted to go to college in Boston.

Snider Hockey has changed me to be more outgoing. I am a Snider Hockey Breakaway scholar attending West Catholic Preparatory High School. I’ve met influential, successful people and because of the opportunities I’ve had, I am better equipped for success.

I LIKE HOW DETERMINED I AM.

I know that being involved with Snider Hockey and focusing on school, I have a good future ahead of me.

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