

MARCOS DE NIZA HIGH SCHOOL HOSTS KICKS FOR KRYSTEN EVENT

April 5, 2021 – Marcos de Niza High School will host a football kicking camp on Saturday, April 10 in conjunction with the Arizona Cardinals and AZ Kicking & Training. The event is being held in support of former Marcos kicker Krysten Muir. Muir was involved in a serious car crash in January 2021 and was diagnosed with a broken vertebrae and damage to her spinal cord.

Krysten graduated from Marcos de Niza in 2017. During her time as a Padre, she played volleyball, soccer, ran track and played varsity football as a place kicker. Today, after two surgeries, Krysten is recovering but continues to be paralyzed from the waist down.

Krysten’s father, Jeremy Muir, has taught at Marcos de Niza since 2012, as well as coaching football and wrestling for the Padres. “Through my 8 years of being a Padre, the mantra has always been - once a Padre, always a Padre. The resounding support that we have received from the Padre Nation screams that truth,” Muir said. “We have all been taken aback from the response and the support we have received from our Padre family and the community.”

Players from all over the state are anticipated to participate in the event this Saturday.

“This is all for Krysten,” said Alex Zendejas Jr., a coach and co-owner of AZ Kicking & Training. “We had the chance to work with her when she was a kicker at Marcos, and we really wanted to hold an event to help her and the family out with medical bills.” A former standout at Ironwood High School, Zendejas Jr. played for the University of Arizona, as well as the Arizona Rattlers.

Marcos Athletic Director Lenica Ruiz was enthusiastic about the opportunity to host the event and partner with Zendejas and the Cardinals. “We knew we had to do something to help Krysten and her family. She’s an amazing person and we wanted her to know that her Padre family is behind her as she works through recovery. Once a Padre, Always a Padre.”

“I will always be eternally grateful for the amount of support my family and I have gotten from the community & the Padre family,” said Krysten. “Without them I don't think I would be trying so hard to get up & back on my feet.”

Additional details about this media opportunity are below. Event registration information is available on www.azkicking.com.

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Tempe Union High School District (TUHSD) is an A-rated school district by the Arizona Department of Education and home to approximately 14,500 students across seven high schools. Five TUHSD schools have also earned the A+ Award of Excellence from the Arizona Educational Foundation and three schools – Desert Vista, Mountain Pointe and McClintock - have earned the award twice. It is our vision that all students will graduate with the knowledge, understanding and ability to apply skills necessary for success in college, career and life. For more information, visit www.tempeunion.org.

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