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They have grown up together, they have played together, and now, as seniors, they are about to move on and out and up.

They've played at the old gym on Park Lane, the T.S. Hill Middle School gym, the DHS gym and now the Bearcat Event Center – the place where this spring they will receive their high school diplomas. Their futures are bright and full of promise.

The four senior members of the Dexter High School volleyball team were recognized Monday evening at the last regular season home game. Memories were made as the four girls and their parents were introduced to the hometown crowd on hand for Senior Night.

The quartet includes Lindsey Hindman, McKenzie Mitchell, Erika Mouser and Lauren Ward.

Hindman is the daughter of Scott and Paula Hindman. After high school graduate she plans to attend college and eventually get a masters in social work.

Mitchell is the daughter of Kevin and Ann-Marie Mitchell. She plans to attend Ole Miss after graduation this spring and become a dentist "like my father."

Mouser, the daughter of Eric and Pam Mouser, plans to attend Missouri State University in Springfield. He career plans include becoming a nurse practitioner.

Ward is the daughter of David and Joy Ward. After graduation from DHS she plans to attend college and major either in nursing or physical therapy.

The four girls – who are serious about their volleyball and have developed into close-knit, fun-loving group – are leaders on the court and in school. They have a talented group of younger players who will be following their footsteps next year on the court.

So, what advise would they give these younger girls as they approach the end of their high school volleyball careers?

- "Always have been and play your heart out never give up," writes Lindsey Hindman.
- "Don't grow up too fast and leave it on the court," advises Erika Mouser.
- "Enjoy every moment and memory because it truly flies by," said Lauren Ward.
- "If you want something, go for it with determination and all your heart, and never, ever give up," said McKenzie Mitchell.

The regular season is history for these four seniors and the rest of their teammates. The Lady Bearcats begin district play on Monday at the Bearcat Event Center.

The bracket and schedule have not been released; watch The **ShowMe Times** for additional information on the district tournament.

Photo Above: The four senior members of the DHS Volleyball Team (from right): Erika Mouser, Lindsey Hindman, Lauren Ward, and McKinzie Mitchell. (SMT Photo by Annabeth Miller)

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