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**Dexter, Missouri** – Ashley Brown has not only signed to play softball with the Crowley's Ridge College in Paragould, Arkansas, but has also signed to play volleyball.

"I went down there for a visit and liked all the people," Brown said of her decision to attend Crowley's Ridge College. "Everyone got along and it was a great small-town atmosphere."

Brown has played centerfield in softball, but this year she transitioned to catcher showing that she is versatile and will also be a valuable for the Pioneers. She received the Team Dedication Award for her sophomore and junior years at Dexter High School, an award voted on by her teammates.

"Ashley is one of the most hard-working kids I have ever coached," stated Dexter's softball coach Chris Bolin. "I think she will excel at both sports. She is a great athlete and I am proud of her."

Brown scored 148 points in 68 sets averaging 2.18 points per serve, 21 aces, and 107 digs. She was also selected Defensive Player of the Year for volleyball in high school and will compete at the National Christian College Athletic

Association (NCCAA) Division 1 level next year.

Crowley's Ridge College is located in Paragould, Arkansas and is a private, fouryear, coeducational Christian liberal arts college. It's truly, "the college that feels like home". For more information about Crowley's Ridge College, please click HERE.

"The girls fell in love with her the minute she tried out," commented Crowley's Ridge College volleyball and softball coach Cindy Henry. "She has great skills. She wanted to play both sports and from the moment she hit the floor I knew I wanted her. She is so talented and with us being such a small school and her being so talented she will do very well."

Shown in the photo above are: Front row left to right - Brittany Brown, Regina Brown, Ashley, and Johnny Brown. Standing – Dexter softball coach Chris Bolin, Crowley's Ridge College volleyball and softball coach Cindy Henry, Ashley's grandparents, Joyce and Bill Kitchens, and Dexter volleyball coach Carmen Morgan.

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