



I know it is cliché but raiders taught me to never give up. I was a little 14 year old self-conscious girl just starting high school when I went to my first raider practice. That raider practice was one of the hardest things I have done in my life. I wasn't sure if I was going to go back, but I did. And boy am I glad I did. I was on the varsity team all 4 years, from male mix to female team. Raiders is not just a team, or a sport, or something you do after school. Raiders is a family of brothers and sisters who are striving to better themselves just like you. Your family pushes you and encourages you to do something you never knew you could do. Your family is there with you when you don't want to wake up at 5am for morning runs, and your sweating like crazy on the 3 mile, and when you have studied land navigation for hours and are just tired of it. Your family is there with you in the end when you cross that finish line, and when you get all you land navigation points. Your family is there with you when your at states and your team is called for first place- there is no better feeling in the world. Your family is there for you through your better and your worse. Raiders changed me from being that 14 year old awkward self-conscious girl to a leader that I never knew I could be. Raiders showed me the whole "I can't do this" or "I give up" is just a mindset. Raiders pushes you to be better then you ever knew you were. My advice to future raiders is to never give up because you really can accomplish great things.