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OSSINING ATHLETE SIGNS LETTER OF INTENT

Ossining High School senior Patricia Vernon signed a National Letter of Intent for a full athletic scholarship to Temple University at a ceremony at the high school last week.

Patricia anchored Ossining's High School's volleyball team, leading her teammates to an unprecedented 17-3 season and the team's first ever Sectional title.

Patricia's recruitment by Temple, a Division 1 school in Philadelphia, is another first for the Ossining volleyball program but adds to an impressive list of Ossining student athletes winning college scholarships in recent years.

During the ceremony, Principal Joshua Mandel congratulated Patricia on her achievement, "Thank you for all you have given to Ossining High School," he said. "We are honored to have such an outstanding athlete who is also an excellent, well-rounded student."

While applauding her athletic ability, varsity volleyball coach, Victor Olmedo, said Patricia's leadership skills have made a huge contribution to the volleyball program. "She's been a team leader for the past three years and perhaps her best attribute is her ability to impart her knowledge. She's a better human being than she is a volleyball player and she'll better the program at Temple by her mere presence," he said.

The ceremony was also attended by Patricia's parents, Pamela and R.A. Vernon; JV volleyball coach Franklyn Irvin; her club volleyball coach Daniel Altro; guidance counselor Gina Rosenbaum; and Ossining Director of Health, Physical Education, and Athletics, Jim Dennett, as well as a group of Patricia's high school friends and teammates.

Caption: With high school volleyball star Patricia Vernon as she signs her letter of intent to attend Temple University are her parents Pamela and R.A. Vernon. Also, standing from left, her club volleyball coach Daniel Altro; varsity volleyball coach Victor Olmedo; Ossining Director of Health, Physical Education, and Athletics, Jim Dennett.

