

My name is Angela Masseria and I live in Staten Island, New York. I have been practicing and playing golf since age three and I love "The Game". I am currently a Junior at Tottenville High School and play on both the Varsity Girls and Co-Ed Varsity golf teams. I have been trained by very well respected professionals at my neighborhood driving range and at the David Glenz and David Leadbetter training academies at the Black Bear (Franklin, NJ) and Grand Cascades (Hamburg NJ) Golf facilities. I have been afforded the opportunity to golf at many golf courses throughout the United States including; Staten Island (Hometown), the Carolinas, Florida, upstate New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania. Golf has always been a huge part of my life and I am fully dedicated to continue honing my game to play at my maximum potential. I practice nearly every day for 2 or more hours with my team and continue practice during the off season as well.

One of my main goals and aspirations includes playing golf on a collegiate level. My dream, since I was a little girl, when my father gifted me my first set of golf clubs was to be a great golfer and to learn as much as I can about the game. What makes me different from other recruits is that my extremely strong competitive drive, my determination, and my athleticism. I pride myself on being loyal to my teammates and to the great game of golf. I am also very friendly, intelligent and easy to get along with. I also feel strongly about my academics. Currently, I am in U.S. History honors, Algebra 2 and Trigonometry honors, as well as English honors. One of my biggest academic goals for this year is to earn a high grade on the SAT exam. I voluntarily signed up for a Medical Technology class, which teaches me about the human body and medicine that will assist in preparing me for my academic career.

This season I have earned the honor to play the number one position on the girls Varsity team. My handicap is about a 12 and my lowest score in 9 holes is a 34. I have been interviewed and photographed for the local newspaper over a dozen times. During both fall and spring seasons, my name has been in the newspaper every week from winning golf matches and tournaments. Usually after practices I stay late to help train some of my teammates and even my coaches. I believe that golf is one of the hardest sports to play and is 70% mental and 30% skill. I also believe there are 3 aspects of hitting a good shot: one is keeping your head down, two is staying balanced and three is making solid contact with a full following through.

I have played on a wide variety of sports teams. I have played softball for most of my childhood, basketball for the last 3 years, and the bowling team for 2 years. Although I loved playing these sports, nothing has influenced or impacted my life as much as golf. Golf has been, and always will be my favorite sport. When I was 7 years old I started golfing competitively. I played in many U.S. Children's Golf tournaments and Junior Golf tournaments. I also started playing in a 6th to 8th grade tournaments when I was only in the 4th grade. The president of the Citywide Youth Organization noticed me chipping one day and invited me to play in a tournament with children more than 2-4 years older than I was, where I competed against and won the tournament for my age division. It was at the moment when I knew I wanted to play golf for the rest of my life.

Not only do I compete against girl golfers, I also compete with and challenge boys in two different divisions during different seasons. The Fall season is the girls season in which I play only girls and the Spring season is my co-ed season where I play mostly the boys. In all my three years of playing girls golf at Tottenville, I only lost once. It was during my freshman year, I played a senior and missed my putt on the 18th hole to tie her in the championship. Although missing that putt still bothers me today, it has made me a stronger player. I believe everyone should experience losing at some point in their life. Losing makes you want to play better and will force you to fix your mistakes. Losing does not only help you with your mental game but with your physical state as well, because you practice even harder. This allows you to take a loss and become a better person, by being happy for your competition, and knowing you played your best game. Every golfer has a bad day and if you let as little as one shot get into your head, it can mess up your whole game for the rest of the day. I have trained myself to keep my head straight and get my swing back when my swing starts to drift. For the past three years I have competed in an individual citywide competition for high school golfers, to which I placed #1 in all of New York City this year after placing second last year. I have also

recently been honored in the newspaper, as a 3-time advance all star. I hope to become a 4-time advance all star in my senior year, which makes me an advance all-star for all of my high school career. These wins are motivating me now more than ever.