

Civil Engineering Student Receives All-West Team Hockey Award | College of Engineering

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News Release — LOGAN, UTAH, April 19, 2019 — Civil engineering undergrad and hockey team captain Josh Kerkvliet received the All-West Team award.



Josh Kerkvliet received the All-West Team Hockey award.

Kerkvliet has played hockey since he was about six or seven. He is from Soldotna, Alaska. Since Alaska has pretty long winters, Kerkvliet learned to skate at about the same time that he learned to walk.

"I tried to quit when I was young, but my dad didn't let me because it was in the middle of the season," said Kerkvliet. "I'm thankful he didn't let me walk away from it because I wouldn't have come to Utah State if he had, and it was a great life lesson to not give up on anything halfway through."



Josh Kerkvliet is a civil engineering student who hopes to open his own engineering firm one day.

The All-West Team award is given to six players in the entire west region, which consists of roughly 55 teams. Three forwards, two defensemen and one goalie were honored this year. Kerkvliet was one of the forwards chosen. The coaches of the teams in the region select the players for the award.

"It's a great honor to be selected by the coaches we play against," said Kerkvliet.

Kerkvliet plans to graduate with a civil engineering degree in December 2019. He says hockey and engineering have at least two things in common: hard work and mental toughness.

"During the course of a game, there are a lot of ups and downs, it's a bit of an emotional roller coaster," said Kerkvliet. "Engineering is a lot like that, there have been a lot of tough classes with tough assignments in my undergrad, and I've spent too many hours staring at problem statements trying to figure out how to solve them. I found if I didn't get frustrated and just kept plugging away, I could figure it out."

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