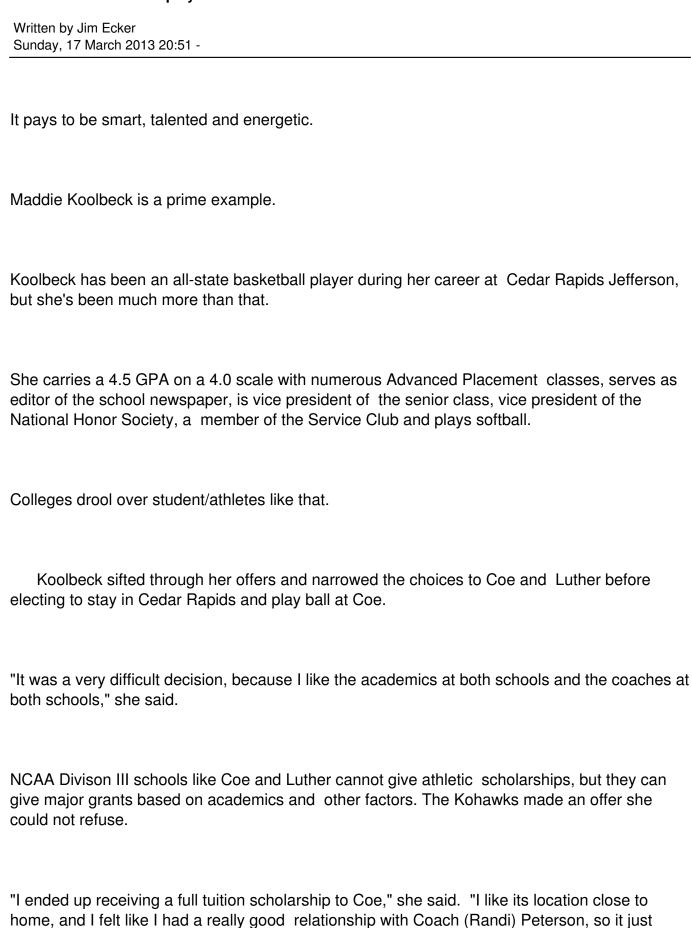
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Koolbeck, a 5-foot-11 post player at Jefferson, averaged 14.2 points and 6.2 rebounds as a junior and was named third team all-state.

She averaged 12.4 points and 4.0 rebounds this season and was named first team all-Metro and first team all-Mississippi Valley Conference. She had to carry more of a scoring load as a junior due to injuries to other players, which explains why her numbers dipped a little this year.

Koolbeck made 58.1 percent of her shots from the field this season, hit 48.1 percent of her 3-pointers and made 73.9 percent of her free throws.

Koolbeck said she's like to major in environmental studies at Coe. She said she'll need to pick a "collateral" major as well, but is undecided at this point.

Koolbeck said she's managed to juggle a heavy load of academics and extracurricular activities through careful planning.

"I concentrate on certain things at certain times," she said. "It's really just a lot of time management that allows me to do all the activities I want to be involved in."

Koolbeck said she's glad she's made a decision and picked a college. Now she can focus on the rest of her senior year and the softball season.

"It's nice to know that it's over with," she said. "I'm excited to attend Coe, because I think it's the right school for me.

"It's a nice feeling that I don't have to worry about it or think about it anymore. I have the decision made."

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Koolbeck played most of her basketball career at Jefferson for Larry Niemeyer, then played her final year for Jason Edwards.

"I think it was a good career," she said. "It was a lot of fun and I really enjoyed the girls that I played with.

"Even though the season never ended up how I hoped, it was a good experience and I had many good years playing for Jefferson."