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The Pandemic Profiles

Diving In With Julie Cutler



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Hey Julie (released in 2018)

“Fuck social-distance dating, haha. Idk I’m still trine talk to people but I don’t think serious dating is gonna be a thing for a while.” So says Whittier College’s very own junior, Julie Cutler, and just in case you didn’t realize *that was a joke*.

Cutler is a Utah native who, as mentioned, is meant to be attending Whittier College, in Whittier California. COVID-19, however, has recently made her life difficult, cutting her off from her second family in California. Although this is a big issue, it’s not the first serious complication she has faced, though you wouldn’t know it from her outgoing and relaxed personality.

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Julie on the far right with her family (that includes the dog)

Cutler was born August 25 in the year 2000 as the first of the fraternal twins her mom had, but she was born on the edge of death, being underweight and lacking oxygen. Fortunately, as you can tell, she survived. Although this was a terrifying thing at the time, her family jokingly says that she was made by a piece of her twin brother Evan's big toe.

Her father is Craig Cutler, and Kathleen Boynton is her mother. Her mother is from Florida and her father is from Utah. Cutler's older brother was born two years before her. Cutler shares that he's battling a serious drug problem her family has been trying to help with, but the virus has only made the situation harder since he doesn't live with them. Besides that the family has strong ties and regularly visits family in Florida, though such visits have also been put on hold. Even though no one in her family has contracted the disease so far, Cutler and her family are still taking precautions to avoid being exposed.



One of the biggest parts of Cutler's life besides her family is tennis, something she started to play in middle school but took seriously while transitioning to high school. Cutler claims she "got good" even peaking during



Julie and her high school tennis team



Julie Cutler at a Whittier court

this time and also happened to play at the school where High School Musical (a Disney teenage movie) was filmed.

Once it came time to move onto college a teacher of hers recommended Whittier where she was not only accepted to the school, but also onto the tennis team. Although she claims she isn't as good as she was in the past, she wants to take on the responsibility of being the team captain, something she was considered for in the past, but anger issues, she says, got in the way. Cutler apparently had a big temper while competing, which led to a few rackets being broken. She says she's gotten that under control, but COVID has put the season, like a lot of

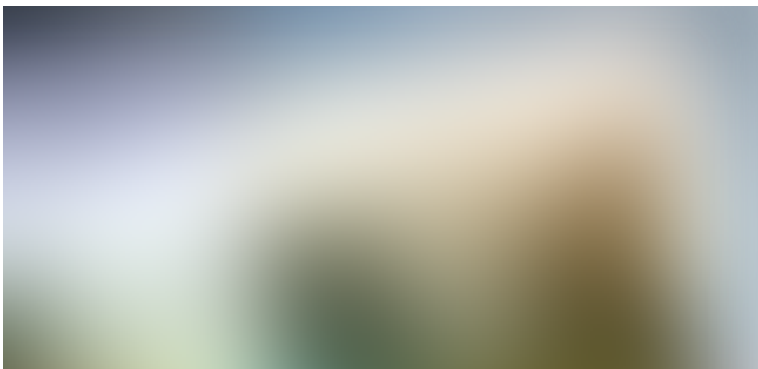
things on hold. Last season where Cutler and her team only got to play two matches before being shut down. Now it looks like they'll have to miss out on this year's season, too, which is upsetting, but Cutler pointed out that the good news is that these seasons don't count towards their total of four years of college sports eligibility.



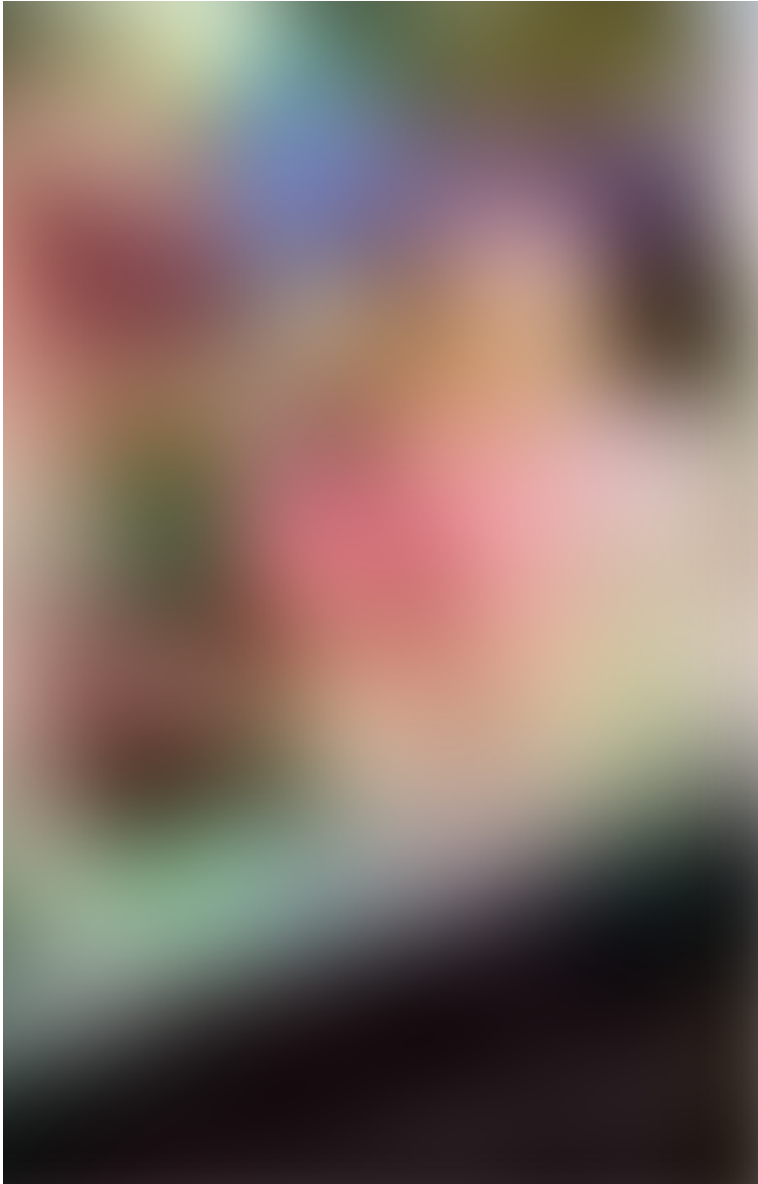


Julie and the women's tennis team

Tennis it has been a gateway for Cutler to make friends, especially in college. When she came to Whittier she had to leave behind everyone she had known, and even a relationship, which had made it very stressful for her. She cried for two days straight, she says, and had talked to her dad about moving back. That all changed for the better when she met the tennis team, which took her in and became a second family. Although she has made some friends outside of the team, her teammates are a big part of her life at Whittier and without them she wouldn't be here. It didn't help that Cutler was struggling in her biology classes, even though she had good grades in high school, which added more stress at the start of college. Eventually, she switched her major to environmental science which has turned out to be her passion, especially when it comes to the ocean.



Cutler has always had a love for animals and the environment. One of the first animals she was fascinated with was horses from having



Julie at a horse camp in Florida

toys of them to riding them. She even went to a horse camp in Florida. Later, she became fascinated with the ocean, so much so that she spends a lot of time in the ocean, even scuba diving. This has shaped her future career and transcended into something greater than being in love with the ocean ecosystem. Now she hopes to be an advocate and protector of the oceanic environment one of the main things she is focused on helping are the coral reefs, which are taking a great hit due to climate change and pollution.

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