Feature Twirler – Big Red Marching Band

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A WKU sophomore from Gettysburg Pennsylvania says she is living her dream as the feature twirler in the Big Red Marching Band.

Amy Bingham introduces us to Madalynn Alt in this week’s View from the Hill.

 “This has been the best time of my life.”

Madalynn Alt has been twirling for a long time.

 “I started when I was four years old and I started competing when I was seven years old so I’ve been competing every since.”

Her ultimate dream was to twirl in college.

 “Every since I was little I saw all the college twirlers and I knew from the first time I saw them that I always wanted to be like them.”

So when her mom found WKU on line Madalynn came from her home in Pennsylvania to audition.

 “Thanks to Jeff Bright, Mr. Kennedy and Dr. Schallert I get to live my dream for the next three years and stay as long as I want.”

The special and elementary education major performs with the Big Red Marching Band at every home football game.

 “A lot of the sections accept me as one of their own like flutes, the clarinets the drum majors, they are wonderful.”

She even accompanied the band on a trip last May.

 “We went on a study abroad trip and I got to twirl on the cruise ship and in Barcelona. I created so many life long friendships.”

The part of her routine that gets the most attention? When she twirls fire.

 “I just unwrap the aluminum foil and I light them and they just light off each other so I do two . I light one and the other one off that. But it’s scary.”

And she wouldn’t have it any other way. Pursuing her passion and making her dreams come true.

 “I did not expect it to be this exciting for me. I really love it more than anything in the world. “

With this week’s View from the Hill, I’m Amy Bingham.

Alt won a three baton national championship in her age group this year and will go on to represent Team USA at the Grand Prix competition in France in August of 2019.

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