My name is Maxwell Bortnem. I’ve been in gymnastics for over a decade now, and ever since I’ve joined, it has dominated my life and has been one of my greatest passions. I’ve always had the pleasure of practicing at and competing for North Shore gymnastics under my coach Dale Bullivant and other coaches like Rob Dykoski and Bill Abler. I’ve been able to meet and work with so many amazing and inspiring people throughout my career. My favorite and best events are Still Rings and Vault, but I’m gradually getting better at Horizontal Bar and Floor Exercise. Although it isn’t official quite yet, I’m a candidate for the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, where I face the humbling opportunity to walk on and compete for their men’s gymnastics team.

Being at my last regionals is so bittersweet, and I’m excited for a great competition.