

# HOME IS WHERE

## Learning to

**F**reshman Madden Bailey has many roles both at home and at school. At home, she's a big sister, little sister, daughter, and aunt. At school, she's a friend, student, and student athlete. Bailey's fun and crazy personality makes her extremely fun to be around. Just like her personality, her family tree is crazy too.

Bailey is the only daughter of her parents Matthew and Heather, but she has lots of half and step siblings. Madden's dad has two sons, Seth and Landon. Madden's mom has five kids including Madden, and one step-daughter. Heather's other kids besides Madden are Taylor, Brennan, Lexi, and Colton. Carson, Madden's step-dad, is Colton's father. Carson also has a daughter named Caroline, who is Madden's step-sister.

Madden has really enjoyed growing up with a huge family and she says that there was always something going on and someone to be with. She remembers coming home when she was younger to see all of her siblings and their friends around the house.

"The house always felt full and I never felt alone," she says. Madden is one of the youngest out of all her siblings, and she always felt like she had someone to look up to because of her older siblings. However, she also says she struggles with watching her older siblings grow up and move out.

Madden's sister Lexi now lives in Texas with her two kids, Aliza and Levi. Some of her favorite memories of her family are from when she was growing up and Lexi would babysit her. She says that all of her sister's friends always included her, and they made her feel like she had someone to talk to and look up to. Lexi has always been busy with nursing school, her kids, and her husband, but she always makes time for the rest of her family.

"I love flying down there and getting to spend a week with my sister, my niece, and my nephew," she says. She has even flown down to Texas all by herself to visit Lexi and her family. Her other sister Taylor also lived in Texas, but has recently moved back to Ohio. Madden says that she was always the fun sibling growing up. She constantly had friends over and was always doing exciting things.

Madden says that her older brother Seth is exactly like her dad. He lived in California when Madden was growing up, so she didn't see him much. He is interested in becoming a fireman, just like him and Madden's dad. Madden didn't see her brother Landon a lot when she was growing up either, but he now lives in Texas with his daughter, Emery and his fiance. Madden describes Brennan, her other brother, as the "golden child" of her family.

"For as long as I can remember, my family has been traveling to watch Brennan play baseball," she says. After Brennan graduated from Olen-tangy Liberty High School, he received a scholarship to Indiana but has now transferred to Northern Kentucky University.

Her step-sister Caroline graduated from OLHS last year, and is going into the Air Force. Her only younger sibling, Colton is still in elementary school. He does taekwondo, and Madden and her family get to watch him show off his skills at different conventions. Madden always helps her mom and step-dad take care of Colton.



This is Madden with her younger brother Colton a few summers ago. This was during a family cookout at Madden's mom's house. Colton is now eight years old. "This was one of my favorite summers because Colton was so little and he always wanted to run around and play," said Bailey. Photo Courtesy of Madden Bailey.

Madden has lots of friends and is always willing to do something fun. She loves spending time with her friends and family.

"Madden is so fun to be around. She always includes everyone and she makes everyone super happy," says Brooke Feldman, one of Madden's friends.

Madden is also a student athlete. She runs track for Olen-tangy Liberty high school. She likes to run the 100 sprints and does pole vaulting. She has run the 100 sprints before in middle school and found her love for sprinting. She realized she didn't love distance running and that short fast distances suited her better. This year however is her first year doing pole vaulting because middle school didn't provide it. She is excited to start and learn something new.

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# WHERE THE HEART IS

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## Live With Chaos



Madden, her cousin Anna in the middle, and her sister Taylor during a family Christmas party. This is from this past December and the party was at her mom's house. Taylor has now moved back to Ohio since this picture, after living in Texas. "This party was so fun because Taylor told everyone that she would be moving back to Ohio," said Bailey. Photo Courtesy of Madden Bailey.



Madden and her dad, Matthew on a vacation in South Carolina. This was during last summer, and Madden really enjoyed spending time with her dad. Madden sees her dad on weekends, and she always looks forward to it. "Getting to have this trip with my dad was so fun because I don't get to spend a lot of time with him," said Bailey. Photo Courtesy of Madden Bailey.



Madden, her dad, and her brother Seth posing while on a trip through Pennsylvania. Madden was six during the trip, and she had a lot of fun with her big brother, Seth. Seth is now lives in Texas and he has a daughter. "Seth was always someone I looked up to, so I was really excited to go on this trip," said Bailey. Photo Courtesy of Madden Bailey.