Prior to attending Lakeland Community College, Shannon McBride was an award-winning softball and volleyball player at Brush High School in Lyndhurst, Ohio. McBride and her Brush Arc teammates won both the 1996 and 1997 Greater Cleveland Conference Volleyball Championship and she won the prestigious Jim Whitelaw Sportsmanship and Integrity Award in 1998. Shannon wore the number “7” during her four years at Brush and at Lakeland.

As a freshman at Lakeland, she was named OCCAC Player of the Week two times and garnered First Team All-Conference accolades. She was also the runner-up for OCCAC Player of the Year and won the Team MVP Award that same year after helping the Lakers capture their first OCCAC volleyball championship.

Shannon broke her ankle very early into the 1999 season and missed several games. Even so she served as the team’s co-captain and earned honors as Lakeland’s MVP and NJCAA Regional MVP before the end of the season. Lakeland’s women finished second in the OCCAC that year but went on to win both the OCCAC Tournament and the Runners-Up trophy at the Genesee Women’s Invitational Volleyball Tournament.

According to her coaches, Shannon was an extremely talented “lefty.” Her heart was always in the game, she always knew where the ball was, she played consistently, and she knew how to lead a team to victory. All of those critical assets made her a valuable contributor at all times. In her final season Shannon was ranked inside the top-10 in the country with a .380 “kill” percentage.

Shannon Lee McBride died an untimely death on July 29, 2003. She was 22 years old. Shannon died from complications associated with a tonsillectomy procedure done on Monday, July 14, 2003. Prior to the surgery Shannon was in excellent shape and good health. She was playing on two ladies softball teams, a college volleyball team, and working out daily to prepare for a charitable 10K run.

Shannon Lee McBride Memorial Scholarship Winners

Ashley Febel 2003
Angela Farmwald 2006
Elizabeth Breeler Elaine Bowen 2009
Meredith Stuebbe Breanna Wilson 2012
Kristi Tutolo 2004
Kathy Coxe 2007
Jennifer Sommerfeld 2010
Alyssa Woltman 2013
Haley Azbill Carly Cabot Mary Prosuch 2015
Amy Clifton 2005
Mellisa Eck Sanya Dominick Alexa Kendig 2008
Stephanie Frick 2011
Krista Curtis Casey Timko 2014