"I started playing when I was 5 years old. My parents signed me up and I was immediately hooked and loved it! I would practice on my own all the time, go to the local field and play with boys and kick the ball up against my curb all day long. When I watched the 1999 team win the World Cup I said to myself "I want to play for my country". I just didn't believe in myself enough to be able to get to that level".

"I like the challenge of always having to improve with some aspect of my game. Every game is different and every tournament is different. I like competing and love being locked in battle with an opponent. I have been able to travel the world, play with world-class players and meet some of the most incredible people through my success with the sport. Winning the 2015 World Cup was my most memorable moment in the game"

"I think in general the women's game itself has been the catalyst for its own growth. With every year and with every event we are gaining more and more credibility. The world is beginning to notice that we can play and are enjoying watching our games. The level of competition is much higher than when I started. The teams are a lot harder to beat and possess player with a lot more skill."

"I will definitely remain in the game when my career ends, trying to help the next generation of players and continue to fight for equality for women not only in sports but in general."



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