Katie Spieler is a shining representative of a University of Hawai‘i student-athlete. Competing as a Rainbow Wahine Beach Volleyball player, Spieler led UH to the inaugural Big West Conference Championships, was a two-time AVCA All-American and 2016 CoSIDA Academic All-American.

Spieler was the quintessential student-athlete going perfect with a 4.00 grade-point average after completing both her undergraduate and master’s degree in only five years, graduating Summa Cum Laude. While competing in the Beach Volleyball NCAA Championships, Spieler earned the NCAA Elite 90 Award, awarded for the highest GPA among the championship field at the tournament. She was also selected for the Hawai‘i Jack Bonham Award, presented to the top senior female student-athlete.

In her final year as a Rainbow Wahine, Spieler was chosen as one of the semifinalists from among a record 517 nominees for the NCAA Woman of the Year Award. Throughout her career as a Rainbow Wahine, Spieler has personified the traits called for by the award which are excellence in academics, athletics, community service and leadership.