

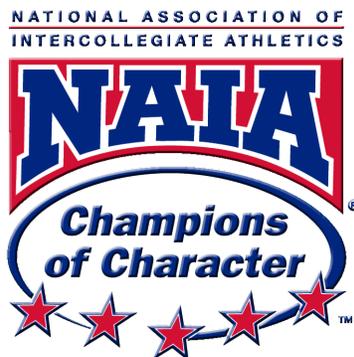
**Penn
Kingsmen
Athletics**



Principal Steve Hope
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NCAA Signing Day features 14 student-athletes from Penn High School

Student-Athlete	College	Sport	Penn Coach
Kamryn Redman	Bethel College	Cheer	Rita Szweda
Evan Bennett	DePauw Univ,	Football	Cory Yeoman
A.J. Crawford	Trine Univ.	Hockey	Max Keagle
Jacob Hatten	Trine Univ.	Hockey	Max Keagle
Justin Savage	Trine Univ.	Hockey	Max Keagle
Zachary Stanley	Calvin College	Boys Lacrosse	J.D. Walker
Haley Ash	Franklin College	Girls Lacrosse	Richard Velde
Alyssa Damiano	Calvin College	Girls Lacrosse	Richard Velde
Greyson Papp	Concordia Univ.	Girls Lacrosse	Richard Velde
Bryce Holt	Anderson Univ.	Swimming	Jess Preston
Malik Gambrel	Bethel College	Boys Track	Jon Carroll
Lorena Daugherty	Indiana University	Girls Track	Josh Fletcher
Mason Lee	DePauw Univ.	Boys Tennis	Eric Bowers
Kory Cavanaugh	Wabash College	Wrestling	Brad Harper



**Penn
Kingsmen
Cheerleading**



**Coach
Rita Szweda**



KAMRYN REDMAN, Bethel College

Kamryn Redman will continue her academic and athletic career at Bethel College.

Penn sure will help to make it a seamless transition.

"The cheerleading program at Penn is the best around," Redman said. "The stunts we learn are so advanced, it's made me a stronger athlete all together. Academically, the classes Penn has to offer help get a head start so it can be an easier freshman year."



Almost all high school students are looking forward to the days they get to go to college.

"I'm most excited to meet new people and grow in my faith," Redman said. "This won't be too difficult, as around 1,600 students are enrolled at the college.

"I chose Bethel because I wanted to go to a Christian college. I plan to be an elementary teacher and Bethel's education programs have grown tremendously in the past couple of years. This year Bethel is starting a competitive cheer team. I'm excited to be a part of this new opportunity that Bethel has to offer."

**Penn
Kingsmen
Football**



**Coach
Cory Yeoman**



EVAN BENNETT, DePauw University

Evan Bennett will take his academic and athletic talents to DePauw University.

"I'm looking forward to being somewhere new and meeting new people," Bennett said. "I'm also excited to get closer to my academic and career goals, and experience new things."



Bennett traveled to the football state championship game as a junior, and he has achieved academic great success as well.

“Penn has taught me to be a responsible student,” Bennett said. “I have learned valuable life lessons and developed a strong base academically that will help me to succeed at DePauw.”

As for sports, Evan thinks “playing sports at Penn has taught me to be a team player, and a leader.”

Bennett is eager to start his DePauw experience.

“DePauw gave me that college feeling that no other school did,” Bennett said. “I also chose to go to DePauw because it is a small liberal arts college that will prepare me well for graduate school and my future.”



A.J. CRAWFORD, Trine University

Defenseman A.J. Crawford first started lacing up the skates to play hockey when he was four years old.

At Penn, he earned All-Star status, was a state champion, played in the nationals, and was an Indianapolis Star Hockey Player of the Year nominee.

Now, he will continue his hockey career at the collegiate level.



Penn hockey taught Crawford a lot through the years. He learned how to work well with others and gained a leadership role, as he was the assistant captain his senior year. His sophomore year, the Kingsmen won state, but his greatest accomplishment was developing not only as a hockey player, but as a well-rounded individual.

“Greatness is earned, not awarded,” are guiding words for Crawford.



JACOB HATTEN, Trine University

Jacob Hatten, a defenseman, will be helping establish the Trine Hockey Program.

“Being able to play college hockey at Trine will be great, because it's a new program and it will be good for the school,” Hatten said. “It's an honor to be a part of something new and upcoming at the school.”



Hatten has played hockey at an elite status. He played youth hockey with the South Bend Irish Rovers, and for the last three seasons, has been playing Class AAA hockey in Grand Rapids, Mich., for a team called Fox Motors Hockey Club.

“A quote that has been important to me is from former Penn High School hockey player Jack Savage: "Try your hardest so you don't look back and wish you did better"”



JUSTIN SAVAGE, Trine University

Justin Savage has played hockey for 14 years as a goalie. He earned an MVP Award in travel hockey, and earned the Penn Kingsmen Sportsmanship Award. He was a state champion at Penn, and helped the team qualify for nationals.



“Justin Savage brought passion and hype in the net to the Penn hockey program,” Kingsmen teammate Kyle Cocquyt said of Savage. “He’s quick between the pipes and his height gives him an advantage.”

“Justin played a key role in the success of the Penn Hockey team this season,” Cocquyt said. “We went to state last season, and placed seventh in the nation, and Justin helped our efforts in a big way.”

Penn Kingsmen Boys Lacrosse		Coach J.D. Walker
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ZACHARY STANLEY, Calvin College

Zach Stanley has been a member of the Penn lacrosse team since his freshman year. He is going to continue his academic as well as his athletic career next fall at Calvin College.



“I like the intensity and speed of the sport,” Stanley said of playing lacrosse. “Although there is a lot of hitting, there’s also a lot of strategy involved.”

Stanley decided to go to Calvin because he wants to pursue a Master’s degree in finance that he can get in just 5 years. Also, he likes Calvin’s lacrosse coach and he enjoyed being around the team when he went on visits there.

“My coaches have taught me to never give up and to give my all no matter what.” he said about the Penn staff.

Zach said his lacrosse experience at Penn has prepared him to play at the collegiate level.



HALEY ASH, Franklin College

One of Penn's top lacrosse players is headed to Franklin College to continue her academic and athletic careers.

Ash is an attackman for the Kingsmen and was "very impressed" with both the coaching staff at Franklin College and the college. She showed confidence in head coach Mike Faith by saying he is a "very dedicated and helpful coach."



Ash is impressed with the success of the women's lacrosse program at Franklin. The Grizzlies have won two national titles and made 18 postseason appearances in NCAA Div. III, and boasts a history of successful players earning all conference and All-America honors.

Ash hopes to add her name to the successful players at Franklin College, and maybe even bring home another national championship to the program.

"It'd be a dream" said Ash on winning a collegiate national title at Franklin College, her new home for the next 4 years.



ALYSSA DAMIANO, Calvin College

Alyssa Damiano has decided to continue her academic and athletic career at Calvin University in Michigan.

Damiano said that she picked Calvin because she wants to study law in college and Calvin has a great pre-law program. Another reason she picked Calvin University is because they have a solid NCAA Div. III women's lacrosse program.



Damiano said that Penn lacrosse has really made her prepared for the next step at the college game by teaching her the qualities of hard work and teamwork. The reason Damiano decided to play college lacrosse is because she loves the game of lacrosse and isn't ready to give it up.



GREYSON PAPP, CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY

Greyson Papp announced her commitment to continue her athletic and academic career at Concordia University.



Although it took her nearly to the sixth grade to figure out her passion for lacrosse, it did not take the state long to recognize her achievements.

Papp was named to Team Indiana last season and competed in a national event.

“Lacrosse has taught me to be a humble and smart player,” Papp said. “It developed me into a better athlete and a better person.”

While balancing lacrosse and school, she has decided to major in Biology and Psychology.

Papp said that her greatest inspiration is her mom. Her mom has spent countless hours going to and from lacrosse games and practices as well as being extremely patient with everything that has gone on in Greyson’s life and has prepared her for the next step in her life.

Papp said Penn will always be special to her: “Once a Kingsmen, always a Kingsmen.”



BRYCE HOLT, Anderson University

Bryce Holt will continue his academic and athletic careers at Anderson University.



Bryce has competed for Penn swimming since his Freshman year. Although he was new to the sport, he and Coach Preston knew that he had a lot of potential. He raced out of the blocks and into a varsity spot while going on to make the sectional team by his sophomore year.

During his Penn High School career, Holt participated in the 200-meter freestyle and the 100-meter backstroke. Bryce also made three Northern Indiana Conference championship teams.

“Although Bryce was new to the sport, I could tell he had a great natural feel for the water,” Penn swim coach Jess Preston said. “I thought if he stuck with it and worked hard, he could

definitely be a big contributor. He's still relatively new to the sport, so any college would be lucky to have him because he still has a lot of room to improve and get better."

Bryce Holt is looking forward to becoming an Anderson Raven and representing Penn alumni.

Penn Kingsmen Boys Tennis		Coach Eric Bowers
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MASON LEE, DePauw University

Mason Lee ended his Penn tennis career with a state tournament appearance with his doubles partner Cole Pollyea. Now, he looks to a new challenge in his tennis career as he has committed to Depauw University for next fall.



Lee has a tremendous skill set not just on the tennis court, but off as well. He was named one of Penn's valedictorians for the Class of 2017. Mason uses his intelligence as much as he uses his racquet on the court when he competes.

Academics were priority No. 1 for Lee in choosing a college.

"I chose DePauw because I really liked their science research program," Lee said.

Lee also has a sister graduating from DePauw and she highly recommended the school.

Lee said that the DePauw tennis team has a great chemistry.

"All the players welcomed me in and they all seemed close as a team and as friends," Lee said.

Penn Kingsmen Boys Track		Coach Jon Carroll
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MALIK GAMBRELL, Bethel College

Senior Malik Gambrell of the Penn boys track team has signed with the Bethel Pilots.



Gambrell is a key high jumper for the Kingsmen. As a junior, he scored points as Penn won both Northern

Indiana Conference and sectional championships. Individually, he finished second at sectionals, sixth at regionals, and was only an inch away from making it to the state championships (6-foot-3). These accomplishments are especially remarkable because this was only his first year of high jump.

“Penn track is a family environment,” Gambrell said. “I don't feel too much pressure because everyone just wants everyone to do good.”

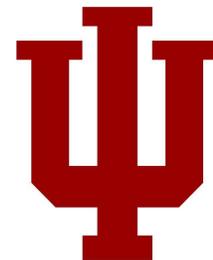
The family environment will continue at Bethel College as two of his teammates will join him next year. Penn Track and Field standouts, Matt McCown and Bailey Mott are also committed to be part of the Bethel track team.

"It's good that I'll know people, they both have taught me a lot the past two years and it will definitely make us closer," Malik said. What stood out to Gambrell about Bethel is that it has good academics, it's a positive environment, and has great competition athletically. We can look forward to Malik continuing his success for the rest of this season as the Kingsmen track team gears up for the post season.



LORENA DAUGHERTY, Indiana University

Lorena Daugherty, who was part of a 4x800 relay state championship team for Penn last season, will run track for the Indiana Hoosiers.



This year, Daugherty has set goals for herself and her team -- to go undefeated and win state again. She hopes that the Kingsmen team can improve on its fourth-place finish at state last season.

It hasn't always been easy for Daugherty. She has gone through injuries during her sophomore year, but she said, "along with motivation during difficult times, it's hard to do something that hurts so bad, but the reward is like no other, which makes it all worth it."

Daugherty said that her development as an elite runner is a credit to her coaches and teammates.

“The team has always been there to pick me up when I'm down and celebrate when I'm up," Daugherty said. She said that the Penn coaching staff has pushed her to lengths she never thought she could reach and shown her how much she can reach and accomplish. She said she was blessed to have the best team and coaches.

Daugherty is looking forward going to I.U. It's one of the most exciting things she has prepared for, and she knows the running caliber is going to be a much higher level and the training will be more intense.

"I'm a tad nervous, but excited to see what I'll be able to accomplish there," Daugherty said.



KORY CAVANAUGH, Wabash College

One of Penn's star-studded wrestlers is headed to Wabash College.

Senior Kory Cavanaugh is headed to Wabash to continue his athletic and academic career this fall.

"I really like this school," Cavanaugh said.

"Everything about it impressed me and I feel like it will provide a good foundation for the rest of my life."



Over his career, Cavanaugh is a three-time State Qualifier and a two-time State Placer. He is a three-time NIC Sectional and Regional champion, and has cemented himself into Penn Wrestling history.

When asked about Wabash's wrestling program, Cavanaugh was very praising. "Their resources at Wabash are amazing. Their weight room is very clean and I was very impressed with everything they had to offer from an athletic standpoint."

Overall, Cavanaugh feels that Wabash is a good fit for him.

"I really enjoyed my visit to Wabash. Everything there felt right and I can't wait to spend the next 4 years there."

