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## Signing Day

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### COLLEGE SIGNING DAY FALL 2018

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KEGAN HOSKINS	Kankakee C.C.	Baseball
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MACKENZIE GRIMAN	Butler University	Softball
ANNA GUSTAFSON	Lewis University	Softball
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ALYSSA TORRES	Western Michigan Univ.	Volleyball



# Baseball

## Head Coach Greg Dikos



### HAYDEN BERG, Western Michigan

Penn Baseball second baseman/pitcher Hayden Berg will continue his academic and athletic careers at Western Michigan University.

Berg punished opposing pitchers as a junior, hitting .371. He was 5-2 on the mound. Berg earned Northern Indiana Conference honors as a second baseman.



Berg said that he is looking forward to being part of the Western Michigan Baseball Program.

“They have a really good baseball program and have had great success in the past,” Berg said. “They really know how to develop their players for the next level.”

Penn Baseball Head Coach Greg Dikos said that Berg’s work ethic is a key factor in his development.

“His success didn’t come by accident,” Dikos said of Berg. “Hayden is certainly one of the hardest workers and most committed on our team.”

Berg also gives credit for his success to the Penn baseball program.

“The coaches have really helped out a lot, they know what it takes to get us to the collegiate level. They always push us to our potential and it really paid off in the long run,” Berg said.



### BROCK BOYNTON, Quincy University

Brock Boynton will be taking his Baseball talents to Quincy University after he completes his prolific Kingsmen career.

Boynton hit .379 last season for the Kingsmen. He belted two homers, three triples and 10 doubles, driving in 26 runs.



Boynton has the rare distinction of playing in State Championship Games in two sports -- Baseball and Football. He is a star wide receiver for the Kingsmen Football Team in addition to playing centerfield in Baseball.

Boynton said that Penn Baseball has played a key role in helping him have an opportunity to play college Baseball.

“Penn Baseball has shaped me into the Baseball player I am today, because you learn to play the game right by being a good teammate and becoming fundamentally sound,” Boynton said. “(Baseball Head Coach Greg) Dikos has prepared me for Quincy because he is very big on grades and school always comes first, but also just by making me the player I am today.”

Boynton has a strong appreciation for Penn Baseball.

“My Dad (Brad Boynton) played for Coach Dikos, and I've always known his philosophies, so nothing changed when I got to Penn and played for him,” Coach Dikos has prepared me tremendously.”

Dikos said that he expects Boynton to be successful at the collegiate level.

“All of Brock’s hard work has paid off, and Quincy is a great school with a great baseball tradition,” Dikos said. “I believe Brock will be an impact player.”



**KEGAN HOSKINS, Kankakee Community College**

**Kingsmen flamethrower Kegan Hoskins will pitch at the collegiate level for Kankakee Community College.**

**“I chose Kankakee because I felt like it was a good fit for me,” Hoskins said. “I want to develop more before I move on to the D-I level.”**



Last season, Hoskins was 2-0 with a 1.59 ERA. He picked up a save in Penn’s march to a Sectional Championship. Hoskins had a .333 batting average last season.

“Penn baseball taught me to be disciplined and to always work hard in the weight room and on the field,” Hoskins said.

Hoskins is a two-sport athlete, starring in Baseball and Basketball.

“Kegan brings a lot of athletic ability to the table,” Penn Baseball Head Coach Greg Dikos said. “He can run, throw, and hit.”



**KAMERON KOCH, Grace College**



Kameron Koch, a senior left-handed pitcher for the Penn Kingsmen Baseball Team, will continue his academic and athletic careers at Grace College.

Koch has played a major role in Penn's success on the Varsity level the past two seasons. He was the starting pitcher in the 2017 Class 4-A State Championship Game (no decision). Koch was 9-1 as a sophomore with a 2.56 earned-run average.

Last season as a junior, Koch was 6-0 with a 1.61 ERA.

"I chose Grace College because of their baseball, schooling, and environment," Koch said. "Coach Roth really created a welcoming feel when I stepped on campus. The baseball program is really coming up with all the new coaches, and I will be getting my Masters in four years as well as my Associates degree while I attend Grace."

Koch said that Penn Baseball has been valuable in his development.

"Penn Baseball has really prepared me," Koch said. "Our practices are very similar to Grace. The intensity, the work ethic at Penn really gets you prepped for college, as it gears you to be ready to go right away."

Penn Head Coach Greg Dikos attributed Koch's success to his ability to be prepared for competition.

"The best thing he's got is that he enjoys the competition. He enjoys to compete and understands what it takes as far as preparation to compete at a high level."



## **Boys Basketball**

**Head Coach Al Rhodes**



**NOAH APPLGATE, Hillsdale College**



Noah Applegate's tremendous skill set has helped power Penn's Basketball Program for the last three seasons, and will continue to do that in his upcoming senior season. When his prolific high school career is finished, Applegate will take his talents to Hillsdale College.

**"Academics played a huge role in my decision to attend Hillsdale," Applegate said. "I had to think about where I could go that would set me up for where I want to be in the future."**

**Hillsdale is renowned for its academic programs. However, academics isn't the only area where excellence is expected at Hillsdale. The basketball team found a good amount of success last season in particular. The team had an impressive overall record of 21-10. They even advanced to the championship game in the Great Midwest Athletic Conference, and earned a fifth seed in the NCAA Division II Regional Tournament.**

**"I'm really excited to join a successful basketball program and I'm definitely looking forward to helping continue the success," Applegate said. "I think I'm really going to like the team that I'll be a part of."**

**Applegate, who will be a rare four-year starter at Penn, is poised to become the all-time leading scorer at Penn. The 6-foot-6 wing has 1,154 points entering the 2018-2019 season, which is 260 points short of the school record. Applegate was named to the Indiana Junior All-Star Team after averaging 20.4 points and 6.8 rebounds a game last season. He dished out 65 assists last season and connected on 50 percent of his shots. Applegate blocked 27 shots and had 27 steals.**

**"The coaches here at Penn have helped me tremendously with my game," Applegate said. "They've showed me the right way to do things and they have helped me improve every year I've been here. Another important part of my time here has been my connection with my teammates. They have helped me enjoy every minute of my Penn experience."**



**DREW LUTZ, Bethel College**

**Penn starting Point Guard Drew Lutz is a main reason the Penn Basketball team has had success in the past couple years. Lutz, a 6-foot-0 Senior, averaged 15.8 points a game last season and dished out 160 assists.**



**Along with his success during high school, he had great success over the summer, averaging 25.6 points a game for the MBA Select.**

**One of the main things Lutz said that he worked on to help his team out the most was creating more space to get his shot off, and also finishing through contact at the rim.**

**"A big thing for me this summer was being a lot more vocal to my teammates, which I think makes us better," Lutz said.**

This tremendous success and hard work lead to multiple offers for Lutz.

"I chose Bethel because of the culture of the program," Lutz said. "In looking at other schools, a big thing for me was making sure the team had the right culture. Also, I've known Coach Lightfoot for a very long time, and he trained me when I was younger so we are very close."

Lutz said that the Penn Boys Basketball Program has been essential in developing him as a player and a person.

"Coach Rhodes has taught me how to pursue excellence and has been a huge part in helping me with my recruiting process," Lutz said.



## Boys Track and Field

### Head Coach Jon Carroll



**COLLIN MOTT, Bethel College**

Penn Hurdler Collin Mott will continue his academic career at Bethel College and compete for the Pilots' nationally renowned Track and Field Program.



"I chose Bethel because it's close to home, and because the family-like bond between teammates and coaches really stood out to me. The athletic program treats the students as if they were a part of their own family, and the coaches continue to help you grow not only athletically, but as a person overall."

Mott will be competing at Bethel alongside his brother, former Penn hurdler Bailey Mott.

"I am thoroughly excited to compete with and against Bailey again, because I feel our bond as siblings grew with our abilities in track and they will continue to grow," Mott said. "I am also excited to be able to race with him, too, having someone who I surely know will push me to do my best no matter what happens. He has and will always be there to support me and I will do the same for him!"

Mott appreciates how Penn has helped develop his abilities in Track.

"My experience with track and field at Penn has shown me that no matter where I am at there will always be room for me to grow whether it is mentally or physically, on and off the track," Mott said. "My previous coach (Coach Chase Pinion), coaches at Bethel now, and his style of coaching along with other sports that had coaches who coached at a higher level, they have all prepared me by showing me what would be expected at a

collegiate level along with creating strong bonds like that of the Bethel track and field team.”

Penn Boys Track and Field Head Coach Jon Carroll is excited about Mott’s potential at Bethel.

“Collin Mott has the right frame and work ethic to be successful at the collegiate level,” Carroll said. “Many can get by with just talent alone at the high school level, but Collin is a kid that competes every single day at practice. He wants to get better and has done so every year. I expect him to make improvements this year and continue to do so once he leaves Penn.”



**CADEN PAQUETTE, Bethel College**

Senior leader Caden Paquette will take his pursuit of excellence academically and athletically to Bethel College when his Penn High School career his completed. Paquette has excelled at Penn in the discus. His personal record for discus — which, more significantly, is also the school record— is 165-8.



At Penn, Paquette only throws discus, but in college he wants to do hammer throw, weight throw, and javelin.

Paquette is a leader on Penn’s Student-Athlete Leadership Council. He sets a high standard for others to meet on and off the field.

“I try to lead mainly by example,” Paquette said. “I feel like doing the right things all the time shows the underclassmen how things should be done. If I’m doing the right thing, hopefully they will, too. The most important lesson I’ve learned about leadership is this: When you’re tested and adversity is thrown at you, being a strong, focused leader will help you and everyone around you overcome the situation.”

Paquette has distinguished himself as both an outstanding football player and thrower. With his skill set and size, a collegiate football career would be quite possible. However, Paquette prefers to continue with track.

“I love the individual aspect *and* the team aspect of track,” Paquette said. “It’s like wrestling, where individuals compete for themselves, but also to win points for their team. I love that, and I love throwing. I always have since I picked up a discus in seventh grade.”

Paquette is very enthusiastic about the college he has chosen. He knew right away it was the best fit for him.

**“I chose Bethel because from the moment I met the coach, he and the other team members made me feel welcome,” Paquette said. “It’s also close to home, so I’ll be able to watch my brother go through his high school careers in football and track. I’ll also be close to my family, which I’m a big fan of.”**

**Penn Track and Field Head Coach Jon Carroll believes that Paquette will have great success in college. According to Carroll, Paquette has all the tools he needs to dominate at Bethel.**

**“Caden Paquette is an elite athlete,” Carroll said. “He has the strength, coordination, and willingness to get better in all aspects of throwing. He is one of the most competitive kids I have ever been around, which will serve him well in college. In order to compete at the collegiate level, you need to have some talent on top of a great work ethic, and Caden has it all. Besides being a great athlete, he also takes care of business in the classroom. His ability to manage his academic and athletic workload will serve him well in college.”**

**Being on Penn’s football and track teams have taught Paquette what’s important for success later in life: “The Penn athletic process has helped me prepare for success in college/career by teaching me important lessons about respect, responsibility, and punctuality, as well as how to be a good person in general.”**



## **Girls Basketball**

**Head Coach Kristi Kaniewski-Ulrich**



**MAKENZIE KILMER, Taylor University**

**Makenzie Kilmer, who played on the Penn Girls Basketball State Championship Team in the 2015-2016 season, will continue her academic and athletic careers at Taylor University.**



**“I chose Taylor because I knew it was a place where I could grow as a person and a player while getting a strong education,” Kilmer said. “Coach Martinez knows what it takes to achieve your goals but he also wants the best for his players.”**

**Kilmer said that Penn Girls Basketball has been exceptional in preparing her for the challenges of the college game.**

**“As a freshman, I had the opportunity to be part of the state championship team,” Kilmer said. “That year really showed me that in order to achieve your goals, you have to give it**

everything you've got. The coaches have also pushed me throughout my four years to be the best player I can be in every aspect of the game.

"Penn Girls Basketball has also prepared me defensively, because that is a major focus within the program. 'Coach K' has shown me the benefits of working hard and never giving up."

Penn Girls Basketball Head Coach Kristi Ulrich Kaniewski said that Kilmer is a great fit for Taylor.

"Academically, Taylor is top notch and their women's program is on the rise to be one the best NAIA programs in the nation," Ulrich said. "Kenzie will earn her fourth Varsity letter this season. In addition to that, she was also a state champion as a freshman and is serving as a team captain this year.

"Kenzie's ability to lead really blossomed in the off season and we are looking for her to be a huge impact for our team this year. Her tireless work ethic and energy will push teammates to compete each day out on the court. Kenzie's ability to attack the rim and play tenacious defense are going to allow her to be successful at the next level."



## Girls Lacrosse

### Head Coach Annie Eutsey



**CHLOE FOLEY, Grand Valley State University**

Chloe Foley, who led Penn Girls Lacrosse to its first Final Four in program history, will compete collegiately at Grand Valley State University after she finishes her high school career.



Foley earned First-Team All-State honors last season, as well as being named to the All-Tournament Team, All-Region, All-Conference, and Offensive Player of the Year for the Kingsmen.

She was also the Offensive Player of the Year as a Sophomore and Newcomer of the Year as a freshman.

"I chose Grand Valley because it felt like the best fit for me academically and athletically," Foley said. "I believe I will grow as a student athlete and as a person finding my path in life. Coach Mac and her staff really impressed me. They not only care about the record, they care about each player personally as well. They have competitive goals

and will push me to be the best player I can be while also supporting and helping guide me academically, understanding that is my future.”

Foley played on the Penn Girls Basketball Team for three seasons, in addition to play Lacrosse.

“Penn Athletics has helped me prepare for college in many ways,” Foley said. “Playing two sports throughout the years helped me learn time management, the art of multitasking and teamwork. Some of my teammates have become my best friends and some of my coaches have become mentors I admire and respect.

“Basketball always pushed me physically and mentally, making me a tougher competitor,” Foley said. “Freshman year being part of the team that won the state championship really showed me the work you have to be willing to put in to achieve goals. All of my coaches have instilled a strong work ethic in me and their guidance has raised my own expectations of myself. I definitely learned to be more patient and adapt as I have had a new Lacrosse coach every year, until now, thankfully!”

Penn Girls Lacrosse Head Coach Annie Eutsey said that she expects Foley to excel at the collegiate level.

“Chloe is willing to work on skills on her own and she is not afraid to try anything new,” Eutsey said. “Last year Chloe was our leading scorer and led us in assists. Overall, Chloe is an outstanding player and teammate, she works with her teammates to help them improve.”



## Girls Soccer

Head Coach Jeff Hart

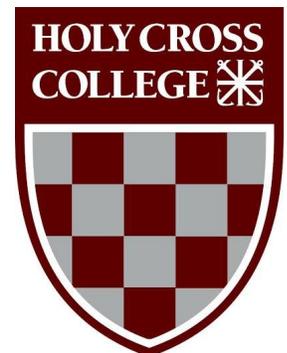


RILEY CHAPLA, Holy Cross College

Riley Chapla, who played in two State Championship Games for Penn and was a starter for the 2017 Penn Team that was ranked No. 1 in the nation, will play collegiately for Holy Cross.

“I chose to go to Holy Cross because of the many academic and athletic opportunities they provide,” Chapla said. “I have known the coach and have

played with many girls on the team for years, so the team chemistry will mostly already be there. I love the small campus and small class sizes and that I’m close to home as well.



**“Penn Soccer has prepared me for collegiate competition by allowing me to play in high-intensity games all four years and by teaching me many lessons on and off the field that have helped me become a better leader, teammate, and student.”**

**Chapla has played at the Varsity level for three seasons.**

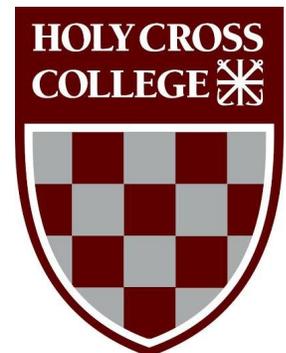
**“Riley is a tough-nosed, strong defensive player who can dominate games in the air, as indicated by her five head-ball goals this year,” Penn Girls Soccer Head Coach Jeff Hart said. “She played a vital defensive role in both state title wins and I would expect to see her continue to play that important role next season at Holy Cross.”**



**HALLIE HEDMAN, Holy Cross College**

**Hallie Hedman, who has been a key contribute to the success of Penn’s State Championship Girls Soccer Program, will compete at the collegiate level for Holy Cross College. Penn was ranked No. 1 in the nation in 2017.**

**“I chose Holy Cross because it was a good fit academically and athletically!” Hedman said. “I love the atmosphere around the campus and being close to home!”**



**Hedman is a center back who missed out on her Junior season because of an injury.**

**“Sitting on the sidelines was very eye-opening to me,” Hedman said. “I was able to learn from my teammates and spot where the mistakes were and communicate to them in order to help them succeed.”**

**When Hedman returned for her Senior season, she made an impact. She appreciates what she has gained from her Penn Girls Soccer experience.**

**“Penn Girls Soccer has prepared me to play in college because the program taught me that anything is possible and to never give up,” Hedman said. “The program has helped me become a better player and to enjoy the game of soccer with my teammates!!”**

**Hedman has been a valuable contributor to the success of Penn Girls Soccer.**

**“Hallie has been the steady influence in the middle of our defense for the last several years,” Penn Girls Soccer Head Coach Jeff Hart said. “She’s battled injuries along the way, but has always put the team’s success ahead of her own goals. She and Riley have been teammates for years in the back and they will form an outstanding pairing in the middle of Holy Cross’s defense going forward.”**



**MAYA LACOGNATO, IUPUI**

Midfielder Maya Lacognato helped Penn Girls Soccer hoist two State Championship trophies. She will look to pursue a championship experience on the collegiate level at IUPUI. Lacognato helped Penn earn the No. 1 ranking in the nation in 2017.



**“I chose IUPUI because I bonded well with the girls on the team and I love how the coach coaches the game,” Lacognato said. “Coach Johnson wants to play possession (soccer) and when the team gets their chance, they go to goal. I like that.**

**“I also chose this school because it reminded me of Penn Girls Soccer,” Lacognato continued. “Coach Johnson and the coaching staff remind me of (Penn Girls Soccer Head Coach Jeff Hart) and the other coaches because they are super chill and funny, but also take things seriously.**

**“Additionally, the players on the team remind me of the players on Penn Girls Soccer. They all get along well and no matter your grade level, everyone interacts with one another. The whole program has great chemistry and I am excited for that. Plus, winning on a state championship on that field, how could I not say no to that! Great memories there with Penn Girls Soccer and many more to come with my new team!”**

**Lacognato said that the high level of competition Penn Girls Soccer faced, the conditioning and training have prepared her for the college level.**

**“Waking up early for conditioning or morning soccer, and the tough schedule we were in all four years is one way Penn Soccer has prepared me to play at the collegiate level,” Lacognato said. “Going to conditioning has gotten me in great shape for the summer and fall, and I wanted to stay in shape through the off season, so I am always running. In college, we will have morning practices and conditioning, so I will be used to waking up early and going hard during workouts or practices.**

**“By the coaches having us play hard teams made me think faster and play the game at a higher level,” Lacognato said. “Teams across Indiana are great at soccer and lots of players are going to Division 1 schools, so playing against them tested me for what is to come in college. Another reason Penn Soccer has prepared me for the collegiate level is because I needed to learn to work with different players and play in different positions.”**

**Penn Girls Soccer Head Coach Jeff Hart said that Lacognato is an elite player. Lacognato has the rare distinction of scoring in two State Championship games. She finished her**

Penn career in the Top 5 for goals scored and assists in the Kingsmen Girls Soccer Program.

"Maya is a two-time all-state player and has been a valuable part of our program for four years," Hart said. "She is a high character student-athlete that we've been fortunate to coach. She brings so many things to the table that IUPUI will benefit from, including a passion for being a great teammate."



## Girls Swimming

### Head Coach Jess Preston



**MADDIE ZIEGERT, University of Iowa**

Maddie Ziegert will chase her NCAA dreams at the University of Iowa with the Hawkeyes Swimming Team.



Ziegert currently swims sprint 50-and-100 freestyle, 200 freestyle and the 100 backstroke for the Kingsmen, in addition to relays. She got into swimming 10 years ago by watching her sister at her practice.

"I found Iowa and I loved their pool," Ziegert said. "At the time, I was considering Purdue, West Virginia, Pitt, and Northwestern, but then I went on a visit last year and immediately fell in love with Iowa's campus."

Kingsmen swimmer Matthew Pruitt said that Ziegert is a great role model for Penn swimmers.

"Maddie is driven to reach her goals and is very passionate about swimming," Pruitt said. "You can always count on her to step up when it matters."

Ziegert credited Penn with helping her reach her goals. In the last off season, she competed in the U.S. Junior National Meet with Olympians.

"Coach Preston is an outstanding coach and really help push me to reach my potential," Ziegert said. "The team is really supportive and makes swimming fun in the pool and out of the pool."



# Girls Tennis

## Head Coach Eric Bowers



**SOPHIA DAVIDSON,** Indiana University-Kokomo

As signing day approaches, student-athletes all over the country are deciding where they are going to continue their academic and athletic careers next year.



Penn tennis standout Sophia Davidson will be attending Indiana University-Kokomo next fall.

“When I went to visit, the coaching staff made me feel like it was their privilege for me to attend the university,” Davidson said. “One thing that really stood out to me was how the university involves itself with athletics and how the community really revolves around the student.”

Davidson will be looking forward to being part of a fourth Sectional Championship in her four-year Penn career this spring.

“Penn athletics has helped me immensely in shaping me to play at the next level,” Davidson said. “Coach Bowers has been incredibly helpful with drills and repetition of strokes in practice, I couldn’t have asked for a better coach and mentor.”



# Softball

## Head Coach Beth Zachary



**BRENNA BROWN,** Indiana State University

Brenna Brown will be attending Indiana State University to continue her sensational Softball career.



“I chose ISU because I have always loved the coach there,” said Brown, a shortstop. “I felt so welcomed and loved the softball girls and campus when I visited.”

Brown has been very well prepared for Softball in college by Penn, which is a perennial state power.

“I feel like Penn has made me the player I am today, with the amazing coaching staff we have and the workout class, which is really beneficial,” Brown said. “Most schools don’t get the opportunity to have such great coaches as well as a lifting program”.

Brown, who hit .448 and drove in 33 runs for the Kingsmen last season, has had quite a few memories here at Penn, but her favorite was reaching the State Championship Game.

“My favorite memory from Penn Softball was when we went to state my freshmen year,” Brown said. “Even though it didn’t end up the way we wanted it to, it was still a time I will never forget.”

Penn Softball Head Coach Beth Zachary is looking forward to Brown continuing her stellar career.

“Brenna has been our starting shortshop since her freshman year and has led our defense like a champ since day one,” Zachary said. “Brenna is a quiet, steady leader who makes big plays and comes through with clutch hits. Brenna’s offense has grown over the years and she is a force to be reckoned with at the plate. We are looking forward to watching Brenna excel in her senior season and take her talents to Indiana State where she will undoubtedly contribute right away!”



**TORI BUDZINSKI, University of Findlay**

Tori Budzinski, has committed to further her academic and softball career at the University of Findlay in Ohio.

Budzinski plans to join Findlay’s veterinary program while competing as an outfielder for the Oilers.

Last season, Budzinski hit .308 and drove in 19 runs.



Budzinski credited Penn’s Softball Program with developing her skills and providing her with an opportunity to pursue success at the collegiate level.

“The coaches played a major role in developing me into the softball player and person I am today,” Budzinski said. “Coach Zach and the rest of the staff always pushed me to go harder and always believed in me.”

Penn Softball Coach Beth Zachary said that she is counting on Budzinski to provide strong leadership next spring as a Kingsmen Senior.

**"Tori is a strong, steady leader for us," Zachary said. "Her athleticism is an asset to our team and we know we can play Tori in the infield or outfield and she is going to get the job done. Tori always has a big, contagious smile on her face and is leader on and off the field for us. Findlay is lucky to have Tori joining their squad and we have no doubt she's going to have a great career there."**



**MACKENZIE GRIMAN, Butler**

**Mackenzie Griman, one of the elite players in the state, committed to Butler University.**

**"Butler is a great school," Griman said. "It has an outstanding Education and Physicians Assistant program, which are the two programs I am considering to major in.**



**"I love the softball program so much," Griman continued. "Coach Hall and Coach Jenna make all of my visits to Butler and the camps fun. They are always so excited to see me whenever I go there and the players are all very nice."**

**Griman, a first baseman and a pitcher, led the state in runs batted in as a Sophomore for the Kingsmen with 62. She also set the Kingsmen single-season home-run record that season with nine. Griman hit .411 with 28 RBI's last season despite being hampered by an injury. She had a 5-2 record with a 1.86 ERA in 2018.**

**"Penn softball has definitely helped me get to the next level by helping me love the game and respect it," Griman said. "Coach Zach always tells us before every game that we have to 'respect the game' because anything can happen in a game within a matter of seconds that will change the rest of the game." "Mackenzie Griman is a bright star at such a young age," Penn Softball coach Beth Zachary said. "She continues to produce for this team and plays like a veteran leader. She has been a force on both sides of the ball, while being so versatile as a pitcher, as a first baseman, and as a hitter. She does it all."**

**Penn Softball Head Coach Beth Zachary said that Griman is an impact player.**

**"Mack has been a leader on and off the field for us since day one," Zachary said. "Mack is a power player for us offensively and defensively. She excels at coming through in pressure situations on the mound, at the plate, or with a pick or stretch at first base.**

**"Mackenzie is going to be missed when she graduates but will make an immediate impact at Butler, helping their team excel with her leadership and talents," Zachary said. "Watching Mack play here alongside her sister has been a highlight of my coaching career - very special!"**



**ANNA GUSTAFSON, Lewis University**

**Right-handed pitcher Anna Gustafson will be taking her Softball talents to Lewis University.**

**“I chose Lewis because of the amazing academic options, the location of the school, the atmosphere and home feeling of campus, the amazing softball program coach has built up and of course the Coach herself, coach Becky Pearl!” Gustafson said.**



**“(Penn Softball) has helped me, because it has taught me discipline, responsibilities I didn’t know I would need. It also taught me to push through the hard days and to never give up. PSB has shown me the deeper love of the game that I get to play with my best friends. This program has been absolutely amazing.”**

**Gustafson posted a 10-5 record with a 1.87 earned-run average last season. She also contributed plenty of punch at the plate, hitting .396 and driving in 22 in 2018.**

**Beth Zachary, the Penn Softball Head Coach, said that Gustafson has played a key role in Penn’s success.**

**“Anna has been an important member of our pitching staff since joining our Varsity squad as a freshman,” Zachary said. “She is strong and talented both defensively and offensively and has really stepped up as a leader for us the past two seasons.**

**“Anna is headed to Lewis where she will join two former Penn Softball players already playing there,” Zachary said. “She is going to feel right at home and will make an impact for them right away with her pitching talents. We are excited to follow her at the next level!”**



**LILLY THORN, Indiana University-South Bend**

**Lilly Thorn will be continuing her academic and athletic careers at Indiana-South Bend.**

**“I really liked there dental program and they were one of the few colleges that allowed me to do dental and play softball,” Thorn said. “I also like that it’s close to home.”**



**Thorn said that she appreciates her Penn Softball experience.**

“Penn Softball helped prepared me for college by teaching me how to work with people I might not normally work with,” Thorn said. “It taught me how to get through tough situations and work under pressure, how to manage my time, and it taught me how to develop a work ethic.

“Penn Softball also taught me “next play,” or that life goes on and we shouldn’t dwell on the past. I really appreciate that my teammates will always be there for me, no matter what.”

Thorn hit .364 in 10 games for the Kingsmen Varsity.

Penn Softball Head Coach Beth Zachary said that Thorn is a valuable player in many ways for the Kingsmen.

“Lilly is the player on our team who keeps things fun and light when we need it most,” Zachary said. “She is hilarious and a great teammate to everyone. Lilly is a talented outfielder with a powerful offense. We are thrilled that Lilly will be continuing her career at IUSB and will be close to home so we can come and cheer her on!”



## Volleyball

### Head Coach Lisa Pawlik



ALYSSA TORRES, Western Michigan University

Alyssa Torres, who helped Penn Volleyball earn Northern Indiana Conference, Sectional and Regional Championships, will step up to NCAA Division I competition for Western Michigan University next season.



“I chose Western Michigan because all of the components just seemed to add up nearly perfectly,” Torres said. “The location is phenomenal, the team and the coaches are one of a kind, the school itself offers everything that I am looking for in a college, and my brother will even be there alongside me; it was all just too good to pass up.”

Torres’ brother, Anthony, is a tight end for the Western Michigan Football Team.

Torres said that Penn Volleyball has helped her develop.

“Throughout the years, Penn Volleyball has taught me a lot; the feeling of hatred, how to get past that and become aware of why you love the sport and why you play it, how to be

a leader, how to improve and become a hard worker, not only for your team and the people around you, but overall how to love the sport and do what I do for myself,” Torres said.

Penn Volleyball Head Coach Lisa Pawlik said that Torres has a high talent level that will enable her to make an impact at Western Michigan.

“Alyssa has ended her high school volleyball career where she is the happiest - in high level competition,” Pawlik said. “She helped the Penn Volleyball Team reach the 2018 Final Four by earning 261 kills, 22 aces, and 95 solo blocks.

“Alyssa thrives in competition and likes game challenges,” Pawlik added. “She was recognized on the first-team Northern Indiana Conference, Academic All-State, and as an All-State nominee. We wish her happiness as she moves into her college volleyball experience.”