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DYLAN SMITH	Bethel	Bowling
KYLE VAN OOTEGHEM	Bethel	Boys Soccer
AVERY RICHARDSON	Bethel	Boys Track/XC
MOLLY POOLER	Saint Mary's	Volleyball



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Bowling
Head Coach Robert Smith

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BOWLING
BETHEL UNIVERSITY

Dylan Smith

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DYLAN SMITH



Dylan Smith is a Penn High School student who has earned many achievements in the sport of bowling. He has excelled at regional, semi-state and state competitions.

Smith is choosing to further his academic and bowling careers by attending Bethel University.

“I chose Bethel because it has a smaller campus feel, great educational opportunities, and a place where I can further my bowling career,” Smith said.

Smith helped Penn place 10th in the state in Bowling this season. Smith said that the state experience will help him compete at the collegiate level.

“The bowling experience at Penn has helped me get a feel of what competing as a team is like,” Smith said. “The bowling experience I got at Penn meant the world to me. Not only did I further my bowling career to the point that I was looked at by colleges, but I also met some great friends along the way.”

Smith got into bowling when his parents joined a Thursday Fun League at OC Lanes. Later, he joined the Youth League at OC Lanes.

“Once I got into high school, I joined the Penn bowling team, which led to my competitive bowling career,” Smith said.

Smith’s accomplishments include qualifying as an individual for Semi-state as a sophomore year (2017-2018), regionals as a junior (2018-2019), and semi-state as a senior year (2019-2020). He placed fourth at the Regional this season.

Smith won the Kegler Open Scholarship championship in June, 2019, had the highest individual series of 685 for three games at the city tournament for St. Joseph County, placed fourth in the King's division of the Kings and Queens tournament last year and placed first in the Kings and Queens tournament this year.



Boys Soccer

Head Coach Kyle Zaber

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SOCCER
BETHEL UNIVERSITY

Kyle Van Ooteghem

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KYLE VAN OOTEGHEM



Kyle Vanooteghem has committed to Bethel University to continue his academic and athletic careers.

Van Ooteghem, a midfielder, said that he values his Penn Boys Soccer experience.

“It was a great experience to have along with outstanding coaches and fun players to be around,” Van Ooteghem said.

Van Ooteghem is looking forward to the challenge of college soccer. He said that daily training and having more of a strict schedule with practices and workouts will take some getting used to, but it is a great opportunity for a new beginning.

According to Van Ooteghem, he is looking forward to competing with the quality of players and coaches in the Bethel program.

Penn Boys Soccer Head Coach Kyle Zaber said that Van Ooteghem was a valuable member of the Kingsmen Boys Soccer Team.

"Kyle is a player that every coach wants in his team," Zaber said. "He is selfless, driven, personable, willing to learn, and committed to his teammates. He was rewarded with Honorable Mention All NIC-Team his senior year as a result of his determined play."

According to Zaber, Van Ooteghem, along with a couple other teammates, competed in Penn Boys Soccer's informal "Goal of the Season" competition.

"Kyle added an excellent strike on his weaker left foot from about 35 yards out; no easy task to say the least," Zaber said. "His desire to learn and be a team-first player will allow him to contribute immediately at Bethel University.

"I know the coaching staff there will see these traits immediately and help to further develop them so he can experience a successful college career."



Boys Track & Field

Head Coach Jon Carroll

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TRACK/XC
BETHEL UNIVERSITY

Avery Richardson

SIGNED

AVERY RICHARDSON



Avery Richardson is running into the next step of his life, college. Richardson will continue his academic and athletic careers at Bethel College.

"There is a lot of Faith at Bethel, and coming from a very religious family, that's really important," Richardson said. "Another great thing is it's right here, so I wouldn't have to leave home. When it comes to running there, I already know the Cross Country coach very well."

Richardson also plans on running the 800 relay, 400 relay, the 3,200 for Bethel's nationally renowned Track Program, in addition to running Cross Country.

Penn Boys Track Coach Jon Carroll said that Richardson will contribute greatly to Bethel.

"Avery is a competitor and a real team guy," Carroll said. "Avery came to us his sophomore year and instantly made an impact on the track. He has never shied

away from any of the races, including some of the ones that he never ran in before. He does whatever it takes to help the team win. I expect him to have a strong senior season and have a real chance to be running at the State Finals.”

Richardson said that Penn has prepared him academically and athletically for college.

“Penn prepared me academically for college; it’s a great school,” Richardson said. “My journey at Penn has been great.”


Besides running in college, Richardson will more importantly focus on his academics. He plans on Majoring in Exercise Science, so he can become an athletic trainer.

“I’m most looking forward to the fresh start of college,” Richardson said. “Once you graduate from high school it will allow me to be an adult and prepare for my future.”



Volleyball
Head Coach Lisa Pawlik

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VOLLEYBALL
SAINT MARY’S COLLEGE

Molly Pooler

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MOLLY POOLER



Penn High School Volleyball player Molly Pooler is signing with Saint Mary’s College.

Pooler has earned Academic All-State honors, and was named second-team all-Northern Indiana Conference. She played on the 2019 USAV national championship team.

Pooler is excited to continue her academic and athletic careers at Saint Mary’s.

“Saint Mary’s offers the perfect mix of small classes with the atmosphere of a large school,” Pooler said. “It also offers a dual-credit degree program with Notre Dame, in which I plan to study engineering and environmental studies.”

Pooler is a leader in Penn's Student-Athlete Leadership Council, and the National Honor Society. She has been a leader in a number of service projects.

"My involvement and extracurriculars at Penn along with my participation with rigorous academics has taught me how to manage my time," Pooler said.

Penn Volleyball Head Coach Lisa Pawlik said that she expects Pooler to make an impact for Saint Mary's.

"Molly is an amazing young woman who works tirelessly to improve physically and mentally every day," Pawlik said. "She puts her teammates first and is always ready to do her part for the team. Molly is a great leader throughout our school and specifically for our team."