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Signing Day

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| Brayden Schoetzow | Wright State University | Baseball/Greg Dikos |
| Markus Burton | University of Notre Dame | Basketball/AI Rhodes |
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| Macy Hatkevich | University of Toledo | Volleyball/Lisa Pawlik |
| Mackenzie Konanz | Aurora University | Wrestling/Brad Harper |



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MARIETTA COLLEGE
BASEBALL

Ian Hernandez

SIGNED

IAN HERNANDEZ



IAN HERNANDEZ, Marietta College

Hernandez, a member of Penn's State Championship Baseball Team, will sign with Marietta College to continue his academic and athletic careers.

"I went on my visit to Marietta and could really see myself walking around campus," Hernandez said. "With a beautiful campus and field, it is where I knew I wanted to be for the next four years."

Hernandez, a 6-foot-2, 160-pound pitcher, posted a 2-1 record in 23.0 innings pitched for the Kingsmen.

The Kingsmen right-hander had a 1.22 earned-run average and a .913 WHIP (walks/hits per inning). Hernandez struck out 25 and walked seven, allowing only 14 hits in his 23 innings on the mound.

Hernandez credited all aspects of Penn's program with helping prepare him for the collegiate level.

"Here at Penn, we work almost as much and almost as hard as some colleges," Hernandez said. "Specifically, the coaching staff here at Penn pushes you to be the best you can be. They push you to put 100 percent of your effort into things on and off the field."

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**WESTERN MICHIGAN
BASEBALL**

Adam Lehmann

SIGNED

ADAM LEHMANN



ADAM LEHMANN, Western Michigan University

Adam Lehmann, the starting catcher on Penn's State Championship Baseball Team, will suit up for the Western Michigan Broncos of the Mid-American Conference for his collegiate baseball experience.

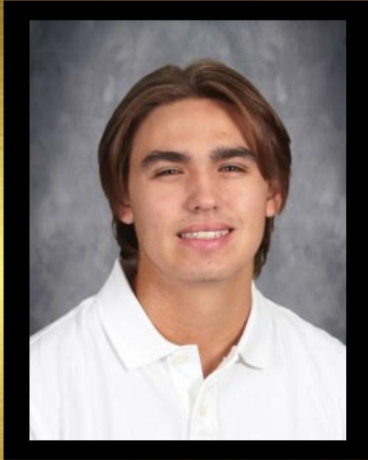
Lehmann, who is 6-foot-3, 207 pounds, is a right-hander. At the plate, Lehmann hit .356 and drove in 20 runs.

Also one of Penn's top pitchers in the 2022 season, Lehmann was 3-1 with one save. He had a 1.65 ERA and a 1.059 WHIP. Lehmann struck out 49 in 34 innings of work, and he walked 16, giving up 20 hits.

"I chose Western Michigan because of the culture there," Lehmann said. "The coaches have developed a family-type relationship with the players. They are in a highly competitive conference. It's a great program with resources to make their players better, and also the school itself is very social and is located in a great city.

"I feel that attending Penn has really set me up for college athletics because of the coaching we have here at Penn," Lehmann said. "Our head coach was a Division I athlete that also got drafted into the major leagues. He has five state championships under his belt and has produced many collegiate athletes. I feel like he coaches our team as if we were a college team, trying to be the best we can to set us up for the next level."

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WRIGHT STATE
BASEBALL

Brayden Schoetzow

SIGNED

BRAYDEN SCHOETZOW



BRAYDEN SCHOETZOW, Wright State University

Brayden Schoetzow, who helped Penn win a State Championship in Baseball, will continue his academic and athletic careers at Wright State University.

Schoetzow committed to Wright State because of the team environment and energy.

"I wanted to be a part of a program that showed how much the coaches and players cared for one another," Schoetzow said. "They all have the mindset to get better each and every day."

Schoetzow said playing for the Kingsmen has prepared him to play in college by putting him in pressure situations.

"Being able to perform well in these situations is one way Penn has prepared me," Schoetzow said. "Penn has also prepared me with discipline skills. For example, in practices leading up to a game and working on things we have been struggling with."

In Schoetzow's junior season for Penn, he finished with a 1.37 ERA, pitching 51.3 innings, only allowing only 29 hits and 10 earned runs. He struck out 62 batters and accumulated a 10-0 record. He was 8-0 in the Northern Indiana Conference.

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NOTRE DAME
BASKETBALL

Markus Burton

SIGNED

MARKUS BURTON



MARKUS BURTON, University of Notre Dame

Markus Burton will be furthering his academic and athletic careers at the University of Notre Dame.

The 6-foot-0, 160-pound senior will be a point guard for the Fighting Irish Basketball Team.

Burton has been a standout player for the Kingsmen, leading Penn to a share of the Northern Indiana Conference crown and the Elkhart Sectional Championship.

In his junior season, Burton broke out, averaging 27.2 points per game, 5.6 rebounds per game, 6.3 rebounds per game, and shooting 46.7 percent from the 3-point line.

Burton comes in as the 19th-ranked point guard in the country, while also being the fourth overall player in the state of Indiana.

Burton says that he knew Notre Dame would be his pick, right after he got the offer.

“I feel like being home at Notre Dame is great because I have the whole 574 supporting me,” Burton said. “Coach Rhodes was a part of my growth throughout the years I was at Penn and I thank him a lot.”

Senior leader and teammate Joey Garwood said that Burton has the characteristics of a player that has what it takes to succeed at the next level.

“Markus is a well-rounded teammate who does the little things on and off the court,” Garwood added. “He has a hard work ethic that will carry him far in life. As he goes on to his college career and further, he will be a standout player for years to come.”

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PURDUE
XC/TRACK & FIELD

Julia Economou

SIGNED

JULIA ECONOMOU



JULIA ECONOMOU, Purdue University

Julia Economou will continue her athletic career at Purdue University. She will be joining the Boilermakers' Cross Country and Track & Field teams.

Economou said she chose Purdue because of the program and the team community.

“On my visit, the girls that would become my future teammates made me feel like a part of the team, and I loved the enthusiasm and dedication they showed to the sport and the team,” Economou said. “Additionally, Coach Oliver and the rest of the Coaching staff amazed me in both their coaching methods and the way they cared about the athletes wellness and success in and outside of the sport.”

While at Penn, Economou has led the Kingsmen track and cross country teams to multiple state championships, including the 4x800 in track, and most recently a sixth-place team finish in the state cross country meet. She also participated in the New Balance National Track & Field Meet last summer.

Economou says her time at Penn has helped prepare her for the future.

“The community we have on the team creates a positive and encouraging environment where my teammates and I are pushed and inspired to do our best, while still having fun,” Economou said. “Additionally, the amazing coaching staff is supportive of the athletes and commits themselves to our training and growth as athletes, and as people.”

Economou said Purdue also offers the academic programs that she wishes to pursue in the future.

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MANHATTAN COLLEGE
LACROSSE

Zoe Montgomery

SIGNED

ZOE MONTGOMERY



ZOE MONTGOMERY, Manhattan College

Penn Goalie Zoe Montgomery compete in Lacrosse at Manhattan College as she continues her academic journey.

“I chose Manhattan College because of its amazing location (near New York City) and cohesive team environment,” Montgomery said. “I also love how the school focuses on helping others and giving back to the community.”

Montgomery has played for the Indy United Club Lacrosse Team and also played for the Under Armour Midwest team and Midwest American Select team. She has lettered in Lacrosse since her freshman year at Penn, and was the Defensive Player of the Year for the 2021-2022 season. She was also named 2022 Indiana All-Regional.

“Penn has helped me prepare for collegiate athletics in many ways,” Montgomery said. “My Lacrosse coaches have taught me the importance of determination and standing up for myself as well as the importance of having open communication. Penn has also taught me how to manage my time as a student-athlete.”

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**HOLY CROSS
SOCCER**

Payton Ladson

SIGNED

PAYTON LADSON



PAYTON LADSON, Holy Cross College

Payton Ladson is set to further her soccer career at Holy Cross College.

Ladson said she is excited to start her time at Holy Cross. She says she chose the college because she fell in love with the athletic and academic programs. She also loves the atmosphere there.

“I know the environment is going to be competitive but fun,” Ladson said. “It will be competitive on the field going up against other teams in the conference, as well as in the classroom.”

Ladson will take the field with the team next year in the goalie box.

“Being a goalkeeper comes with that extra level of pressure but also an unlabeled leadership role on the field,” Ladson said. “At least that’s how I feel. The team relies on the keeper whether it is to instruct them to cover an open space or to stop a shot on goal. You never know what to expect. It is an adrenaline rush for sure and it is one of my favorite things about being a keeper.”

During her time at Penn, Ladson has also been part of the sports medicine team, something she is looking to further in her college career.

“Getting to work in the training room with Trish and Jaymee the last four years has been a great opportunity,” Ladson said. “From this experience at Penn I have learned about sports injuries and how to treat them, I have been involved in sports outside my own, and I have created friendships with other student trainers and athletes. I would love to be able to continue this experience my next four years in college as well.”

Academically, Ladson plans to pursue a Pre-Med track with a general major in Biology and a minor in Psychology.

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HOLY CROSS COLLEGE
SOCCER

Emin Penic

SIGNED

EMIN PENIC



EMIN PENIC, Holy Cross University

Center Back Emin Penic, who helped the Penn Boys Soccer Team reach the Final Four, has committed to continue his academic and athletic careers at Holy Cross College.

“Holy Cross really spoke to me because of the prestigious program that Coach Omar Gallo has built and the supportive environment around it,” Penic said. “The academics also suit my future interests which really helped me solidify my choice.”

Penic is a recipient of the Indiana High School Athletic Association Sportsmanship Award. He scored two goals from the center back position, including the equalizer to lift Penn into a 1-1 tie with No. 4-ranked Chesterton.

“Thanks to Coach Zaber and the rest of the soccer staff, my four years at Penn assisted me in becoming who I am today by always pushing me and giving me the best opportunities to succeed,” Penic said.

Penic helped the Kingsmen win Sectional and Regional Championships this season. Penn’s state tournament run included a 2-1 victory against Chesterton in the Sectional opener.

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AUSTIN PEAY
SOFTBALL

Kiley Hinton

SIGNED

KILEY HINTON



KILEY HINTON, Austin Peay State University

Kiley Hinton will be continuing her athletic career at Austin Peay State University. She says she is excited to play Division I Softball.

“I am extremely excited to just get on the field at Austin Peay,” said Hinton, who helped Penn Softball reach the Final Four last season. “The coaches are amazing, the facilities are really nice, and the culture at Austin Peay is like a family. “One goal, One family” that’s what they always preach.”

At 5-4, Hinton played Shortstop for the Kingsmen last season. She said the Penn Softball Program has helped prepare her to not only play at the collegiate level, but to also have success in the classroom.

“Having that student-athlete experience taught me how to manage my time, and prioritize school work,” Hinton said. “The coaches for Penn softball are very educated on softball. Through my years with them, I have learned so many things to step up my game. I can go on and on about how special this program is but I can’t fail to mention the lifting opportunities we get here at Penn. Growing up in the weight room is one of the biggest reasons I am where I am today. Overall I am so fortunate to have spent these years at Penn. I wouldn’t want to be anywhere else.”

Hinton encourages other young athletes to chase their dreams.

“If you want to play at the next level you have to work,” Hinton said. “You do not get anything you have to earn it. Get in the weight room and make yourself physically better. On the recruiting side of things make sure you get to camps. Camps are one of the biggest recruiting tools coaches use to look at you. Take advantage of those opportunities.”

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TOLEDO GIRLS
VOLLEYBALL

Macy Hatkevich

SIGNED

MACY HATKEVICH



MACY HATKEVICH, University of Toledo

Penn Senior Macy Hatkevich committed to play volleyball for the Rockets at the University of Toledo.

Hatkevich, a 5-7 setter for the Kingsmen, and helped lead Penn to their 35-2 record last season and a Semi-State run. This season the Kingsmen finished 22-10, with a 10-1 conference record.

The University of Toledo finished 20-13 last season, its second 20 win season in program history. The Rockets were 10-8 in the Mid-American Conference. The team made the National Invitational Volleyball Championship and advanced to the second round.

Hatkevich said she chose the University of Toledo because of the coaching staff and players.

“I love how determined and genuine the coaches are and the players at Toledo were super welcoming and reminded me of my friends here,” Hatkevich said.

Hatkevich says she feels prepared to compete collegiately after playing for the Kingsmen.

“Penn volleyball's tough summer workouts have definitely prepared me for college volleyball,” Hatkevich said. “It's rare for a high school program's workouts to be similar to collegiate teams.”

While she is excited for college, Hatkevich says she will miss her time at Penn.

“I have lots of fun memories but my favorite would be my junior season as a whole. Looking back, I feel so lucky to have been a part of a team who loved each other on the court as much as off the court,” Hatkevich said.

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AURORA UNIVERSITY
WRESTLING

Mackenzie Konanz

SIGNED

MACKENZIE KONANZ



MACKENZIE KONANZ, Aurora University

Mackenzie Konanz, a State Champion Wrestler for Penn, will compete in that sport and continue her academic career at Aurora University.

“I chose Aurora University because it just felt right,” Konanz said. “The environment was comfortable and welcoming. I also feel that the coach’s coaching style will really work for me and my wrestling. They also have an amazing exercise science program that will aid with my future career goals.”

Konanz won state as a Freshman and has been state runner-up the past two seasons. She won the Indiana Folkstyle State Championship at 160 pounds, and won Indiana Freestyle State Championships at 180 and 200. She was unbeaten in Indiana pre-season Nationals, and placed fifth in the Iowa pre-season Nations.

“Penn wrestling has played a huge role in shaping me as a wrestler and person,” Konanz said. “Not only have I reached many goals wrestling-wise but I have learned so much about commitment, discipline, and hard work. Which are things that are going to be essential in the switch to college wrestling.”