



Saint Viator Student Athletes Commit on National Signing Day



Front Row (L to R): Meghan McGrath, Sean Conerty, Danny Stringfellow, Susan Hohenadel.
Back Row (L to R): Rev. Robert M. Egan, president, Ariana Kulinczenko, Trevor Wheeler, Brad Klune, Kelly McConnell, Tim Carlson, athletic director.

It was a banner day for Saint Viator High School as eight of its elite student athletes signed letters of intent to play sports in college on Wednesday, acknowledged across the country as National Signing Day.

“We have a nice mix of sports this year—golf, volleyball, soccer, football and basketball,” said Athletic Director Tim Carlson. “We will be sending our students all across the country as they move onto to the next chapter in their lives.”

Two members of the three-time state champion golf team at Saint Viator, Brad Klune of Itasca and Danny Stringfellow of Roselle, will be playing for Division I schools in the fall. Klune will head to Boston College

to join his sister, Kaela, a 2009 graduate of Saint Viator. Kaela was a walk-on for the girls’ team last year. Brad set the Lions individual scoring record in 2006 as a freshman when he shot 67 in his first high school event.

Stringfellow will play for Auburn University in Alabama. Stringfellow was the 2009 IHSA Individual Champion and only the 2nd player in IHSA history to finish in the top 10 in all four of his state finals.

“I wasn’t necessarily looking at Auburn initially,” said Stringfellow. “However, once I met the coaches, I became more interested in the school. The coaches are just awesome.”

Three soccer players are advancing to college programs. Trevor Wheeler of Arlington Heights signed with the Division I team, University of Wisconsin-Madison. He led the Lions to their second state championship title in school history last fall. Wheeler was named All-Midwest, All-State, *Daily Herald* All-Area Co-Captain, Co-MVP of the East Suburban Catholic Conference and Co-MVP for the team.

Fellow Inverness residents, Ariana Kulinczenko and Meghan McGrath, will continue their soccer careers in the nation’s midsection. Kulinczenko signed with the University of Louisville, while McGrath will play for the University of Dayton.

In other sports, Sean Conerty of Arlington Heights committed to play football at Drake University. He received special mention to the *Daily Herald* All-Area football team last fall as a linebacker and was selected to the ESCC All-Conference team.

Volleyball player Kelly McConnell of Barrington signed with Assumption College in Worcester, Mass. She was named to the *Daily Herald* All-Area team and ESCC All-Conference.

Arlington Heights resident Susan Hohenadel will play basketball at Rockhurst University in Kansas City, Mo. Last season, she was the MVP for her team and named to the *Daily Herald* All-Area and ESCC All-Conference teams.

“I’m looking forward to playing at the next level,” said Hohenadel. “All my hard work over the last four years is finally paying off.”

As they look toward the future, each athlete has their own mixed emotions about moving on to college.

“Leaving Saint Viator and my teammates next year will be sad. I’ve been with these guys for four years and built some incredible bonds,” Stringfellow commented. “However, there are a lot of great golfing schools in the south. I look forward to the opportunity to take my game to the next level.”

“Each one of these athletes is tremendously talented in their given sport,” remarked Carlson. “This caliber of ability allowed many of our teams to play at the state level the last few years. We are proud of what they have accomplished and wish them well next year.”