



Saint Viator Showcases National Signing Day Athletes

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Katelyn Hammarlund of Arlington Heights (left) and Alex Flasch of Palatine sign their letters of intent on National Signing Day.

A pair of Saint Viator seniors will find themselves playing college athletics just a few miles apart this fall. Katelyn Hammarlund of Arlington Heights signed a letter of intent to play Division I soccer at St. Louis University, while Alex Flasch of Palatine signed to play Division II softball for Maryville University, also in St. Louis.

“Both girls display a great level of commitment and success to their respective sports,” says Tim Carlson, Saint Viator athletic director. “Recruiters see their drive and determination, and because of that they have been given the chance to continue playing at the college level.”

Hammarlund made a verbal commitment to the Billikins as a junior. The two-time *Daily*

Herald all-area midfielder played sweeper for the Lions last season and helped to shore up the backfield, including during their 2010 season when they finished as state runners up.

She will bring her versatility to the Billikins, who compete in the Atlantic 10 Conference and regularly play ranked teams in the national top 25 of the NSCAA and Soccer America.

“I’m looking forward to playing for SLU. There will be a new coach, which means new opportunities for all the girls. I’m looking forward to proving myself as a player in D1.”

Flasch, a senior co-captain batted over .330 last year for the Lions and had a .950-plus fielding percentage as shortstop.

She was recruited widely by Division I and II schools, but ultimately chose Maryville for its relatively new softball program and strong academics, she said.

“I just can’t give up softball,” Flasch said on signing day. “I love the game and can’t imagine not doing it in college.”

Flasch says she’s not looking ahead, just yet. She will anchor the Lions as they begin their 2012 season, later this month.

“Our team is going to be young this year. I want to help them improve,” she says. “I want this team to do well in the playoffs, so I need to be focused early on.”