



College Intent Recognition Ceremony

Notre Dame-Cathedral Latin School

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BRENDEN HOFACRE, Baseball
Mercyhurst Northeast University, North East, PA

Brenden Hofacre, whose baseball life started at age 4 in the Mentor Rec League, is headed to Pennsylvania to continue his baseball career after signing with Mercyhurst Northeast University.

“I felt like it was a good fit,” said Hofacre on his choice of colleges. “Junior college gives me a chance to improve for two years and then transfer to a bigger school.”

A 6-0, 170-pound lefthanded pitcher and first baseman, Hofacre was named second-team all-North Coast League and *News-Herald* honorable mention as a junior after going 3-0 with 2.37 ERA. That season was highlighted by his stellar performance in the District Championship game when he pitched the Lions to the District title. In addition, as a senior, he set a personal career mark with 12 strikeouts over Conneaut.

Hofacre plans to major in sports management with a goal of someday working in a front office of a pro sports team. He is the son of Matt and Kristina Hofacre of Chardon.



DANIEL LIBERATORE, Baseball
Walsh University, Canton, OH

Dan Liberatore will be able to say “I play for the Cavaliers” when he joins the Division II Walsh University baseball team that competes in the Great Midwest Athletic Conference.

“It’s a small Catholic college with a nice campus where I will be able to continue playing baseball,” noted Liberatore, who started his baseball career in Concord tee ball.

A 6-0, 185-pound outfielder, Liberatore has started mostly in right the past two seasons. Named the Most Improved Player for the Lions in 2017, he helped the Lions to a District title and Regional tournament berth that year. This season, he is hitting .280 with three triples.

Libertore, who plans on majoring in business management, is a member of National Honor Society at NDCL. He recently received both the National Federation of High Schools Award of Excellence and the NDCL’s Living the Truth in Love Award.

A Concord resident, he son of Paula and John Liberatore.



ANTONIA MYSYK, Tennis
Franciscan University, Steubenville, OH

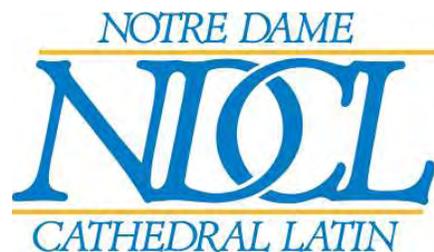
A two-sport athlete at NDCL, Antonia Mysyk will attend Franciscan University of Steubenville and join the Barons' tennis team that competes in the Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference.

"I loved the religious life of the campus and the amazing opportunity it provides me in my career path," said Mysyk, who plans on studying political science and become a lawyer.

Mysyk, who started playing tennis her sophomore year at NDCL, made the most of her three years on the court. This past season she helped the Lions to their first-ever North Coast League championship by winning at first doubles. For that performance, she earned NCL MVP honors. In addition, Mysyk was a News-Herald All-Star. She is also a member of the NDCL softball team.

Academically, Mysyk is a Seven Semester Honors Student and will graduate with an Ohio Department of Education Diploma with Honors. She recently received the OHSAA Scholar Athlete of the Year award as well as the President's Award for Academic Excellence.

A Chardon native, Mysyk is the daughter of Sabrina and Paul Mysyk.



SALLY STERKEL, Volleyball
Edinboro University, Edinboro, PA

Middle blocker Sally Sterkel took advantage of the early signing period in November and inked with perennially-strong Edinboro University, a Division II school in the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference.

"I loved the campus and all the players and coaches," noted Sterkel. "It was also a very welcoming and fun atmosphere."

A four-year letterwinner for the Lions, Sterkel earned NDCL's Most Improved Award her first three years as she honed her skills. She has noted that being part of back-to-back OHSAA Division II State Championship teams in 2014 and 2015 will always hold a special place for her. In Fall 2017, she wrapped up her prep career by being named first-team all-district and all-North Coast League as well as honorable mention all-Ohio.

Sterkel, who plans to major in accounting, is a Seven Semester Honor Student and a member of the National Honor Society. In addition, she recently received the OHSAA Courageous Student Award.

The daughter of Mike and Victoria Sterkel, she resides in Chesterland.



Notre Dame-Cathedral Latin's athletic program is grounded in the history, traditions and enduring core values of our school community – justice, respect, integrity, community and excellence.

Our athletes are student-athletes. The purpose of their participation in athletics is to excel in the competitive arena while experiencing formation and development in every aspect of their lives. By our students' participation in this arena, they will be prepared for the wider arena of life's opportunities and challenges as they assume their leadership role "to transform the world, as Jesus did, by living the truth in love."

