

# 2015 Penn Kingsmen signing day

Penn High School, Mishawaka, Ind.

STUDENT	SPORT	COLLEGE	COACH
Skylar Szynski	Baseball	Indiana	Greg Dikos
Trey Burns	Boys basketball	Bethel	Al Rhodes
Camryn Buhr	Girls basketball	Lehigh	Kristi Kaniewski-Ulrich
Claire Carlton	Girls basketball	Univ. of Indianapolis	Kristi Kaniewski-Ulrich
Lindsay Chrise	Girls basketball	Tennessee-Martin	Kristi Kaniewski-Ulrich
Delaney Jarrett	Girls basketball	St. Mary's of the Woods	Kristi Kaniewski-Ulrich
Kaitlyn Marenyi	Girls basketball	American University	Kristi Kaniewski-Ulrich
Cassidy Jurkaites	Girls golf	Western Illinois	Dominic Demeter
Sydney Bright	Girls soccer	Holy Cross	Jeff Hart
Hannah Ehrhardt	Girls soccer	St. Francis	Jeff Hart
MacKenzie Mason	Girls soccer	Wittenberg	Jeff Hart
Kamra Solomon	Girls soccer	Furman	Jeff Hart
Jensen Stroinski	Girls soccer	IPFW	Jeff Hart
Alyssa Griman	Softball	Illinois-Chicago	Beth Zachary
Halle Hixenbaugh	Softball	Boston College	Beth Zachary
Olivia Magaldi	Softball	Wisconsin-Green Bay	Beth Zachary
Addison Pixley	Softball	Valparaiso	Beth Zachary
Allie Piatt	Softball	Lewis	Travel team/Ted Zimmerman
Kyle Morris	Swimming	Indiana	Jess Preston
Drew Hildebrandt	Wrestling	Central Michigan	Brad Harper
Kobe Woods	Wrestling	Purdue	Brad Harper

## Penn High School

**Principal:** Steve Hope  
**Director of athletics:** Aaron Leniski  
**Assistant A.D.:** Bridget Williams  
**Nickname:** Kingsmen  
**Enrollment:** 3,600  
**Conference:** Northern Indiana Conference

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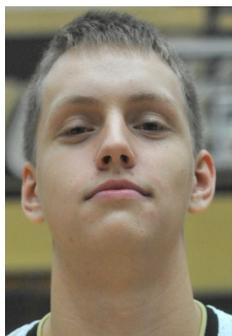
## **BASEBALL – head coach Greg Dikos**



### **SKYLAR SZYNSKI – Indiana**

A 6-foot-2 right-handed starting pitcher. Pitched a complete-game three-hitter in Penn's 3-2 victory against Terre Haute North in the Class 4-A state championship game last June. Finished the 2015 season with a 10-1 record and a 0.80 earned-run average. Named Prep Baseball Player of the Year, first-team all-state, and first-team all-Northern Indiana Conference in 2015. Struck out 103 batters in 2015 season. Opponents only hit .137 vs. Szynski last season. Threw a perfect game against defending state champion Elkhart Central in the 2014 season. Also named first-team all-Northern Indiana Conference in 2014. Three-year letter-winner.

## **BOYS BASKETBALL – head coach Al Rhodes**



### **TREY BURNS – Bethel**

A 6-foot-3 wing with a silky smooth shot and outstanding leaping skills. Averaged 9.2 points and 4.3 rebounds a game in the 2014-15 season. Helped Penn rack up a 21-6 record, including a 7-1 mark in the Northern Indiana Conference last season. Scored a career-high 19 points last season in a 97-50 rout of Andrean.

"I've always known about Bethel, growing up around it," Burns said. "When coach Lightfoot gave me a call to take a visit and meet the players, I felt like I was part of the team, already. It was like a big family, and I liked that. This is a great feeling. It's always been a goal of mine to play college basketball. Bethel is a great program."

"Coach Rhodes has really helped a lot with teaching me fundamentals," Burns said. "He's helped me get a better attitude, and he's developed me into a harder worker."

"Trey Burns is a player with great college potential," Rhodes said. "He is a great athlete with a high level of basketball skill!"

## **GIRLS BASKETBALL – head coach Kristi Kaniewski-Ulrich**



### **CAMRYN BUHR – Lehigh**

“Cam is one of the top seniors in the entire state,” Kaniewski-Ulrich said. “She was an Indiana Junior All-Star and recognized as one of the Supreme 15 Underclassmen in the State as a Junior. Cam has the unique ability to be able to play and guard any position on the floor. Lehigh University is getting the whole package with Camryn.”

A 6-foot-1 forward. Named first-team all-state and first-team all-Northern Indiana Conference as a junior. Team MVP as a junior. Named second-team all-NIC as a sophomore, and honorable mention all state. Penn is 66-12 with Buhr in the line-up, and has won three NIC titles in that stretch. Played on the 2013-14 Kingsmen team that was the state runner-up. A four-year letter-winner.



### **CLAIRE CARLTON – University of Indianapolis**

“Claire is an extremely versatile player who is always steady on the court,” Kaniewski-Ulrich said. “Claire's work ethic and leadership will allow her to make an immediate impact at the University of Indianapolis.”

A 5-foot-10 guard. A four-year letter-winner. Named honorable mention all-Northern Indiana Conference as a junior. Penn is 66-12 with Carlton in the line-up, and has won three NIC titles in that stretch. Played on the 2013-14 Kingsmen team that was the state runner-up. A four-year letter-winner.



### **LINDSAY CHRISE – University of Tennessee-Martin**

“Lindsay will have the opportunity to be a dominating force on the inside this year with her length and athleticism,” Kaniewski-Ulrich said. “The University of Tennessee-Martin is looking forward to watching Lindsay have a stellar senior year and blossoming into an impact player.”

A 6-foot-4 forward. Chrise is a two-year letter-winner for the Kingsmen.



**DELANEY JARRETT – Saint Mary’s of the Woods**

“Delaney is an outspoken teammate who is always echoing the coach,” Kaniewski-Ulrich said. “Delaney’s growth over the past 3 years has earned her the opportunity to play basketball at the next level.”

A 5-foot-9 post. A one-year letter-winner for Penn.



**KAITLYN MARENYI – American University**

“Katie is veteran point guard with a ton of experience under her belt,” Kaniewski-Ulrich said. “She is quick, savvy and can score from anywhere on the floor. American University will be receiving a tremendous young lady come next fall.”

A 5-foot-8 point guard. Named second-team all-Northern Indiana Conference as a junior. Named honorable mention all-NIC as a freshman. Penn is 66-12 with Marenyi in the line-up, and has won three NIC titles in that stretch. Played on the 2013-14 Kingsmen team that was the state runner-up. A four-year letter-winner.

**GIRLS GOLF – head coach Dominic Demeter**



**CASSIDY JURKAITES – Western Illinois**

A two-time all-state golfer. Four-year letter-winner and team captain. Two-time Northern Indiana Conference Most Valuable Player. Sectional, regional and Northern Indiana Conference medalist in 2015. Named second team all-NIC as a sophomore. Helped Penn win four consecutive NIC championships, four sectional championships, three regional championships, and earn three state finals berths. Individual state qualifier in 2014. Helped the Kingsmen finish second in the state in 2013. Has a 4.04 grade-point average, and is in the Top 10 percent of her class.

“I chose Western Illinois due to what it offered me both athletically and academically,” Jurkaites said. “I like how Coach Luke approaches practice and immediately felt like I would be comfortable with her as a Coach. I believe she will be able to help me continue to improve my golf game, as she was a strong player herself in college and professionally and has spent several years helping players at Western Illinois as well as through various teaching clinics. Western Illinois also offers the 5-year Masters in Accounting program that I was looking for and has a strong placement percentage after graduation. I’m excited for the opportunity to play golf for the Fighting Leathernecks and am looking forward to this next phase of my life.”

## **GIRLS SOCCER – head coach Jeff Hart**



### **SYDNEY BRIGHT – Holy Cross**

“Sydney spent time early in high school working hard on our JV, earned a full-time spot on the varsity and eventually earned significant minutes in the back four,” Hart said. “As a 4-year letter winner, she brought a great work ethic and a love of competition to practice every day. She played the game with great enthusiasm. She’s been an outstanding student (all-academic) and has participated in a number of other activities at Penn and in our

community.

“Sydney will shine academically at Holy Cross, and her best days on the soccer field are still ahead of her. She’s got speed, athleticism and toughness that translates well to defense at the college level. At Holy Cross, she’ll compete immediately for playing time at both center and outside back where she is dangerous going forward. She’ll be a leader on and off the field and a great teammate.”



### **HANNAH EHRHARDT – Saint Francis**

“Hannah and her twin sister, Haley, moved to the Penn district from Fort Wayne before her sophomore year,” Hart said. “She spent that season on our JV and has been an invaluable member of the varsity the last 2 years. As a forward for Penn, Hannah has scored 21 varsity goals, including 13 this season, the 7th best single season goal scoring total in Penn Girls Soccer history. Her goals have come in big games (St. Joe, Hamilton SE, Marian, etc.) and she is a relentless competitor with a team-first attitude. Her daily approach to the game

and to the program made her a natural role model for younger players.

“Like Sydney, Hannah will stand out both academically and athletically in college,” Hart said. “She has natural striker instincts – she is fast, athletic, physically tough and is always looking to score. Saint Francis is getting a player that will show up to compete every single day and will immediately become a valuable member of the team. Her ability and want to score goals is significant and she will also be an outstanding teammate on and off the field.”



### **MACKENZIE MASON – Wittenberg**

“MacKenzie has been an impact player during her 4 years at Penn,” Hart said. “A 3-year starter and 3-time all-NIC performer, she started at center back for 2 years before moving to forward as a senior. This season, she put together one of the best offensive seasons in PGS history with 16 goals and 10 assists (both tied for 5th best season totals ever). She was named a captain this year and brought great passion and competitive spirit to the program for 4 years.”

“Wittenberg is getting a versatile player that can play any position on the field,” Hart said. “MacKenzie’s athleticism will get her on the field early but her heart and willingness to compete all over the field will help her to excel. Other players will gravitate to her because of her fearless attitude and outgoing personality. Wittenberg is getting a special player with a bright future.”



### **KAMRA SOLOMON – Furman**

“Kamra will leave quite a legacy in the Penn Girls Soccer program,” Hart said. “She’s been a 4-year starter, a 3-time all-NIC, all-district and all-state player, including 1<sup>st</sup>-team all-state as a junior. More importantly, as a 3-year captain (the only one in Penn Girls Soccer history), she has been the unquestioned leader of the program for the last few years. She was recently named the IHSAA Mental Attitude Award Winner for 2015 girls’ soccer. We will greatly miss her talent and leadership.”

“Furman is getting a young student-athlete that is committed to being a leader and a reliable teammate that will do anything she can to make her team better,” Hart said. “She can play any position on the field and the fact that she is an outstanding basketball player speaks to her athleticism, her durability and her commitment to competitive excellence. A 2-time all-academic selection, she will also excel in the classroom.”



### **JENSEN STROINSKI – IPFW**

“Jensen will also leave an impressive legacy in the Penn Girls Soccer program,” Hart said. “She’s been a 4-year starter, a 3-time all-NIC and all-district player and will be a 2-time participant in the state’s all-state showcase games. A 2-year captain, Jensen has left her name all over the program’s record books. She leaves the program as the all-time career assists leader (41) and 4th in goals scored (46). Her consistency and reliability over the last 4 years will be tough for the program to replace.”

“Jensen has a great understanding of the game as well as the athleticism and foot skills that will translate well to IPFW,” Hart said. “She should compete immediately for playing time because of her work ethic, vision, consistency and her ability to play multiple positions. She’ll be a leader on and off the field and a team-first approach that will fit the IPFW program well.”

## **SOFTBALL – head coach Beth Zachary**

“These four seniors have led Penn Softball to the Final 8 in 2014 and Final 4 in 2015,” Zachary said. “They are looking to make it all the way in their final season here at Penn.”



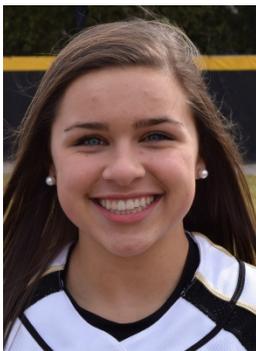
### **ALYSSA GRIMAN, University of Illinois-Chicago**

A catcher. Named third-team all-state in 2015. Named first-team all-Northern Indiana Conference in 2013 and 2015. Hit .407 in 2015.

Ranks in the Top 10 in the Penn record book in the following categories:

- No. 1 in putouts – 269.
- No. 5 (tied) for RBI's in a season with 31.

“Alyssa is a brick wall behind the plate for us here at Penn,” Zachary said. “Her knowledge of the game and extensive experience in catching our pitchers is a critical reason for our success. She is a power hitter who does whatever she has to do to put the ball in play, move runners, or bring in RBI's.”



### **HALLE HIXENBAUGH – Boston College**

A shortstop and left-hander hitter. Hit .427 last season. Named first-team all-Northern Indiana Conference in 2015. Named honorable mention all-NIC in 2013. Won the 2015 Geno Outstanding Infielder award.

Ranks in the Top 10 in the Penn record book in the following categories:

- No. 6 all-time for hits in a season with 41.
- No. 6 in all-time for runs in a season with 30.
- No. 9 for doubles .

“Halle is a sponge at shortstop with smarts, speed and strong leadership,” Zachary said. “She is a left-handed slapper who can also hit home runs. Some of Halle's greatest Penn Softball moments have been executed in pressure situations. She will thrive in the competitive collegiate atmosphere.”



### **OLIVIA MAGALDI – University of Wisconsin-Green Bay**

First and third baseman. Named first-team all-Northern Indiana Conference in 2015.

Ranks in the Top 10 in the Penn record book in the following categories:

- No. 5 for doubles in a season with 10.
- No. 1 for home runs in a season with 6 in 2015.
- No. 7 for RBI's in a season with 28.

“Olivia encompasses everything a coach could ever want in a team player,” Zachary said. “She has played almost every single position possible in her time here at Penn all with a smile on her face. She strives to be the best she can be in everything she does and leads by example with her work-ethic, energy, passion for the game, and focus.”



### **ADDISON PIXLEY – Valparaiso University**

An outfielder. Named first-team all-Northern Indiana Conference in 2014 and 2015. Named honorable mention all-NIC in 2013. Hit .427 in 2015.

Ranks in the Top 10 in the Penn record book in the following categories:

- No. 8 for RBI's with 25.
- No. 2 for home runs in a season with 5 in 2015.
- No. 5 (tied) for RBI's at 31.

“Addison has played right field during her Penn career,” Zachary said. “She has a strong arm, speed, and is a natural vocal leader on our teams. For what Addie might lack in height or size, she makes up for with her power both on defense and offense.”

## **TRAVEL SOFTBALL**



### **ALLIE PIATT – Lewis**

“Allie’s greatest attributes include her abilities to play defense, field ground balls, track fly balls and her explosive throwing mechanics, which are second to none,” coach John Coddington said. “Combine these skills with outstanding leadership qualities and you have an outstanding young lady who will be an asset to your college program.”

“Allie, a very versatile outfielder / middle infielder, is beginning her third year with the Mystique 18U Travel team,” said coach Ted Zimmerman. “A terrific outfielder with a strong arm, Allie converted to the infield last season to booster her team. A solid

offensive player whose clutch hitting and head-ups play helped her 18U team finish in the top 5 at both the ASA State and PGF Regional Championships. Allie batted just over .360 last season. A 2-time varsity letter winner, Allie decided to discontinue play at the high school level after her sophomore season.”

## **BOYS SWIMMING – head coach Jess Preston**



### **KYLE MORRIS – Indiana**

Part of a school-record 400 freestyle relay team. Named All-NIC in the 200 medley relay, 100 butterfly, 100 backstroke, and 400 freestyle relay as a junior. Sectional champion in the 100 butterfly, 200 freestyle relay, 400 freestyle relay. All-American in the 100 butterfly, 200 freestyle relay and 400 freestyle relay.

## **WRESTLING – head coach Brad Harper**

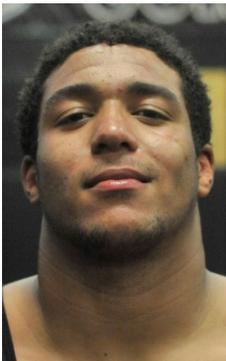


### **DREW HILDEBRANDT – Central Michigan**

Helped Penn win its first team state championship in 2015. Ranked No. 1 preseason at 120 pounds. Overall record of 114-19. Has won 8 ISWA state titles. Second at Junior Folkstyle Nationals in 2014. Second at Junior Freestyle Nationals in 2014. Seventh at NHSCA in 2015.

“I chose CMU because I think it will help me take not only my athletics, but also my academics to the next level,” Hildebrandt said.

“Wrestling at a D-1 level is something I have wanted to do since I started. I always want to compete against the best, and this opportunity provides that. Penn's program has provided me with amazing opportunities, paired with a great coaching staff, which has prepared me for the D-1 level.”



### **KOBE WOODS – Purdue**

State champion at 220 pounds last season. Helped Penn capture its first team state championship in wrestling last season. State qualifier his freshman year in 2013 at 220 pounds. Placed sixth at state at 195 pounds in 2014.

“I chose (Purdue) because it's a great university,” Woods said. “I get to wrestle for my state. Hard work pays off and they have a good recruiting class with new coaches.”

Penn wrestling coach, Brad Harper, said of Purdue, “It's a great program, that will help further (Woods') career, to maybe even help him win a world title in the future.”