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Five “Eagles” Signed to Play College Sports To Date – 10 “Eagles” Will Play in College

Not one, not two but five seniors signed and celebrated their success at a school pep rally at Notre Dame Academy (NDA) on February 8. They joined five other members of the Class of 2012 who have committed to play sports in college. Signing seniors are **Alexandra “Lexi” Aughenbaugh** (Sylvania) to The Ohio State University for cross country and track (roster spot), **Megan Herr** (Bowling Green) for soccer at the University of Dayton (roster spot), **Caitlin McComish** (Whitehouse) to University of Toledo for soccer (roster spot), **Demy Whitaker** (Toledo 43623) to Bowling Green State University for soccer (scholarship), and **Lexis Williams** (Toledo 43607) to University of Toledo for track and field (scholarship).

Five other NDA eagles who already signed in the fall and will play college sports are Michelle DeHenning (Holland), volleyball for Ashland University, Rachael Dzierzak (Perrysburg), swimming for The Ohio State University, Jocelyn Uchic (Maumee), volleyball for Clarion University, Lisa Urbanski (Toledo 43623), volleyball for Owens Community College, and Catherina “Cat” Wells (Toledo 43604), basketball for The University of Toledo. The Eagles are part of the Three Rivers Athletic Conference (TRAC).

Lexi Aughenbaugh (Sylvania) will run for cross country and track for The Ohio State University. A four-year varsity cross country runner for the Eagles, she was three-time league champion, First Team - All City, First Team - All District, First Team - All Region, and three-time All Ohio Academic. She holds the NDA school record with 18:17 and tied the Ottawa Park Course Record for the Toledo City League with 18:32. She was team captain senior year.

For Eagle track she will be a four-year varsity runner who has been three-time league champion in the 3200 meter run, First Team - All City, First Team – All District, and Top Five at the Regional Meet. She holds the Eagle school record with 11:08 for 3200 mm run, 4x800 meter relay for school record, course record for the 3200 mm at Rogers High School with 11:19 and at Fremont Ross High School with 11:26.

She was in Spanish Club and participated in the Multi-Cultural Assembly. She is a member of the school newspaper THE VISTA and earned several writing awards including a First Place Editorial award for “Teens Want to Enjoy Youth” and Second Place Sports Feature for “Director Makes New Plays.” She is a Eucharistic Minister for NDA and at the Franciscan Care Center. She is an active volunteer for Festirama and Mobile Meals as well as spending one summer as a YES Project Participant.

Megan Herr (Bowling Green) will play soccer for the University of Dayton. A defensive player for the Eagles, she was a three-year starter and three-time varsity letter winner. As a senior she was captain of the Eagles, First Team All TRAC, TRAC All Academic, First Team All Northwest Ohio District, and State All Academic. Sophomore year she was Second

Team All League and Honorable Mention, All District. Junior year she was Greater Toledo Futbol Club (GTFC) State Cup Runner-Up and Ohio North U-16 Girls. She also played ODP Ohio North State Team 2011 and for the Pacesetters. She played Eagle basketball for two years.

An honor student all four years, Herr has been involved in the Math Club, Aerospace Club, and is on the Mr. NDA Core Team. A talented artist who enjoys working in pastels, she has taken advantage of the Notre Dame Academy four-year Fine Arts Program. She had two of her pieces in the prestigious 2011 Focus Art Show that showcases high school students and was a 2010 Congressional Art Show Participant. She is a peer tutor, an active volunteer at the Eagle soccer camps, and works at the Sisters of Notre Dame Family Fest.

Caitlin McComish (Whitehouse) will play soccer for the University of Toledo. A four-year varsity soccer player and goal keeper, she has continually earned honors on the soccer field. Sophomore year she was Honorable Mention, All League, All League Academic, and All Ohio Academic Award. Junior year she was All League Academic and All State Academic. Senior year she was TRAC All Academic, All District Academic, All State Academic, and Honorable Mention All League. She played soccer for prestigious Cleveland Internationals and was a State Cup Champion in 2011. She played for the Greater Toledo Futbol Club and Pacesetter Soccer Club.

An honor student she has been involved in Student Council as a homeroom representative for two year and was on the Mr. NDA Core Team for two years. She is an active volunteer in the Eagle soccer camps, Sisters of Notre Dame Family Fest, and Lott Industries.

A two-sport athlete basketball and soccer, **Demy Whitaker** (Toledo 43623) will continue her sports career in soccer at Bowling Green State University. Whitaker played soccer two years as a forward for the Eagle serving as captain her senior year. She was junior year First Team All City and First Team All District. Senior year she was TRAC Player of the Year, First Team All TRAC, First Team All District, and First Team All State. She is a member of the Pacesetter Soccer team and played on a premier soccer team the Michigan Hawks her freshman and sophomore years.

She is also a shooting guard for the Eagle basketball team playing varsity for four years and served as one of the captains her junior and senior years. She was Second Team All City and Second Team All District her sophomore and junior years as well as All Blade District Honorable Mention junior year. Senior year she was WTOL Player of the Week.

She was in the Video Editing Club. She is currently a Link Leader part of a NDA Leadership Program whereby older students mentor incoming freshmen. She played CYO volleyball for Christ the King. She is an active volunteer in the Eagle basketball and soccer camps. She also has served at the St. Paul's Soup Kitchen and the Christ the King Festival.

Lexis Williams (43607) will be a sprinter for the University of Toledo. She chose UT for the caliber of the coaching staff and so that her number one fan, her dad, could continue to follow her career and for their outstanding nursing program. A three-year varsity track team member, she has been a state qualifier every year since she was a freshman year. Sophomore year she was All City and All District as well as junior year when she was First Team, All City and First Team, All District. She runs the 100 mm through 800 mm where she has been a city champion as well as participating on the 4 x 100, 4 x 200, and 4 x400 relay teams.

She also played basketball for the Eagles her freshman year and was team captain. She ran cross country freshman and sophomore years. A member of Bethlehem Baptist Church she has been in the choir and youth group. She volunteered at her church and a local soup kitchen.

