

Knight Senior Clay Seal Signs to Lake Land College for Baseball

Arthur Lovington Atwood Hammond High School is proud to announce that senior baseball student-athlete Clay Seal will be committing to continue his athletic participation on the intercollegiate level at Lake Land College.

Located in Mattoon, Illinois, Lake Land is a member of the Great Rivers Athletic Conference and competes at the NJCAA Division I level. The Lakers are led by Head Coach Julio Godinez. Coach Godinez is in his 5th season at Lake Land College.

Heading into his senior season, Seal has been a three-year varsity letter winner in baseball. Clay's personal baseball accolades include: Second Team LPC All-Conference as a junior, and most valuable pitcher as a junior. Through 33 innings pitched this season, Clay has a 6-1 record with a 0.63 ERA with 61 strikeouts and has held his opponents batting average to .123. At the plate, Clay is hitting .396 with 17 RBI's. Clay has been playing baseball since he was a 4th grader and has played with the Diamond Dogs and Yard Goats during the travel seasons.

Clay has been a multi-sport athlete throughout his high school career and has also earned varsity letters in golf



ALAH senior baseball player Clay Seal had a signing ceremony at ALAH High School on Wednesday, May 10. Clay signed to continue his academic and baseball careers at Lake Land College in Mattoon. Clay is pictured here with his dad, Nathan, sister, Claire, and mom, Adrienne.

and basketball. His personal golf accolades include LPC All-Conference as a senior and being an important part of the 2021, 2022, and 2023 LPC Conference championship teams. His personal basketball accolades include winning the Knight Award and Team Captain award as a senior. In

addition to his athletic accomplishments, Clay has been a high honor roll student each year in high school, is a member of the National Honor Society, has served as a tutor in the Math and Writing Center, is a freshman mentor, and is an Illinois State Scholar.

Clay is the son of Nathan and Adrienne Seal and is undecided on his major.

In honor of Clay's accomplishment, Arthur Lovington Atwood Hammond High School hosted a signing ceremony at the high school on Wednesday, May 10.

Arthur residents looking to form a local arts council

Nearby area and residents of Arthur are coming together to form an arts council group in an effort to promote and support local art and help benefit community outreach at the same time.

The idea for the group came about after artist and poet, Ariana R Cherry realized that there wasn't a lot of support for the arts in town. She feels that there is a need for this type of organization to help bring together artists, musicians, writers and other creatives within the community.

Ariana is looking to reach out to other local artists or organizations who have an interest in forming an art council. She has spoken with a few people so far, and has received positive responses. Recently, she organized the first art fair that Arthur has ever had along with the help of Pastor Jill Bunker. Ariana would like to see more events like that in the future, as well as the possibility of hosting art workshops, open mic sessions, small concerts, writing groups/workshops and any other talents that local artists

could bring.

The goals of the art council would work together to promote and support local artists and also use its funding to benefit areas of need within the community.

The group is currently in the process of organizing a meeting to discuss the formation of the arts council and to gather input from the community. They hope to have a strong turnout and to begin laying the groundwork for a vibrant and active arts community in Arthur.

"I believe that the arts are an important part of any community - even in a small rural area," Ariana stated. "Artists come from all walks of life," she added.

If you are interested in helping Ariana form an arts council in Arthur, please reach out to her via email at arianathepoet@gmail.com or cell phone at 217-246-1966. She is looking to hold a first meeting sometime in June. With the support of local artists and community members, the group is optimistic about the future of the arts in the Arthur area.



Clay Seal, seated third from left, along with his senior baseball teammates who are also seated to Clay's right Braden Kauffman, Wyatt Hilligoss and to Clay's left, Kody Kornewald had a signing ceremony in his honor for his commitment to play baseball at the next level at Lake Land College. Clay and the other seniors are surrounded by classmates, teammates and friends after the signing. Good luck in the future from all Knight fans!!!

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