

PRESS RELEASE

HCC Bowling to Sign Dakota High School Student Athlete

Highland Cougar Bowling in Freeport, IL to sign Bryce Lawson to National Letter of Intent

Freeport, IL May 10, 2016: The Highland Cougar Bowling Program is proud to announce their 2016-2017 signing of a student/athletes to a National Letter of Intent. Bryce Lawson, a senior from Dakota High School in Dakota, Illinois has committed to the Highland Community College Bowling Program for 2016-2017.

Jeff Johnson, the Director of Bowling for Highland Bowling has focused on particular talent for the incoming Freshman.

"I am very excited to be able to sign Bryce to the Highland Bowling Program," says Jeff Johnson who not only likes his abilities on the lanes, but also likes his potential to adapt to the collegiate bowling environment. "I have known Bryce for many years as he competed in the Saturday Youth Programs and competed in many of the elite bowling tournaments throughout the area. I like the talent that Bryce brings to the team, we now need to adapt his talent to the collegiate level."

Highland Head Coach, Gail Myers, Jr., is equally excited about the opportunity to bring talented freshman to his team that will make the team better as a whole, while he strives to build a team that will compete for a national championship.

"Bryce will be a great teammate for the talented Cougar team that we have been assembling over the past few months", said Myers Jr. who is in his second season as head coach at Highland. "His learning curve to adapt to the collegiate bowling environment will be steep, but he is a smart and talented young-man and he will be able to handle that task. He will be a great asset to our team in 2016-2017."

The Highland Men's Bowling Team, while only in their 4th year of competition, continue to surprise many with such a young program with their third consecutive berth into the Inter-Collegiate National Championships. That berth has heralded their outlook for the future. The HCC Men's Bowling Team was consistently rated in the Top 64 in the nation, amongst all the large universities and bowling powerhouses throughout the United

States. The top 64 teams in the nation are seeded into the USBC Intercollegiate Championships with the top 4 teams from sectionals advancing to the National Championships. The HCC Men have advanced to sectionals the past three years.

The Highland Men's Bowling team also finished 4th in the nation at the NJCAA Nationals in Buffalo, NY, last February.

The 2016-2017 bowling season begins in September 2016.

The National Letter of Intent for Bryce Lawson will be signed at 3:30pm on Tuesday, May 10, 2016 at Dakota High School in Springfield, IL. Please feel free to attend the event.

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