

PRESS RELEASE

HCC Bowling to Sign Springfield Lutheran High School Bowling Standout
Highland Cougar Bowling in Freeport, IL to sign Gary Ramey to National Letter of Intent

Freeport, IL April 18, 2016: The Highland Cougar Bowling Program is proud to announce their 2016-2017 signing of a student/athletes to a National Letter of Intent. Gary Ramey, a senior from Springfield's Lutheran High School in Belvidere, 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 Gary 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. "Gary has that ability to compete amongst some of the best youth bowlers in the state. I am excited to see how he applies that ability with what he will learn from our coaching staff to the collegiate bowling conditions. He will be a great fit in the recruiting class coming in to Highland and will be a key part in achieving our goals for 2016-2017."

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.

"Gary fits what we are looking for when we are bringing in Freshman to our Highland team," says Myers Jr. who will be entering his second season as head coach of the Cougar's Men's Team. "Gary throws the ball really good, is focused on his spare game, and has the mindset to stay within his means and play the lanes in a way that will not only benefit his game but the team as well. Based on Gary's interest in bowling and his love for the game, I'm looking forward to building on that effort and having him be a great teammate on this strong Cougar team."

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 Gary Ramey will be signed at 3:15pm on Tuesday, April 19, 2016 at Lutheran High School in Springfield, IL. Please feel free to attend the event.

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