

PRESS RELEASE

HCC Bowling to Sign Belvidere High School Bowling Standout

Highland Cougar Bowling to sign Larry Tripamer III to National Letter of Intent

Freeport, IL April 11, 2016: The Highland Cougar Bowling Program is proud to announce their 2016-2017 signing of a student/athletes to a National Letter of Intent. Larry Tripamer III from Belvidere High School in Belvidere, Illinois has committed to the Highland Community College Bowling Program for 2016-2017.

Tripamer III, a Varsity Bowler for the Bucs of Belvidere High was a member of the BHS team and advanced as an individual finalists at this year's IHSA State Championship in O'Fallon, Illinois. Tripamer III is also a current advancing finalist in the prestigious USBC Youth Junior Gold Tournament event, which will be held in Indianapolis in July.

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 Larry to the Highland Bowling Program," says Jeff Johnson who not only likes his abilities on the lanes, but also likes his ability to adapt to the collegiate bowling environment. "Larry has shown through his years competing for Belvidere High, that he has the ability to compete amongst some of the best high school bowlers in the nation. 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 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.

"Larry 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. "Larry 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 Larry's interest in bowling and the amount of work he has dedicated to his 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 Larry Tripamer III will be signed at 3:30pm on Tuesday, April 12, 2016 in the library at Belvidere High School. Please feel free to attend the event.

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