

# PRESS RELEASE

HCC Bowling to Sign Monroe, Wisconsin High School Bowling Standout  
*Highland Cougar Bowling in Freeport, IL to sign Ryan Stoneback to National Letter of Intent*

**Freeport, IL April 20, 2016:** The Highland Cougar Bowling Program is proud to announce their 2016-2017 signing of a student/athletes to a National Letter of Intent. Ryan Stoneback, a senior from Monroe High School in Monroe, WI 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 and is excited about adding Monroe's Stoneback to the program.

"I am very excited to be able to sign Ryan 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. "Ryan is that type of bowler that with his game, if we get him lined up correctly, will be able to dominate the collegiate conditions that we will bowl on. 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.

"It's nice to be able to bring a bowler from my hometown of Monroe to the Highland Bowling Program," says Myers Jr. who will be entering his second season as head coach of the Cougar's Men's Team. "Ryan has that power type game, that when applied properly will make the entire team better. We always look for bowlers that will make the team better as a whole, and Ryan definitely has the ability to do that. Once he learns the collegiate environment on the lanes, he has the ability to be something special for our program."

The Highland Men's Bowling Team, while only in their 4<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 Ryan Stoneback will be signed at 3:45pm on Thursday, April 21, 2016 in the gym at Monroe High School in Monroe, WI. Please feel free to attend the event.**

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