

St. Joseph School Alum (JP2 Seniors) to Continue Athletic Careers in College

Michael Bringard – Manhattan College (Soccer)

Michael Bringard has accepted an offer to play soccer at Manhattan College, a Division I program in New York City. Bringard is a graduate of St. Joseph School in Madison. He is the son of Andrea and Larry Bringard. According to Coach Alan Mila: “Michael possesses a deep understanding of soccer which enables him to have incredible vision of the field. He is an intuitive player, reading the game clearly and correctly and anticipating what other players are going to do both offensively and defensively. Michael’s work rate on both offense and defense have made him a pivotal player on the field, and will be a prerequisite for playing Division I soccer. ... Michael is a truly gifted player who will no doubt succeed playing at the next level.”

Parker Gupton – Columbia State Community College (Baseball)

Parker Gupton has accepted an offer to play baseball for Columbia State Community College. A pitcher, Gupton is a three-year member of the varsity baseball team at JPII. Columbia State advanced to the Junior College World Series last year. Gupton is a graduate of St. Joseph School and the son of Beth and Ken Gupton. Parker is a three-year letterman pitcher in the JPII baseball program. He was a relief pitcher as a sophomore and moved into the starting rotation as a junior. Last season Parker was posted a 5-3 record with one save, a 2.35 earned run average and 53 strikeouts. Coach Michael Brown said, “Parker has grown and matured both on and off the field here at JPII. He has worked extremely hard on his overall strength as well as his arm strength. He has developed into an all-around solid pitcher. We all look forward to watching Parker pitch at Columbia State and following his continued growth.”

Thomas O’Berry – Oglethorpe University (Lacrosse)

“A three year starter, Thomas’ accomplishments on the lacrosse field are compelling considering he did not start playing the sport until his freshman year at JPII. Driven and focused over the past four years, he has emerged as a team leader (Co-Captain) and an impact player all over the field. On defense, he is entrusted to cover the opponent’s top player while also leading the midfield unit in scoring. This versatility and athleticism will serve him well and enable him to excel at the next level. Before practice each day, Thomas spends his day as an equally committed and gifted student by mastering the most demanding course offering at JPII. An accounting major, we look forward to watching Thomas succeed academically and athletically at Oglethorpe.” - Coach Bob Page

Annabel Yates – Spring Hill College (Track & Field)

“Annabel Yates, a quiet unassuming young lady with a fierce competitive nature. Annabel has been in our program for two years and she has made the most of her time here.” – Coach Roger Jones

“I have coached track and field, and more specifically the throws for 17 years, and what she has accomplished in such a short period of time, 15 months to be exact is nothing other than impressive. Over the course of her brief throwing career, Annabel has improved her mark in shot put nearly 10 feet, in which she recently hit the milestone mark of 30 feet; and she has raised her best distance in discus by more than 32 feet.

Annabel is a very intense and aggressive athlete! I say that first because she is extremely intense in her desire to be a sponge with the technique and all of the little details that she realizes will make her an accomplished thrower. She is very aggressive in the way she approaches her drills, chases her intrinsic goals, and of course how she attacks the circle in competition in the shot put and the discus.” – Coach Scott Shaver



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