

## Upper Arlington athletes sign to play collegiately

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According to an African proverb, it takes a village to raise a child.

Judging by the response Upper Arlington athletics director Chris Potts received to the 22 seniors who signed letters of intent to continue their athletic careers Wednesday, Nov. 14, in the high school learning center, it takes a village to raise a successful student/athlete as well.

"I sent an e-mail throughout the district and the teachers that responded -- from elementary school up -- were so proud of the kids they've had in their classes," Potts said. "It's not only a testament to our kids and the work they've done, but also to the teachers in our district and the great work they've done with our kids."

Of the 22 who signed, nine play lacrosse, seven are swimmers/divers, two play soccer and one each signed to play football, tennis, field hockey and crew.

Andrew Colosimo, a 6-feet, 5-inch, 245-pound lineman, is planning to pack on a few pounds over the next several months in order to play offensive tackle at the University of Akron.

After the season he just completed on the defensive line (69 tackles), Colosimo said he'd be happy playing on either side of the line of scrimmage.

"I'm fine with playing any position," he said. "I've already started lifting -- I know I've got to gain a lot of weight to play at the next level."

During the recruiting process, soccer standout Natalie Horner loved everything she saw at the University of Michigan.

She had to admit, however, that she'll still bleed scarlet and gray whenever the Wolverines play the Buckeyes off the soccer pitch.

"I've never been a Michigan fan -- I'm a big Buckeye fan," she said. "It's kind of crazy. I'm going to have to hide my Buckeye pass when I get up there."

Here's a list of the student/athletes, their sport and the school they'll be attending:

Alex Benedick (lacrosse, Virginia Military Institute), Katherine Chin (swimming, Boston College), Gretchen Cloern (tennis, Youngstown State University), Colosimo (football, Akron), Adam Donahue (lacrosse, Georgetown University), Kaitlyn Early (swimming, Ohio Northern University) and Catherine Eitel (swimming, Ohio State University).

Matt Ghidotti (lacrosse, West Point), Jenni Gill (crew, OSU), Eric Hanover (lacrosse, Messiah College), Jenna Hillier (swimming, OSU), Cameron Horner (diving, Miami University), Horner (soccer, Michigan), and Elizabeth Loe (swimming, Northwestern University).

Caitlin Oberlin (lacrosse, Lehigh University), Grant Oliver (University of Maryland), Keith Olson (lacrosse, University at Albany), Kelly Roderick (field hockey, Michigan State University), Zach Tulley (lacrosse, Air Force Academy), Jon Vande Werken (lacrosse, University of Denver), Travis Wall (soccer, University of Cincinnati) and Lauren Wallace (swimming, Miami).