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Celebration of Elmira Express Athletes Signing to College Athletic Programs

ELMIRA, NY, November 15, 2018 – On Monday November 19 beginning at 3:45 p.m., the Elmira Express Athletic program will recognize student athletes who have signed to collegiate athletic programs during a celebration event held at the Elmira High School Theatre. We will celebrate Taryn (Bella) Reese on her signing to play softball at St. Bonaventure and Roosevelt (Alex) Simmons' signing to play lacrosse at St. Rose. Both are receiving athletic scholarships. See career history and stats below.

Taryn (Bella) Reese

“Bella is most deserving of her offer to play Division I softball at St. Bonaventure University. Although the coaching staff has had the pleasure of working with Bella for only a short period of time, we have come to learn that she is resilient and selfless in all that she does. Bella is not only a diligent worker on the field but also in the classroom, which is evident through her participation in National Honor Society along with many other activities. While Bella has been thrown many curve balls in life thus far, she never loses sight of her goals and is determined to achieve them. As coaches we will cherish Bella's final season with us and wish her the best in all of her future endeavors. A final word to Bella, be like the lotus flower and bloom wherever you are planted,” says

Recognitions throughout her career:

1. All time Elmira Express leader in Strikeouts and wins
2. Played varsity 3 games as a 7th grader
3. STAC All-Conference since 8th grade
4. Plays travel softball for the Original TC Tremors
5. Travel team took 3rd place in Colorado IDT (playing some of the best teams in the country)
6. Mike Holleran award winner
7. Bill Emmick award winner

2018 Season:

1. Nominated for WETM Athlete of the week (4/22/18)
2. Threw 4 shutouts during the regular season
3. Had 15 strikeouts against Corning Painted Post, same game threw a 1 hitter in 10 innings
4. Threw a combined no hitter with teammate Kaitlynn Place
5. Threw a 2 hitter against Binghamton
6. Threw three 3 hitters against Corning, Vestal, and Binghamton
7. Kiwanis Outstanding Female Athlete of the Spring Season
8. All-State, 7th team

Recent Award(s):

1. Wendy's Heisman Scholarship

School/Community Activities:

1. Volunteer in elementary classrooms
2. "Make a Difference in Paws for Claws" volunteer
3. Set up a charity for Epilepsy Awareness (J.E.A.)
4. Color Run volunteer
5. Teaches pitching clinics for local youth sport organizations
6. Participates in craft fairs to raise money for epilepsy awareness
7. Was a Wisner Market participant
8. Donated to the Food Bank of the Southern Tier ("Spread the Love" and "BackPack Program")

"Roosevelt, Alex as we all call him, Simmons has been a part of the Elmira Express Lacrosse program since 7th grade. In that time he has worked extremely hard, shown great commitment to the program and to himself in order to improve his skills. He has always been a fixture at all voluntary off season lacrosse workouts and practices. Alex has also been a member of a number of off season teams and organizations showing his true passion for game. The entire Express Lacrosse family is very happy and proud of Alex and all of his accomplishments. We wish him the best of luck in the future at the College of St. Rose," says Elmira Express Lacrosse Coach, Jason Stukey.

Roosevelt (Alex) Simmons

7 YEARS PLAYING LACROSSE

High School Lacrosse Team:

Elmira High School Varsity Lacrosse, Elmira NY
Elmira High School Junior Varsity, Elmira NY
Elmira City School District Modified Lacrosse Team

Club Lacrosse Teams:

Gaffer Elite Lacrosse, Corning New York
Lax Dreams Select Lacrosse, Corning NY

Community Lacrosse Teams:

Horseheads Recreation Summer Box Lacrosse
Southport Recreation Youth Lacrosse

ABOUT THE ELMIRA CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

The Elmira City School District is a dynamic and innovative learning organization dedicated to developing learners of character who value their educational experience and can compete globally and contribute locally by collaborating with students, families, and community partners to provide meaningful opportunities in a safe and engaging environment for all.

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