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College Signing for Bishop Ward Student Athlete



April 12, 2018 (Kansas City, Kan.) – The Bishop Ward High School Athletic Department proudly celebrated the college signing of Senior Ashley Stitzer today. Ashley, daughter of Steven and Laurie Stitzer, has committed to playing Womens’ Lacrosse at Upper Iowa University (UIU).

While Bishop Ward does not have a lacrosse team, Ashley plays for a competitive league in Park Hill and she wanted to share this signing experience with her Cyclone family.

Today, she was joined by her parents and coaches from her team, Mike Tetu and Mike Lettera. The UIU Peacocks are just beginning their Womens’ Lacrosse program. Ashley will be a pioneer for the school, playing on their inaugural team for the 2018-2019 year under the direction of Head Coach Erin Doherty. The Peacocks are members of the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC). They are a NCAA Division II school.

Mr. Mike Beaven, Bishop Ward Athletic Director, commented, “To be able to make this commitment to compete at the highest level possible after her high school career says a lot about Ashley as an individual and as an athlete. Ashley has made great strides as a thoughtful, faithful, and caring student-leader and has maintained a strong responsibility for her academic life. To have an opportunity to sign at any level and represent yourself and the Bishop Ward family is an amazing accomplishment that we are proud to celebrate today.”

During her signing, Ashley thanked her parents for their constant encouragement and support. She continued by thanking her coaches for teaching her about the game and pushing her to be “the best she could be.” She concluded by saying, “I want to thank all of my teachers at Bishop Ward, too. You have helped to prepare me for college and taught me how to be a good student and to be a good person. I appreciate everything you have done for me.”

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