

Senior – Mustangs Baseball

I've been playing baseball for 14 years after beginning at the age of 4. By the time I was 7, I loved the game. Many great coaches have instructed me along the way, including my dad, always encouraging me to be the best I can be on and off the field. Excelling in any sport requires hard work, dedication and sacrifice. It's challenging, but well worth the time and effort. I learned long ago that it's important to love what you're doing. If it's no longer fun, you're not going to succeed. It has always been a dream and goal of mine to make baseball a lifetime career starting with high school, then college, and finally playing at the pro level.

I will soon have the privilege to play for the Florida State Seminoles, who have been long recognized as one of the top college baseball teams in the country. My goal of playing at the college level exceeded my expectations when I signed my National Letter of Intent to play for FSU. Over the past several months new baseball opportunities have become available to me. After recent home visits with pro scouts, the possibility of getting drafted in June by Major League Baseball has become something I will have to consider. These are unique and tough decisions for any player right out of high school, but it will be an exciting time in my life.

I have always thought my goal to play at the pro level would come after a successful college career. Education is extremely important to me and my family. The chance to play baseball for the FSU Seminoles and get a quality college education is a huge privilege in my life. It would be a challenging and tough decision to walk away from those opportunities. Baseball careers can end instantly because of injury or other obstacles, but your education stays with you forever. Education should be seen as a safety net for all young athletes when faced with life changing decisions.

For now, my focus is being the best player and teammate I can as a Mandarin Mustang. Our team has many talented players and we should have a great year. I'm lucky to be a part of this competitive team. It's exciting to have these unique and life-changing decisions in front of me. I've spent most my life on the baseball diamond and I feel blessed and fortunate to live my dreams.

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