

## **Burhite to play 3 sports at Mount Mercy**

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They'll participate in basketball, volleyball, baseball, softball, cross country and track in college, but none of the Metro athletes who finalized their college plans Wednesday will be as busy in college as Marion High School senior Zach Burhite.

Burhite plans to sign a national letter-of-intent with Mount Mercy University in Cedar Rapids to participate on the cross country, track and bowling teams. He'll be a rare three-sport athlete in college as he takes the next steps in his athletic career.

There were ceremonies all over town Wednesday as Metro athletes announced their plans and/or signed letters-of-intent. Washington High School was the busiest place of all with five Warriors honored at the school Wednesday morning.

Wes Washpun signed his letter-of-intent to play basketball at Tennessee and was accompanied by four female athletes at the head table in the Washington cafeteria. Basketball players Tia Dawson (Dartmouth), Alissa Oney (Maryville) and Janay Pritchett (William Penn) were joined by cross country and track runner Kristin Rogers (Nebraska-Omaha).

Three athletes from Xavier High School were in the news with Alex Saxen going to Missouri Western State (basketball), Tyler Sampson headed to Western Illinois (track) and Bailey Kaloupek also going to Western Illinois (volleyball).

Linn-Mar honored three athletes at an afternoon ceremony. Josh Montague is going to Maryville (basketball), Ben Larison to Kirkwood (baseball) and Jordan Stroschein to Ellsworth Community College (baseball).

Ashley Madsen of Jefferson signed to play softball at Des Moines Area Community College (DMACC) and Tanner Unkel signed to play baseball at North Iowa Area Community College (NIACC).

Kasey Semler of Marion High School is headed to Kirkwood to play basketball following his

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all-state career with the Indians that included two conference titles, two trips to the state tournament and 1,112 points.