

Lizarraga will play ball at Mount Mercy

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Chico Lizarraga thought he'd be throwing passes for the Iowa Central Community College football team this fall. Instead, he's decided to throw out baserunners for the Mount Mercy University baseball team next spring.

Lizarraga, an all-state catcher and all-conference quarterback at Kennedy, has changed signals and will pursue a baseball career in college instead of playing football.

Lizarraga hit .320 with 26 RBIs for the Cougars as they compiled a 33-7 record and reached the semifinals of the Class 4A state tournament.