

Mack Mattke wins \$1,000 Adenhardt Scholarship

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Mack Mattke of Xavier High School has been selected as the recipient of the 2012 Nick Adenhardt Memorial Scholarship, the Cedar Rapids Kernels and Kernels Foundation announced Thursday.

Mattke is a senior on the Xavier baseball team. He was selected for the \$1,000 scholarship based on his school activities, academic record and baseball accomplishments.

Mattke will be honored during a pre-game ceremony this Sunday at Veterans Memorial Stadium before the Kernels play Beloit at 2:05 p.m.

Adenhardt pitched for the Kernels in 2006 and was a rising star in the Los Angeles Angels organization. He was tragically killed at age 22 by a drunk driver on April 9, 2009, just a few hours after his season debut for the Angels on the mound.

Mack Mattke and his parents, Mark and Inez, served as a Kernels host family in 2006 and Mack had an opportunity to know Adenhardt when he was with the Kernels.

Adenhardt's family established the scholarship in Nick's memory.

Mattke plans to attend Purdue University, where he will study engineering and join the baseball team as a walk-on who can pitch, play first base and catch.