

Usher picks Louisville; Jackson to Illinois

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Two more baseball players from Kirkwood Community College will be headed to NCAA Division I schools after they play for the Eagles in 2019.

Levi Usher, a Cedar Rapids Prairie grad who is currently a freshman at Kirkwood, has accepted an offer from the University of Louisville.

Taylor Jackson, who helped Kirkwood reach the NJCAA Division II World Series last season, plans to continue his college baseball career at the University of Illinois.

Usher, an outfielder, hit .468 with seven home runs, 34 RBIs and 37 stolen bases at Prairie as a junior in 2017. He hit .381 with two homers and 37 RBIs as a senior after recovering from a broken leg.



"Honored to continue my athletic and academic career at the University of Louisville!!," Usher wrote on his social media account. "Thanks to my family, coaches and friends!"

Jackson, a fleet center fielder from Chicago, hit .395 with 10 homers, 59 RBIs and 30 stolen bases for Kirkwood last season.

Kal Youngquist, a first baseman for Kirkwood, has committed to the University of Illinois-Springfield. He hit .262 with seven homers and 24 RBIs last season.