

Wright to stay a Wildcat as she looks forward to joining K-State track program



Delaney Wright is well on her way to being the most decorated female track athlete in Louisburg High School history – if she isn't already.

Wright, who captured state titles in three different events at last year's state meet, had a handful of college offers to consider. However, there was one that stood out among the rest.

Earlier this month, the Louisburg senior made it official as Wright signed her letter of intent to run track at Kansas State University next year. She did so at a signing ceremony at the school with several coaches – current and former – along with family, teammates and friends.

"I felt so relieved and secure deciding where I want to go to school," Wright said. "I was extremely blessed to be able to visit many schools and grateful I got the opportunity to travel. I have always wanted to run track in college and pursue more in my academics as well as athletics. So many people have helped me over the years, and thanks to them, I am able to obtain those goals."

Wright took a handful of college visits over the past few months and got offers from Kansas, Iowa State, South Dakota, North Dakota State, Arkansas-Little Rock and Pittsburg State.



Earlier this month, Louisburg senior Delaney Wright signed her letter of intent to join the K-State track and field program. Sitting next to Delaney are her parents Amy and Andy Wright, and her brother Mathias. Standing (from left) is her club track coach JT Collor, and Louisburg track coaches John Reece, Leanna Willer and Debbie Chipps.

However, Kansas State came in late in the process and wanted Wright to come in for a visit. It turned out to be the perfect landing spot.

"I had the opportunity to visit seven schools and K-State was one of my last minute visits before I was ready to decide," Wright said. "I had been struggling because I narrowed down to my top 3 schools and felt good about all of them. K-State, however, stood out to me more because of the coaching and overall atmosphere that they have. I feel as I made the right decision for myself and found somewhere to really push me. The coaches at Kstate were very welcoming and considerate."

Although she has focused on mainly the 200-meter dash, 400

dash and long jump, Wright hopes to expand to other events at K-State.

“At the college level I will be introduced to the multi events and trying the heptathlon,” Wright said. “I am extremely excited to be able to work on multiple events and find out what I am capable of. I have the expectation of working hard and being pushed out of my comfort zone. I want to get better and K-State is the place to do it.”

Wright has certainly made a name for herself at Louisburg as she won state titles in the 200, 400 and long jump last season and holds the school record in each of those events.

Now, as she enters her senior season, she is looking for more as Wright hopes to leave Louisburg in style,

“In my final season of high school I hope to try a couple of new events, as well as get better in the ones I have already been in,” Wright said. “I am excited, to say the least, for what is to come. My goal is to work harder than last year to prepare myself for the collegiate level. I also want to have fun and enjoy my last year in high school.”