

# Swartz ready to tackle new challenge with Morningside football



***Louisburg senior Lucas Swartz (22) celebrates with his teammates after a big stop to secure a win last season.***

Lucas Swartz did a little bit of everything for the Louisburg football team.

Not only was he one of the top players on a Wildcat defense that finished with a 7-2 record, but he also made several big plays on special teams throughout the season. Swartz showed he was willing to help the team wherever he was needed.

He hopes to bring that same type of attitude and outlook to his next stop – Morningside College. Earlier this year, Swartz signed his letter of intent to secure his dream of playing

college football.

“I have dreamed of playing college football since I was 3 years old,” Swartz said. “That is when I remember touching a football for the first time and played with people older than me. This journey has been so awesome, and I have had the best years playing football and it is great to see this become a reality.”

Swartz joins a Mustang program, based in Sioux City, Iowa, that is one of the top teams in the NAIA and recently won a national championship in 2019. In 2024, Mustangs advanced to the national semifinals, before falling to the eventual champion, Grand View.

However, it wasn't just the on the field success that attracted Swartz to Morningside, but those associated with the program, as well.

“What stuck out to me about Morningside was the atmosphere around the family and it's just overall really nice here,” Swartz said. “The decision wasn't really that hard because they're a really good football team and have been for years. I'm very excited I've got this opportunity to be playing for the Mustangs.”



***Louisburg grad Lucas Swartz signed his letter of intent to join the Morningside College football team. Seated next to Lucas is his mother, Chavon. Standing (from left) is his grandmother Linda Glidewell, his brother Rocko, his father Neil and cousin Blake Covington.***

This past season, the Louisburg graduate made a big impact on the Wildcats. He was a first-team All-Frontier League selection as a multipurpose player.

Swartz finished the year with 42 tackles, including 4.5 for a loss and 2.5 sacks. Swartz also recorded a blocked field goal on special teams and recorded a big stop on a 2-point conversion to secure a win for the Wildcats.

“Football has been such a crucial part of my life,” Swartz said. “The Louisburg football program has shaped me into a great player and the coaches are the best. They push you every day, not just on the field, but in the classroom.”

The Mustangs see Swartz as a player on both the defensive side

of the ball, and on special teams. The coaches see him at defensive back/linebacker, and he will also see a lot of time on special teams.

“My expectations are to be playing my first year at long snapper,” Swartz said. “I show up every day putting in work to prove to the coaches on why they recruited me to be here. Also, I hope to win a championship while I am here at Morningside. I am so excited for what’s in store for me these next couple years. I will push myself to be the best I can be on and off the field. I will be a leader and never give up.”