

Schultz excited to join Rockhurst University baseball program



Louisburg's Luke Schultz slides into home during a game last season. Schultz signed with Rockhurst University earlier this year.

Baseball has been a big part of Luke Schultz's life ever since he can remember, so it is only fitting that baseball and Schultz continue their journey together into the college ranks.

Schultz, a 2025 Louisburg graduate, always wanted to be able to play baseball in college and his love for the game came full circle when he signed his letter of intent earlier this year to play for Rockhurst University.

"It has always been dream of mine to play college baseball," Schultz said. "It has been amazing seeing my dreams come to reality. I have been playing baseball since kindergarten and it has had such a major impact on my life. It has shaped me into the person I am today."

At Rockhurst, Schultz joins a Hawks program that competes in NCAA Division II as part of the Great Lakes Valley Conference (GLVC). Known for its strong academics and athletic tradition, Rockhurst offers Schultz a chance to grow both as a student and an athlete close to home.

Schultz also got a chance to know Rockhurst coach Gary Burns, who has led the Hawk baseball program since 1994.

"What made Rockhurst stick out was their academics and Coach Burns," Schultz said. "He made it seem like he cares about each individual player on the team. Choosing Rockhurst was an easy decision for me. It seemed to fit everything I would want in a college."

It was a big final season of high school baseball for Schultz who racked up several postseason honors. He earned first team All-Frontier League and all-state honors and was selected to play in the KABC All-Star Game, where he had a bases loaded double to break open the game.



Louisburg's Luke Schultz signed his letter of intent to join the Rockhurst University baseball program. Sitting next to Luke are his parents Nick and Leslie. Standing are his siblings Blake and Lainie.

Schultz led the Wildcats in several offensive categories. He was first on the team with a .453 average on the year and a 1.249 OPS.

He recorded team-highs in hits (39), runs (31), RBIs (28) and doubles (14). He was second on the team with three home runs. Schultz also set a program record for doubles in a season.

As he had one of the most feared bats in the Frontier League, Schultz hopes he can take that momentum with him to the college level.

"The Rockhurst coaches see me having a chance to play as a freshman," They are trying to find a way to fit my bat into the lineup anyway they can. This high school season gave me confidence that will definitely carry over to next year."

No matter what role he plays, Schultz is ready to help a Rockhurst team that he believes will help him grow in the game.

“My expectations are to just enjoy it as much as I can and play to the best of my ability,” Schultz said. “My goal is to contribute anyway I can to help my team succeed. I am so eager for what next season holds for me.”