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# FRONT OFFICE

## CHRIS GOODELL

*Team President*



Chris Goodell will conduct his 22nd season in the Northwoods League in 2021, having spent time with both the Waterloo Bucks and La Crosse Loggers. Goodell, who currently serves as the team president of the Loggers, Mankato MoonDogs and the Rochester Honkers, served as the general manager of the Loggers from their inaugural season of 2003 through the 2018 season, helping build a stadium and team that is one of the top drawing teams in all of summer collegiate baseball. Goodell was honored as the Northwoods League Executive of the Year on two occasions, in 2004 and in 2012, and was recognized as the La Crosse Tribune's Sports Person of the Year in 2009 and 2012.

## JEREMY AAGARD

*General Manager*



Jeremy Aagard enters his second season as the General Manager of the Honkers in 2021, but is a veteran in the summer collegiate baseball world of front office executives. Prior to joining the Honkers, the Wadena, Minn. native led the Fayetteville SwampDogs of the Coastal Plain League since 2006. Aagard served as the SwampDogs assistant general manager from 2006-2012 before taking the reigns as the general manager in 2013, a position he held until joining the Honkers. The SwampDogs were annually one of the top drawing teams in the Coastal Plain League, averaging over 1,500 fans per game during their peak and Aagard was the driving force behind many of the promotions and significant involvements in the community. Along with being honored as one of the "Top 40 Under the age of 40" in Fayetteville in 2011, Aagard was a consistent participant on community boards

and committees such as Special Olympics and Kiwanis and was instrumental in bringing numerous other community events to the ballpark.

While Aagard returns home to Minnesota to lead the Honkers, he is also returning to his roots of the Northwoods League where he received his start in summer collegiate baseball in 2004 as the assistant general manager with the Alexandria (MN) Beetles. Jeremy and his wife, Andrea, reside in Byron with their two daughters, Alyvia and Jayci.



# FRONT OFFICE

## JORDAN LANK

*Director of Media Relations*



Jordan Lank joins the Honkers in 2021 as the team's full-time Director of Media Relations, Broadcaster and ticket sales coordinator after serving as an intern in the same role during the 2020 season. Lank also heads the social media and marketing content creation efforts in Rochester, and facilitates the team's local media coverage. Prior to joining the Honkers, Jordan worked in several roles in sports media, including social media and media relations with the Greenville Swamp Rabbits of the ECHL and with Honkers General Manager Jeremy Aagard as a broadcasting and media relations intern with the Fayetteville SwampDogs of the Coastal Plain League.

Hailing from Surprise, Ariz., Lank graduated from the coveted Walter Cronkite School of Journalism and Mass Communication at Arizona State University in the spring of 2020. He grew up in love with the game and is an avid Arizona Diamondbacks fan. When he's not at the ballpark, Jordan loves a night out with friends, a night in watching a movie, and cheering on his other favorite teams: the Phoenix Suns, Arizona Coyotes and Philadelphia Eagles. Chinese food is the way to his heart.



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# HONKERS INTERNS

**ABI FOLKERT**

*Do-It-All Intern*

Abi Folkert, the Honkers' resident "Do-It-All" Intern, has been a regular at Mayo Field since the day she was born. Abi's family hosted Honkers players in the early days of the franchise, but Abi started her tenure at the ballpark in 2019 as a gameday staffer. Abi attended Rochester Technical and Community College for Graphic Design and played softball for the Yellowjackets. In her free time, Abi enjoys traveling (her favorite place, so far, being Ireland) and hanging out with her family, friends, and two cats, Oreo and Tahoe.



**CHRIS DOKKEN**

*Operations Intern*

Chris Dokken joins the Honkers as an Operations Intern in 2021. He graduated with a degree in Sports and Recreation Management with a minor in Management from South Dakota State University this past spring. For the last two seasons, Chris has worked for the Minnesota Twins in their ticket office, and spends his free time taking in Twins games at Target Field. Originally from nearby Chatfield, Chris now resides in Rochester with his girlfriend and his five-month-old corgi, Kylo. Chris is the tallest member of his family on either side.



**DREW WESTFORD**

*Promotions Intern*

Born and raised in Custer, Wa., Drew Westford graduated from Ferndale High School in 2017 before going on to play Division-I softball at Fairfield University in Connecticut. She is a business management major with a minor in sports leadership, and plans to study for her MBA in the fall while finishing her softball career with a fifth year of eligibility. This summer, Drew will serve as a Promotions Intern for the Honkers, implementing wacky and outrageously fun games on the field in between innings. Make sure to say hello!



**DYLAN RAMIREZ**

*Tickets Intern*

Hailing from Orlando, Fla., Dylan Ramirez is a 21-year-old sports management student at St. Andrew's University in Laurinburg, N.C., where he also plays baseball. For the Honkers this summer, Dylan will work as a ticketing intern and welcome fans with his signature smile at the Mayo Field ticket booth. His dream is to be a general manager of a Major League Baseball franchise one day. Born in Queens, N.Y., Dylan is a die-hard Mets fan. He is proud to be half Puerto Rican and half Colombian, and has enjoyed hot air ballooning in the past.





# HONKERS INTERNS

## KATIE WACHOWIAK *Community Engagement Intern*

Katie Wachowiak is headed into her senior year at Carthage College in Kenosha, Wis., where she is on the women's golf team. She is majoring in marketing and management with a minor in public relations. After graduation, Katie hopes to venture into the field of sports management. The 2021 season will be Katie's second as a Honkers intern, as she served in the same role in 2020. She is excited to continue the implementation of the reading program she started last year as part of the Honkers' community outreach.



## MARIAH TLOUGAN *Promotions & Group Sales Intern*

Mariah Tloughan joins the Honkers in 2021 as the team's Promotions and Group Sales Intern. Tloughan was born and raised in Rochester, and is the team's first intern that was also a Bat Kid in 2006. Mariah graduated from Texas A&M University - Corpus Christi with her Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration Marketing in December 2019. In her free time, Mariah enjoys traveling, working out and a nice patio happy hour.



## NICK DAYE *Operations Intern*

Nick Daye makes the trek west to Rochester as an Operations Intern for after graduating from the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse this spring with a degree in Sports Management. He will also attend graduate school at UWL following his time with the Honkers. Nick is on the UWL bowling team, which has made the postseason all three years that they have competed in the USBC Collegiate bowling season.



## NICK DeLUCA *Broadcasting & Media Relations Intern*

Nick DeLuca enters his first season in the booth with the Honkers in the 2021 season. A junior at Fordham University, Nick has served as a play-by-play voice for Fordham athletic events on ESPN+ and 90.7 WFUV radio in New York City. He has called Fordham baseball, basketball, soccer, volleyball, and football in addition to hosting One on One, New York's longest-running sports call-in show. Nick has also worked as a credentialed beat reporter for the New York Yankees, New York Knicks, New Jersey Devils, and the 2019 and 2020 Heisman Trophy Presentations. The Buffalo, New York native is a former Sirius XM sports programming intern, two-time Voice of Fordham award winner, and placed as the 14th undergraduate broadcaster by the STAA Jim Nantz Award.



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# COACHES

**PAUL WEIDNER**

*Field Manager*

The Rochester Honkers named 27-year-old Paul Weidner as the 18th field manager in franchise history, marking a substantial step in preparation for the 2021 Northwoods League season.

“It’s an incredible opportunity,” Weidner said of receiving the position. “The track record of the organization [and] the success that they’ve had on the field is a tradition of winning, and that’s something that I want to be able to continue to do. I know that aligns with what the community is expecting. Putting a product on the field that they can be proud of is really important to me.”



Weidner currently serves as a volunteer assistant coach at Creighton University in Omaha, Neb. where he acts as the team’s first base coach, but also works as an assistant hitting coach and leads the development of Blue Jays outfielders. Under Weidner’s leadership, the Blue Jays returned to the NCAA Tournament in 2019 for the first time since 2012 by clinching the BIG EAST’s automatic bid. While there, they eliminated the then-defending College World Series champions, Oregon State, on the road. Weidner and the Creighton staff were awarded the conference’s Coaching Staff of the Year award.

The former outfielder brings experience from the summer collegiate landscape as well, having assisted the Cotuit Kettleers of the Cape Cod League in 2018 before signing on in Nebraska — something Honkers general manager Jeremy Aagard found particularly attractive about Weidner’s resume.

“Paul’s experience in coaching summer collegiate baseball will make this a smooth transition for our players,” said Aagard. “He will bring an exciting brand of baseball to our city and be an integral part in our effort to ingratiate our players in the community. The Honkers are ready to get back to our winning ways and Paul will be guiding us to greatness every step of the way.”

Well prior to his time at Creighton and in the Cape, though, Weidner grew up less than an hour’s drive away from Mayo Field in downtown Rochester. A native of Randolph, Minn., the 2011 graduate of Randolph High School acknowledges how special it is to be leading a franchise so close to his roots.

“It means a lot. There are a lot of summer ball towns in this league and throughout the country. I feel so lucky to be coaching in one that I’m so familiar with and feel very connected to,” he said.

It’s not the first time Weidner will coach close to home, as he spent three years on the staff of his alma mater shortly after graduating from Bethel University in St. Paul in 2015. After the 2021 spring season concludes in Omaha, Weidner will return to serve as an assistant coach on the Royals staff, working with all hitters and defensively with the outfielders.

Weidner also made note of the emphasis he intends to put on positively impacting the Rochester community during his tenure in the Med City, saying that he wants his players to be exemplars of good character on the way to making a difference.

“At the end of the day, what we’re doing is bringing a bunch of elite college players together to play a game in which they’re gonna develop. But, when you take a step back and you think about what it means in the grand scheme of things, if those players are role models for the people in the community, — if our team is something that the community can be proud of — that’s how you make an impact with the position that you’re in.

“My job is to play winning baseball... but I look at it as a facet of how we can fit into the community at large. If they don’t embrace us and what we are, then those things don’t carry weight. It doesn’t matter. And so we need to make sure that matters so that we can have that impact.”

# COACHES

**EDDIE CRIBBY**

*Assistant Coach*

Coach Cribby comes to Rochester from the University of Puget Sound in Tacoma, Wa. where he is an assistant coach. Cribby is also the head coach of the Washington A’s, an 18-and-under club baseball organization in Seattle. This summer, coach Cribby will serve as the hitting coach and bench coach for the Honkers. He played collegiately at Columbia Basin College before earning his degree in finance from the University of Washington. Coach Cribby and his wife Katarina have one daughter, Sóley, born in 2020.



**DEREK DAHLKE**

*Assistant Coach*

Coach Dahlke is completing his masters degree in Coaching from Southwest Minnesota State University in Marshall, Minn., where he serves as SMSU’s pitching coach. He played collegiately for Augustana University where he won the Division-II College World Series during his time as a Viking. In Rochester, Coach Dahlke will take on the duties of pitching coach and will oversee all pitching development for the summer.



**JOE MORRIS**

*Assistant Coach*

Coach Morris comes to Rochester from Monroe College in Bronx, N.Y. where he currently serves as the team’s hitting coach and third base coach. He also oversees the strength and conditioning program at Monroe College for the baseball team and works for Unlimited Action Sports in their baseball facility in Long Island, N.Y. For the Honkers, Joe will be an assistant hitting coach, coach first base, and will assist players with their strength and conditioning programs if they desire.





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# MEET SLIDER!



Slider has been the iconic mascot for the Rochester Honkers since the 1997 season. He's known for keeping the crowd entertained at Mayo Field, especially when he leads Honkers fans in the "YMCA" and "the wave." Slider is highly visible throughout the ballpark, whether he's helping out with on-field promotions, smiling for selfies, goofing off with young Honkers fans, or signing autographs!

Before each game, Slider likes to stretch behind home plate, greet the fans in the first few rows of the grandstand and on the Flight Deck, and shake hands with the umpires. After joining the pregame huddle with the Honkers, he enjoys dancing to "ain't nothin' wrong with that" as the team takes the field. Slider spent the offseason lifting weights and running to get in this best shape of his life. He looks forward to seeing you at Mayo Field in 2021.

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# HONKERS PITCHERS



**BRANT ALAZAUS, LHP, JR**

**6-2 | 175 | Walsh University | Alliance, OH**

**2021:** 11 Appearances with 10 starts...Posted a 6-1 record with 59 strikeouts in just 57.2 innings...4.21 ERA 5th best among Cavalier pitchers.

**Prep:** Three-sport athlete in high school, playing baseball, basketball and golf... Four-year letter-winner in baseball under his father and head coach Shawn Alazaus... finished his high school career with a 3.9 cumulative GPA



**SAM GOMEZ, LHP, JR**

**6-0 | 205 | Cal State Fullerton | Hacienda Heights, CA**

**2021:** Made 9 appearances, pitching 6.2 innings... 4 strikeouts and opponents' batting average of .231...Had second-lowest Titans regular-season ERA.

**Prep:** Graduated from Los Altos High School in 2018 as a three-year letter winner in baseball... Spent the 2019 and 2020 seasons at Citrus College.



**BEN GRABLE, RHP, FR**

**6-4 | 205 | Northwestern | Pasadena, CA**

**2021:** Pitched 12 innings over 9 appearances...recorded 16 strikeouts....Tossed 1.2 scoreless innings against the Minnesota Gophers (3/22) ... Fired a scoreless frame in ranked win over Michigan (4/4) ... Recorded five strikeouts in two scoreless innings of relief against Rutgers (4/10) ... Tossed two scoreless innings of relief, allowing just one hit and no walks while striking out two (4/18) ... Fired a scoreless inning of relief, collecting a strikeout against Maryland (4/24).



**LEIGHTON HELLEBERG, RHP, JR**

**6-2 | 160 | Cal State Bernadino | Medford, MA**

**2021:** Did not pitch for Cal State San Bernardino.

**2020:** Made 6 appearance as a Sophomore...Recorded a 3.24 ERA over 8.1 innings...WHIP of .72 led the team's pitching staff...Had 13 strikeouts...Held hitters to .133 batting average against.

**Prep:** Attended Sierra College...Pitched 14.2 innings with a 4.30 ERA...Graduate of Medford High School.



**ALEC HOLCOMB, RHP, SR**

**6-2 | 235 | Concordia St. Paul | Owatonna, MN**

**2021:** Did not appear after transferring in from North Dakota State

**2020:** Struck out one in an inning against Hawaii (Feb. 15) before season was cut short due to coronavirus pandemic ... named to Summit League Academic Honor Roll ... named to Summit League Commissioner's List of Academic Excellence.

**2019:** Appeared in 12 games ... posted a 1-1 record to go with a 6.91 ERA ... allowed 11 earned runs on 18 hits with 13 strikeouts and six walks ... surrendered just two doubles in 14.1 innings



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# HONKERS PITCHERS



**DARREN JANSEN, RHP, JR**

**6-5 | 255 | San Jose State | Fresno, CA**

**2021:** Appeared in 12 games...Pitched 16 innings, tallying 9 strikeouts...Pitched season high 3.2 innings vs New Mexico on 5/23...Recorded 3 strikeouts 4/23 vs Fresno State.

**Prep:** Attended Fresno City...Appeared in 7 games in relief as a sophomore in the COVID-19 shortened 2020 season...finished the year with a 1-0 record...notched a 1.31 ERA over 20.2 innings pitched...tallied 22 strikeouts...Graduate of Bullard High School



**BRENDAN KNOLL, RHP, JR**

**6-0 | 210 | Minnesota State Mankato | Kasson, MN**

**2021:** Appeared in 12 games, making 8 starts...Recorded a 2.48 ERA in 54.1 innings...Collect-ed 42 strikeouts and held opponents to a .222 batting average...Tied for the team lead with 2 complete games

**Prep:** Graduated from Kasson-Mantorville High School in 2017 where he pitched, played outfield and first base for four seasons... 1.47 earned run average on the hill as a high school senior...Wrapped up career with All-State and All-Conference honors.







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**TONY LANIER, RHP, SO**  
**6-3 | 215 | Augustana (SD) | Harrisburg, SD**

**2021:** Made 15 relief appearances...Logged 13.2 innings on the mound...struck out 31 with K/9 of 21.1..Held opponents to a .114 batting average...Pitched season high 2 scoreless innings 3/7 vs Cameron.

**2020:** Made one appearance on the mound for the Vikings, going one inning and allowing no runs... Named to Spring NSIC All-Academic Team... Season cut short due to COVID-19.

**2019:** Appeared in one game for the Vikings.



**KENNY LIPPMAN, RHP, R-JR**  
**6-3 | 205 | Denison | McLean, CA**

**2021:** Logged 15.1 innings over 5 appearances...recorded 21 strikeouts and held opponents to a .218 batting average...Pitched 6 innings with 10 strikeouts in win over DePauw on 4/25.

**2019:** Made 12 appearances on the mound as a first-year, including seven starts ... posted a 3-1 record over 40 innings of work ... finished the season with a 4.27 ERA and 34 strikeouts ... earned his first career win in Denison's 7-2 victory over Alfred State (March 2) with a career-best five strikeouts over 3.1 innings pitched.



**MATTHEW MALDONADO, RHP, R-SO**  
**6-2 | 207 | Lipscomb University | Seguin, TXX**

**2021:** Appeared in 16 games as a reliever on the mound...Collected a 1-2 record with a 5.34 ERA over 32.0 innings pitched...Logged 39 strikeouts and allowed 16 walks...Recorded 1 save

**Prep:** 2017 Perfect Game Underclass Honorable Mention All-American... Voted All-District three times (2015-17)...Named All-Region and MVP of Perfect Game in 2016... Voted the All-District and All-Area Pitcher of the Year in 2016...Helped NHS to a district and an all-area championship...Ranked the top 100 RHP in the state of Texas by Perfect Game

# HONKERS PITCHERS



**SHANE MARTIN, RHP, SO**  
**6-4 | 190 | Northwest Nazarine | Richland, WA**

**2021:** Appeared in 12 games, making 6 starts in his first collegiate campaign...Had a 3.89 ERA over 41.2 innings...Recorded 33 strikeouts with just 14 walks...His 4 wins are tied for second most on the team...First win was on 3/13 against Mont. St. Billings.

**Prep:** Attended Hanford High School in Richland, WA.



**BRENDAN MEDORO, RHP, JR**  
**6-1 | 205 | Fairleigh Dickinson | Lake Worth, FL**

**2021:** Made 17 appearances with 3 starts...led Knights pitching staff in ERA...Went 1-3 with a 4.72 ERA in 55.1 innings...notched 38 strikeouts...Pitched 4 or more innings in 7 of 17 games.

**2019:** Earned a team-high six wins on the season finishing with a 6-4 overall record and 6.31 ERA on the mound...Made seven starts and 15 total appearances tossing a team-high 71.1 in-nings...Struck out 33 batters including a season-high five against Mount St. Mary's and Bryant.



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# HONKERS PITCHERS



**AUSTIN MOBERG, RHP, SR**  
**6-3 | 175 | San Francisco State | Monterey, CA**  
**2021:** Appeared in six games, all in relief... tossed 9.0 innings, striking out seven and allowing five runs... walked just four of 39 batters faced  
**Before San Francisco State:** Played at College of Marin from 2017-19... Played club for Trosky Baseball.  
**Personal:** Parents Lisa and James... Younger brother Andrew... Born in Minneapolis, Minnesota.school career with a 3.9 cumulative GPA



**EVAN O'TOOLE, RHP, C-FR**  
**6-3 | 185 | Iowa Western CC | Bridgewater, NS, CAN**  
**2021:** Pitched in 11 games, making 10 starts...Tossed 3 complete games...1.31 ERA...51 strikeouts in 55.0 innings...Third on the team in ERA...Second in innings pitched...Held opponents to .197 batting average...Helped Iowa Western to 50-10 record and Region XI Championship appearance.  
**2020:** Made 5 appearances in first collegiate season...Recorded 9 strikeouts in 7.2 innings pitched...10.57 K/9 before season was cut short.



**KELLEN PATE, RHP, FR**  
**6-3 | 185 | Northwestern | Rogers, AR**  
**2021:** Pitched a scoreless inning of relief work in Northwestern debut against Minnesota (3/22) ... Recorded his first two career strikeouts against Iowa (4/25).  
**Prep:** Four-year player ... In 2019, went 9-2 with a 1.19 ERA Finished his junior season with a 3.53 ERA and 5-2 record in 13 appearances and eight games started ... Posted a 3.11 ERA as a sophomore ... Finished as state runner-up and participated at Midwest Nationals for three straight seasons ... Under Armour Preseason All-American ...



**MICHAEL PORTELA, RHP, R-SO**  
**5-6 | 175 | Norfolk State | Chesapeake, PA**  
**2021:** Logged 17 appearances, all in relief...ERA of 3.62 was 4th best on the Norfolk State pitching staff...Struck out 25 batters in 32.1 innings...Had the team's third lowest WHIP of 1.30...Made 6 appearances with at least 3 scoreless innings.  
**2020:** Pitched in seven games, all out of the bullpen ... Logged a 1.59 ERA without a win or a loss in 5.2 innings pitched ... Recorded one save ... Did not allow a run in six of his seven appearances ... Named to the NSU Athletics Director's Honor Roll for both semesters.



**JAY THOMPSON, LHP, JR.**  
**6-3 | 207 | Georgia Southern | Cumming, GA**  
**2021:** Made 22 relief appearances pitching to a 1.35 ERA...Posted a 6-1 record with 33 strikeouts in 33.1 innings. Held opponents to .208 batting average...Second on the Georgia Southern pitching staff in ERA and WHIP (.99)...Did not allow an earned run in final 6 innings pitched in regular season...Helped Georgia Southern to 31-22 record in the regular season.  
**2020:** Appeared in 6 games... Helped the Eagles secure two of their six shutouts... Pitched 6.0 innings, allowing no runs, off two hits... Opponents were batting .111 against him.



# HONKERS PITCHERS



**KEITH WALKER, RHP, SO**  
**6-3 | 205 | Biola | Rocklin, CA**  
**2021:** Appeared in seven games, all in relief... threw 9.2 innings, striking out nine batters after transferring in from Yuba College in Marysville, Calif.  
**Yuba College:** Earned All-Bay Valley Conference honors in his first year at Yuba College... Led the 49ers in virtually all hitting categories over 38 games in 2019, posting a .326 average, 14 extra-base hits and 27 RBI's... Collected 25 hits, a team-best 14 runs and 11 RBI's in the first 19 games of 2020



**PATRICK WILLIAMS, RHP, C-FR**  
**6-9 | 225 | Lipscomb University | Cleveland, TN**  
**2021:** Appeared in 16 games with 3 starts on the hill...Earned a 1-2 record with a 6.20 ERA over 24.2 innings of work...Recorded 22 strikeouts...Held opponents to a .269 batting average  
**2020:** Appeared in five games and made two starts on the mound...4.05 ERA over 13.1 innings of work...Recorded nine strikeouts and allowed four walks  
**Prep:** 2018 All-District selection...2019 team captain...4-year letterman at Cleveland High School.



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## HONKERS HITTERS



**HANK BARD, C, SO**

**6-2 | 210 | McLennan Community Collete | Parker, CO**

**2021:** Batted .294 with 3 home runs and 27 RBI with McLennan Community College...Appeared in 43 games, making 37 starts...Helped lead the Highlanders to JUCO World Series.  
**Prep:** Recorded a .345 batting average with three home runs, nine stolen bases and 44 RBIs playing for Legend High School...Colorado 5A First-Team All-Conference selection... Four-time consecutive Principal's Honor Roll honoree ... CHSAA 5A First-Team All-Academic selection.



**SETH BETTS, INF, R-JR**

**6-2 | 190 | Crown College | St. George, UT**



**MIKE BOLTON, JR., OF, SO**

**5-9 | 160 | Purdue | Calumet City, IL**

**2021:** Appeared in 31 games with 18 starts...Batted .275 with 3 RBIs...Led Purdue in On-base percentage at .462...Perfect 17-17 in stolen base attempts to lead the team.

**2020:** Played in 9 games, most among freshmen

**Prep:** Three-year varsity letter winner at Brother Rice High School... First-team All-Catholic League as a junior and senior... Preseason all-state and Preseason All-American in his upper-classman seasons.



**MARCO CASTILLO, INF, R-SO**

**6-3 | 210 | Claremont-Mudd-Scripps | Corte Madera, CA**



**ZACH COLE, OF, FR**

**6-3 | 185 | Ball State | Ozark, MO**

**2021:** 2021: Made 10 appearances with 2 starts...Hit a double with a run scored on 5/16 against Kent State.

**2020:** Played in 12 games, making 10 starts in shortened season ... Batted .259 with 8 runs and 3 RBIs.

**Prep:** Attended Springfield Catholic High School





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**JACK COLETTE, OF, SR**  
**6-0 | 195 | San Jose State | Torrance, CA**

**2021:** Played in 32 games, making 31 starts...Batted .224 with 3 home runs and 13 driven in  
**2020:** Made 13 appearances and drew 9 starts in the outfield ... Held a .314 batting average with 11 hits and 3 RBIs ... Had 4 multi-hit games.  
**Prep:** 2017 graduate of St. John Bosco High School in Bellflower, California... Posted a .350 batting average in senior season with 9 triples and 3 home runs... Helped team to its first Trinity League Title in school history... Earned second-team all-league honors.



**JJ CRUZ, INF, SO**  
**6-3 | 200 | Cal State Fullerton | La Palma, CA**

**2021:** Played in 29 games, making 14 starts...batted .204 in 54 at-bats...scored 9 runs  
**2020:** Appeared in 9 games during the shortened 2020 season... Hit .200 w/ 3 runs and 3 RBIs  
**Prep:** Four year varsity player at Gahr High School in Cerritos, California ... Earned All-League honors all four years.. Batted .307 as a senior... Helped lead his team to the San Gabriel Valley League Champs all four years... Was on the honor roll all four years of high school... Was the Scholar of the Quarter all four years.



**ALEX FEATHERSTONE, INF, SR**  
**5-11 | 175 | Oglethorpe | Charlotte, NC**

**2021:** Hit for second-best average at Oglethorpe with a .349 clip over 22 games... Laced eight extra-base hits... Drove in 13 runs... Stole seven bases in 11 attempts... Began the season on an 11-game hitting streak before it was snapped in an 0-for-2 effort at Rhodes... Collected three multi-RBI games throughout the season



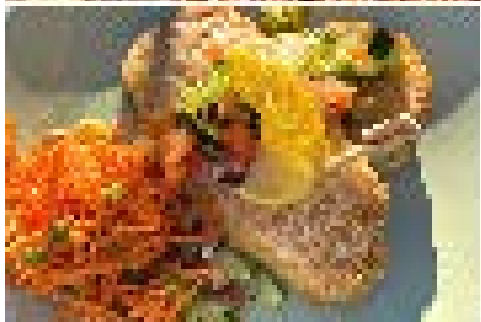
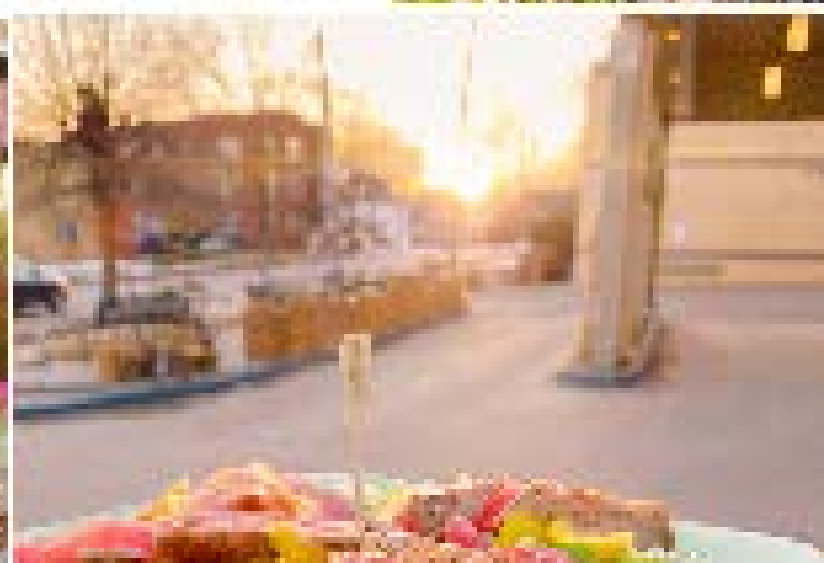
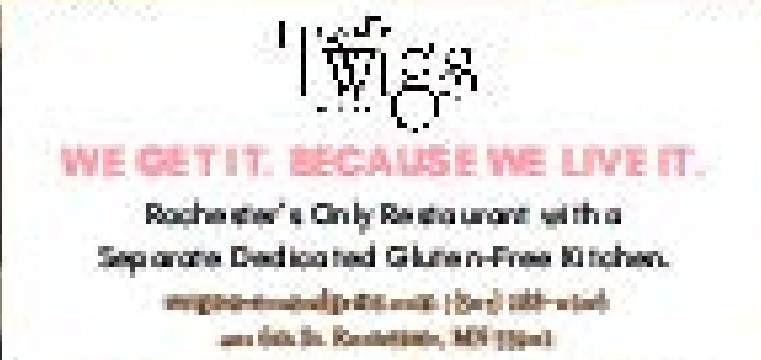
**COLE FONTENELLE, INF/OF, FR**  
**6-3 | Washington | Sammamish, WA**

**2021:** Appeared in 23 games, making 14 starts...recorded 2 hits in collegiate debut on 2/20 vs UC Irvine...Also added an RBI  
**Prep:** No. 2 ranked player in Washington by both Prep Baseball Report and Baseball Northwest... named to PBR Baseball Washington Dream Team ... Second Team All-League as a sophomore and junior at Skyline HS ... hit .320 with 2 HR, 22 RBI and 23 runs in 20 games as a junior.



**JACKSON FORBES, INF, FR**  
**5-9 | 160 | San Jose State | Vacaville, CA**

**2021:** Appeared in 23 games making 20 starts...Hit .233 with a homer and 8 RBIs...led San Jose State with 5 stolen bases in 7 attempts...985 fielding percentage.  
**JUCO:** Spent one season with San Joaquin Delta College...Batted .405 at the plate in 21 games of the COVID-19 shortened 2020 season.  
**Prep:** Graduated from Vanden HS in Fairfield, California. ... Received all-league honors in two consecutive years as a junior and senior ... Also played for the California Show and Easton Admirals.





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**OTTO GRIMM, OF, R-SO**

**6-3 | 205 | Minnesota | Bemidji, MN**

**2021:** Played in 10 games, making 4 starts...reached base twice and scored a run on 3/13 vs ILL

**2020:** Appeared in 13 games and made 8 starts for the Gophers... Batted .400 with 1 home run, 1 double, 9 runs and 5 RBIs...Finished season with 1.000 fielding percentage.

**Prep:** 2018 graduate of Bemidji High School...Played five seasons for the Lumberjacks...2018 Minnesota Mr. Baseball finalist ...2018 First Team All-State... Earned All-Section and All-State honors...Ranked as the no. 1 outfielder and no. 8 overall player in the state of Minnesota



**SAM HOJNAR, INF, R-FR**

**6-1 | 190 | Iowa | Naperville, IL**

**2021:** Hit .360 at Heartland Community College over 47 games... Picked up 161 at-bats for the Hawks, and drove in 48 runs to rank second among all Heartland players... Went a perfect 16-for-16 in stolen bases, one of two Hawks to not get caught in at least 15 stolen base attempts...

Ranked third on the team with a 1.104 OPS... Will transfer to Iowa in the fall

**Prep:** Naperville Central High School grad... Earned All-Congrence Junior and Senior honors



**MAC HORVATH, INF, FR**

**6-1 | 197 | North Carolina | Rochester, MN**

**2021:** Made 31 starts in his first season at UNC...belting 4 regular season home runs and 15 RBIs...He appeared in 41 of the team's 50 regular season games primarily as a third baseman.

**Prep:** Competed for IMG Academy after career at Rochester's Century HS...pitched and played shortstop...played travel baseball for Canes National that advanced to Perfect Game Fall World Series Championship...ranked as the No. 2 player in Minnesota and No. 1 short stop by Perfect Game...ranked as the 11th best short stop in the country by Perfect Game.



**CAM LaLIBERTE, C, FR**

**6-1 | 195 | Arizona | Gilbert, AZ**

**2021:** Appeared in 5 games in his rookie season with the Wildcats...recorded his first collegiate hit on 2/28 against SE Louisiana.

**Prep:** Attended Chandler-Gilbert Community College in 2020...Played in 15 games at CGCC and hit .268 with five runs, six RBI, and two stolen bases in shortened 2020 season...Prepped at Basha High School in Gilbert, Arizona... Selected to 2019 Perfect Game Preseason All-America team...All-Conference as a junior and senior.



**MIGUEL ORTIZ, OF, SO**

**6-2 | 220 | Cal State Fullerton | Kerman, CA**

**2021:** Appeared in 6 games, making 3 starts...Recorded 2 hits and an RBI

**2020:** Made 13 appearances... Hit .281 with three doubles and a home run... Recorded 3 RBIs and 8 runs before the season was cancelled after just 16 games.

**Prep:** Graduate of Buchanan High School



**ALEX PIMENTEL, OF, FR**

**6-2 | 200 | Long Beach State | Anaheim, CA**

**2021:** Appeared in 14 games, making 4 starts...Batted .263 with 2 RBIs in 19 at-bats...Had 2 hits against UC Riverside on 5/9...Helped Long Beach State to 24-15 record.

**Prep:** Named to the All-North Hills League Team and the 2019 Division 2 All- CIF Team ... Was awarded Newcomer of the Year and MVP of the League ... Career .356 hitter for the Villa Park High School Spartans with 67 hits, 35 runs, 26 RBIs and 30 stolen bases in 58 career varsity games.



**ERIC RATA CZAK, C/INF, R-FR**

**6-3 | 205 | Minnesota Post Graduate Baseball | Circle Pines, MN**



**MIGUEL SANTOS, INF, FR**

**5-10 | 170 | Dallas Baptist | Burleson, TX**

**2021:** Started every regular season game for McLennan as the team's primary second baseman...Batted .342 in 58 games...Added 11 home runs and 50 RBIs...Led the Highlanders with 5 triples...Recorded a .402 On-base percentage and 6 stolen bases...Helped McLennan reach the JUCO World Series.

**Prep:** Recorded a .500 batting average with four home runs, 38 RBIs and 10 stolen bases playing for Centennial High School...District Offensive Player of the Year...First-team all-state selection ...Academic all-district selection.



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**JORDAN STEVENS, OF, FR**

**6-0 | 195 | Kent State | Cleveland Heights, OH**

**2021:** Appeared in 2 games for Kent State...Made collegiate debut on 2/21 vs Virginia Tech.

**Prep:** Played for Release Baseball...Attended Saint Edward's in Cleveland.... He missed the 2019 season due to injury.



**JASON SWAN, INF, SR**

**6-1 | 190 | Georgia Southern | Jacksonville, FL**

**2021:** Played in 51 games making 47 starts...Notched 49 hits batting .266...added a home run and 19 RBIs...Helped lead Georgia Southern to 32-22 record.

**Prep:** Played four seasons at Atlantic Coast High School Twice named to the All-First Coast Team, named to the All-Gateway Conference First Team three times... Hit .400 as a senior with 36 runs scored and 17 stolen bases.

**Fun Fact:** Swan is the cousin of former NFL kick returner Devin Hester.



**RYAN THIBERT, OF, R-SO**

**6-1 | 180 | Chico State | Rancho Santa Margarita, CA**

**2021:** Did not appear in a game.

**Prior to 2021:** Batted .335 at Saddleback College, finishing with nine doubles, 36 runs-scored, 13 stolen bases and 54 hits in making the All-Orange Empire Conference First Team.

Previous to Saddleback, Thibert lettered in baseball at Trabuco Hills High School before graduating in 2017. While at THHS, Thibert was a Gold Glove recipient and team MVP.



**CAM THOMPSON, INF/OF, R-FR**

**6-2 | 200 | Purdue | Owasso, OK**

**Pre-Purdue:** Attended Oklahoma State during the 2019-20 school year, redshirting after not seeing game action before the shutdown... Granted a waiver by the NCAA, making him eligible to play for Purdue in the spring of 2021... Academic All-Big 12 Rookie Team and dean's list student at Oklahoma State... All-star and home run derby participant for the Sandlot team in the Perfect Timing Collegiate League (of Northwest Arkansas) in the summer of 2020... Batted .404 with nine extra-base hits, 13 walks and 12 steals, ranking second in batting in the PTL



**IVAN WITT, C, FR**

**6-0 | 205 | Creighton | Fort Scott, KS**

**2021:** First year with Neosho County Community College... batted .327 with 9 home runs and 39 RBIs...His average and HR totals land him in the top 5 among Panthers, while also posting an OPS of 1.026 through 52 games.

**Prep:** Played 2 seasons at Fort Scott High School...helping lead the Tigers on a 22-game winning streak and finish 3rd in the state during his sophomore campaign.... Graduated High School in just 3 years, will transfer to Creighton.





