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TORAN SMITH SIGNS NATIONAL LETTER OF INTENT WITH COPPIN STATE UNIVERSITY

An NCAA Division I School and member of the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference

Plainfield, NJ – November 14, 2018 - Plainfield High School Cardinal Toran Smith signed his National Letter of Intent to play baseball with Coppin State University in Maryland. At a ceremony held at Plainfield High School Athletics Department, Smith was accompanied by his family, his coaches and school principal.

“I am happy for the support that my mother, my father, my brother, my sister, my coach have given me,” said Smith. “I am just glad that you have been with me in my journey and I am excited about this next chapter in my life with baseball and my academics.”

Smith began playing baseball at the age of four and according to his mother, Crystal Smith, “he loved the game from the beginning.” She was very thankful to his coach Sean Rady. “He always had a firm foundation at home but the coaches have played a major part. Mr. Rady reached out to the colleges, he put so much into it. I am grateful. Thank you. Thank you.”

His father, Samuel Smith, also credited the team work and the work of Coach Rady.

“It’s been a team effort in terms of the household, the siblings, Mr. Rady. All the long practices and mostly for your support (Mr. Rady) throughout the whole process. We are so thankful that our son goes to Plainfield and goes to Plainfield High School and we are just thankful and feel blessed.”

The Plainfield Boys Baseball has been enjoying great success this past couple of years and according to Plainfield Public Schools' Athletic Director John Quinn next year the school will have three former students playing in Division I teams.

Mr. Quinn said to Toran Smith, "Congratulations Torn, we are very proud of you and you couldn't have done this without first being an outstanding student. That obviously comes first, your athletic gifts are obvious to everybody. Let's continue on the right path, finish strong, let's bring home another division championship this spring."

Torn Smith was presented with a USU hat and Cardinals hats by Coach Radu who also took a moment to congratulate Smith.

"Congratulations!. There are very few people who deserve this more than you. The amount of work that you put in every day not just in baseball but at home, at school. You are incredibly brilliant kid. I want to thank your parents for creating the kind of man that you are."

The Coach added, "He puts all of his effort into everything he does and I know you are going to continue helping us not just through the rest of the Spring taking home another division championship but with anything else.. He is going to do tremendous things not just throughout his college but through the rest of his life.

"He is fantastic young man and it is a tribute to the great job his parents have done raising him. He is going to be a fantastic young man and a fantastic older man playing baseball as well."

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