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## Pen Argyl Area High School College Commitment Ceremony

By Michael Ortoski

PEN ARGYL - Pen Argyl High School hosted their "College Commitment Ceremony" last week at Pen Argyl Area High Alumni Stadium. "We have a number of students that have informed us that they have agreed to play sports at college next year and signing their commitment letters, so we are here today to honor them" said Tim Egan Athletic Director Pen Argyl Area High School and emcee for the event.

Egan highlighted each student's sports career at Pen Argyl with parents standing behind them and the score board showing the college they will be attending and a photo of them in action.

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Luca Albanese and his parents James and Diane Albanese

**Luca Albanese** Luca is the son of James and Diane Albanese. Luca participated in wrestling for the Green Knights under the coaching of Thomas Mertz during his time at Pen Argyl Area High School. His high school wrestling accomplishments include having a 105-54 career record as well as a 32 to 12 senior year record. Luca was a 4 year varsity wrestler, he received the 2025 Shining Knight Award, and was a 3 time District XI AA placer. He was also 2 time Southeast Regional Qualified where he placed 7th this year. He is also a 2

year team captain. Luca plans to continue his wrestling career at Delaware Valley University next year under Coach Mike Lammer in the 149lb weight class. Coach Lammer said, At Delaware Valley University we are excited to welcome Luca into our incoming class. "Luca is an outstanding wrestler with a passion for environmental biology. We are excited to see how Luca contributes to our wrestling program but also to the university as a whole." Luca plans to major in Environmental Science. Best of luck to Luca as he continues his academic and athletic career. He is a Commitment to Wrestling at NCAA Division III Level.



Morgan Kemmerer with her parents Nolan and Brianne Kemmerer

**Morgan Kemmerer** Morgan is the daughter of Nolan and Brianne Kemmerer. Morgan participated in acrobatics and tumbling while attending Pen Argyl HS under the coaching of LynnAnn Perry. Her high school acrobatics and tumbling accomplishments include 13 wins, 3 regular season team losses and over 15 National titles. Morgan also has 12 personal event Titles and won the National Championship on April 24th. Morgan also made the senior acrobatics and tumbling team her freshman, sophomore, junior and senior year. During her junior and senior year she was also recognized as a captain. Morgan plans to continue her acrobatics and tumbling career at Manhattan University under the coaching of Coach Hallie Fowler. Her position will be a base. Coach Fowler said, "We are incredibly excited to bring Morgan into our inaugural program next season This will be Manhattan's first ever season for Acrobatics and Tumbling, and having an athlete with Morgan's background and expertise is a sure way to put our program on the map. Her athletic ability and outgoing personality are true qualities that any program would be lucky to have, but we are ecstatic that she chose us and this program for her collegiate career. Go Jaspers!" Morgan plans to major in Business Management as well as Sports Management. Best of luck to Morgan as she continues her academic and athletic career at Manhattan University. She will be attending on an athletic scholarship.



## Northampton Wrestlers Bring Home State Titles

By Rep. Ann Flood

NORTHAMPTON - This week, Rep. Zach Mako and I were honored to recognize Northampton Area High School wrestlers Gabriel Ballard and Brayden Wenrich for winning PIAA Class AAA individual state championships in March.

Ballard, a junior, claimed the 152-pound title with an 18-4 major decision. Wenrich, a sophomore, captured the 114-pound championship with a 1-0 victory in a tightly contested match. They were joined at the Capitol by head coach Joe Provini and assistant coach Jim Derr to celebrate their state championships and the hard work, discipline and dedication that led them to the top of their sport.

Congratulations to Gabriel, Brayden, and the entire Northampton wrestling program on an outstanding season and well-earned state titles!

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