

Michigan Elite Rivermen



College Recruiting Guide

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About this guide

If you were asked how many graduates of West Michigan area high schools are currently playing baseball at Michigan colleges, what would your answer be? 30? 40? ... Actually, there are more than 200! If you don't believe it, most of their names are listed in this guide. The point is that if you are a decent student and talented baseball player with a love for the game, there are many opportunities available for you to continue to play baseball at the next level – right in our back yard.

Navigating through the maze of opportunities and rules presents a lot of mystery for most of us. That's why the Michigan Elite Rivermen have produced this guide for our players and their parents. As a player selected to play on this team, you have already demonstrated the potential to play baseball at the next level.

The information in this manual is practical, factual data taken from a number of sources. In some cases, colleges' web sites were either incomplete or not completely updated. So some of the content in this guide is subject to change, and we will update it as new information is available.

The purpose of this guide is to give you a better understanding of the recruiting process and show you what you can do to increase your college baseball options. The guide will give you a good start toward researching colleges to identify the ones that will be the best fit for you in terms of academics, location, size and, of course, the baseball program.

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Making the Recruiting Process Work for You

While it is tempting to focus your college search merely on baseball, your first priority must be finding schools which will provide you with the education you want and need. Playing baseball in college is a key goal, but it is important to keep it in perspective.

Some things to keep in mind as you engage in the college recruiting process:

1. Be sure that the schools you are interested in attending offer the major that you want to pursue, and that they are academically challenging enough for your needs.
2. Be sure that you are comfortable with the size, location, distance from home and social environment of the schools you are interested in. If baseball were to be taken away from you for any reason, would you be happy staying there for four or five years and completing your education?
3. Do the schools you are interested in offer a baseball program that you believe you can participate in at your level of ability? For example, do you want to be a starter right away, or would you be willing to be a role player initially and a starter in later years?
4. You will be spending a lot of time with the baseball coaching staff and facilities. It is important that you learn as much as you can about them before narrowing down your list of potential colleges.
5. Make sure the colleges you are interested in are within reach financially, considering athletic scholarships, academic scholarships and other funding. NCAA Division III programs do not offer athletic scholarships, but will often work very hard at providing academic assistance to interested players with the necessary grades.

The Importance of Being Proactive

One of the first things we all need to do is to rid ourselves of the idea that we have to wait around to get noticed and recruited by college programs. The fact is that unless you are a blue-chip player who everyone knows about (Torsten Boss and Derek Dennis are current local examples), you will be taking a big chance if

you don't take an active role in the recruiting process. You can't get recruited if college coaches do not know you.

There are a number of things you will need to do if you want to get seen by college coaches and to make a favorable impression on them. Remember, your goal is not just to find a college where you can play baseball, but to give yourself enough options so you can find the *best* place for *you* to attend college and play baseball.

Meeting Academic Requirements

Academics are what your college experience will be founded on. After all, it is *college* baseball. Your academic performance and desired area of study will dictate how many options you will have for colleges. The NCAA has basic academic requirements for eligibility for college athletics, regardless of the school you are attending. Not surprisingly, Division I has the highest standards.

The NCAA has a program that it uses to establish your academic eligibility called the Eligibility Center. Student-athletes who think they might want to play baseball at a Division I or II school must register with the Eligibility Center.

Your Athletic Talent

You are reading this guide because as a member of this team, you have demonstrated baseball ability that projects to the college level. This guide talks a lot about non-baseball aspects of college recruiting, but it is very important to remember why you are even in a position to think about playing baseball in college. It's because you have worked very hard over the years to develop your genetic athletic ability into solid baseball skills.

Realize that there are many good high school baseball players who think they want to play in college – the competition will be fierce. So it is vital to your success in the recruiting process to continue to work hard on the game by practicing, conditioning, reading, watching videos, getting professional training, playing a lot of baseball and taking care of your body by eating well and avoiding anything that is illegal to put in it. Your ongoing commitment to developing your baseball ability will set you apart in the college recruiting process and help you succeed once you get to a college program.

Here are some suggested ideas about what you can do during your high school years to take an active role in getting recruited.

Sophomore Year or Junior Year

Players should begin to formulate a list of 8-10 schools they might like to attend, varying in size and in level of competitiveness (dream big - but be realistic also). If you contact any Division I or II schools as a sophomore, they can only respond with a general questionnaire and/or summer camp brochure. By making contact, it lets the prospective school know of your genuine interest.

You can make contact by sending a letter or email to the schools you are interested in attending. It is best to make your first contact through conventional mail, with updates through e-mail and/or letters.

It is also recommended that you make as many unofficial visits as possible to many different types of schools. You may make an unlimited number of unofficial visits. Most coaches are more than willing to meet and talk. Campus tours can usually be arranged through the admissions office and/or visitor's center.

During your sophomore and junior years, you need to pay close attention to the courses you take to make sure you are meeting minimum college requirements. Of course, you should also do the best you can to earn a GPA that will meet the standards of the colleges you would like to attend.

On the baseball side, your high school seasons are very important. A college coach who is interested in you will call your high school coach and possibly coaches of teams you have played against to see what kind of player you are. During the summer, you should play on a summer team like the Rivermen that will offer you the best training, competition and exposure opportunities possible. College coaches and scouts spend a lot of time over the summer attending baseball tournaments to watch prospective players. You never know who's watching.

Junior Year

Continue contacting the schools you are interested in attending, and give them updates on your progress in baseball.

As of September 1st of your junior year, prospective student-athletes may begin

to receive letters, media guides and other information from college coaches, faculty members and students (not boosters). Your "Top 10" list might change from time to time, so it is a good idea to continue your research and recruiting. You must also begin to research the academic side of schools in great detail. Your recruiting should continue along the same lines as your sophomore year but with some more focus and deliberateness. If at all possible, make a point to attend games at the colleges you are interested in. This will give you a first hand look at the team, coaching and facilities.

You are strongly encouraged to take your ACT/SAT tests during the fall and as many times as you can. Don't wait until the fall of your senior year. Most academic packages from colleges are put together in the fall of your senior year based upon earlier scores and early deadlines. Sometime during your junior year, you will need to register with the NCAA Eligibility Center if you think you may want to play baseball at a Division I or II college.

Your junior year is probably the most important high school season for college recruiting purposes. Most Division I programs name their recruiting class long before the high school players' senior season. So do everything you can to prepare yourself to have a strong junior season. After your junior year, it is again important to play on a great summer team that plays at college showcase tournaments.

Senior Year

As of July 1st after your junior year, you are allowed to receive phone calls from coaches of both Division I and II schools. Coaches are limited to one phone call per week. Messages don't count as a phone call. If your parents speak with the coach about the university and/or baseball program, that phone call will count for that week even if the coach did not speak with you directly.

Almost every college baseball program holds a prospect camp in the fall and/or winter. Coaches are most interested in evaluating high school seniors at these camps, although you may catch their eye while attending as a sophomore or junior. You are encouraged to attend these camps for the schools you are interested in. In addition, if possible, the fall of your senior year is a great time to participate on a team that travels to college showcase tournaments.

There are other non-academic organizations that hold camps and prospect showcases. These can be helpful in gaining exposure to college programs and professional scouts, and range widely in price and location.

The Elite Baseball staff have numerous contacts at college programs and have a very strong track record of helping its high school athletes get placed at good college programs.

A Final Note - MLB Draft Eligibility

If your goal is to play professional baseball, you will be interested in knowing when you will be eligible for the MLB first-year player draft. These are the categories of players who are eligible for the June first-year player draft:

- High school players, if they have graduated from high school and have not yet attended college or junior college;
- College players from four-year colleges who have either completed their junior or senior years or are at least 21 years old; and
- Junior college players, regardless of how many years of school they have completed.

So if you go to a junior college, you will be eligible for the MLB player draft following both spring baseball seasons. If you go to a 4-year college, you will have to wait three years to be eligible for the MLB draft.

What College Coaches are Looking For

It is hard to generalize what all college coaches are looking for in prospective players, but there are some things we hear over and over from many of them. Bottom line is that they are looking for young men who will fit well with their program and, to be blunt, help them succeed as coaches. This of course includes the baseball talent you bring, along with your other personal attributes.

Are you a good fit academically for our school? Among the first things college coaches want to know are your GPA and test scores. If you do not fit their school academically, the coach will cross you off his list and move on to the next prospect.

Do you have baseball talent that fits a need of my program? Your baseball skills may be the easiest thing for coaches to evaluate. Coaches will want to see you play in person before offering you a roster spot or scholarship.

Are you coachable? No coach likes a player who is a know-it-all and cannot take correction or criticism. Taking responsibility for your mistakes and listening to coaches on how to improve are desirable traits in a prospective college player.

Are you a positive team member? A baseball team's morale and positive outlook play a big role in their performance on the field. Coaches know that some players can be a very positive influence on the rest of the team, while others can stand in the way by blaming teammates or being negative.

Do you have a spirit of competitiveness? In college, winning is more important than at any previous level of play you have participated in. Coaches want players who do not give up and always give 100%.

Do you maintain composure under pressure? Baseball is a game of many ups and downs. Mastering your ability to handle failure and pressure will dictate how far you can go in this game.

Are you willing to work hard to improve? If you love the game of baseball, then putting in the hours of effort to be able to compete at high levels will usually be fun. A college baseball player keeps a very intense schedule of academics and long workouts, and a coach wants to know if you are up for it.

Do you exhibit hustle and energy? Coaches will watch how a player carries himself, hustles down the line or goes after foul balls. If you are not hustling, you will not be welcome on a college roster.

Do you show good character off the field? The last thing a college coach wants to deal with is one of his players getting into trouble off the baseball field with substance abuse, crime, academic problems or whatever. Having disciplinary issues in your high school years will be a red flag for a college coach.

College Recruiting Rules

NCAA Division I and II

Freshman and Sophomore year of High School

(and until Sept. 1 of Junior Year)

Coaches may:

- Send questionnaires, sports camp brochures, and NCAA educational Information
- Accept phone calls placed by prospects at their own expense, but may not return voicemail messages from prospects.

Coaches may NOT:

- Initiate phone calls to prospects.
- Send any other written recruiting materials to prospects

Unofficial Visits

- Prospects can make unofficial visits to campus
- Can receive up to three complimentary admissions to a campus sporting event
- May talk in person with college coaches only on the college campus

September 1st of your Junior Year

- Coaches may send information about their school or program (personalized letters, photocopies of newspaper clippings, media guides, schedule cards, and official university academic and admissions publications)
- Coaches may also reply to your emails or send email

College Recruiting Rules

NCAA Division I and II

July 1st after your Junior Year

- Coaches are only allowed to make one phone call per week to you or your parents. (Coaches may accept unlimited phone calls that are initiated by prospects at any time)
- A college coach may contact you in person off the college campus only on or after July 1st after completion of your junior year (June 15 for Div II). Any face-to-face meeting between a college coach and you or your parents, during which any of you say more than "hello" is considered a contact.

Senior Year

- Coaches can send written correspondence and make telephone calls as listed under July 1st after your Junior Year.
- You are only allowed to make 5 Official expense-paid visits to college campuses. Your visit to the campus may not last longer than 48 hours. These visits can occur no earlier than your first day of classes of your senior year.
- Coaches must have an official SAT or ACT score and a copy of your official high school transcript before an official visit can take place.

College Recruiting Rules

NCAA Division I and II

Recruiting at Tournaments

At a tournament, if a coach does not talk to you, it's not because he is being rude. The NCAA has specific rules about recruiting which limits communication at tournaments.

At tournaments, coaches are not allowed to have any personal contact with student-athletes. It is, however, permissible to say "hello" in passing. Anything more than "hello" is considered a contact. A conversation, other than a simple greeting, with a parent or guardian at a tournament site, is considered a contact. A coach may sit down with a parent or guardian at a competition site. This will count towards one of the three in-person off-campus recruiting contacts a coach is allowed.

For more information on the rules and guidelines governing NCAA Division I and II recruiting, please see the following sites:

www.ncaa.org

www.ncaastudent.org

www.ncaa.org/wps/ncaa?ContentID=270

College Recruiting Rules

NCAA Division III

- A prospective student may receive printed materials at any time
- There is no limit on the number of calls or when they can be made by the college coach
- A prospective student may make calls to the coach at their expense
- A college coach may begin to have contact with a prospective student and their parents/legal guardians off the college's campus after their junior year
- A prospective student may make an unlimited number of unofficial visits at any time
- A prospective student may make official visits starting the opening day of classes their senior year
- A prospective student may make only one official visit per college

For more information on the rules and guidelines governing NCAA Division III recruiting, please see the following sites:

www.ncaa.org

www.ncaastudent.org

College Recruiting Rules

NAIA

- NAIA colleges may speak with a prospective recruit at any time, there are no limitations
- NAIA colleges may invite recruits to visit the campus and offer scholarships at any time
- NAIA colleges may have recruits train with the team multiple times
- There is no signing date for NAIA, so players can sign a letter of intent at any time
- On recruiting visits, NAIA colleges are unable to pay for travel for recruits, but can accommodate recruits on campus and pay for meals once they are there
- Once a player signs a letter of intent with an NAIA college, they can train with the team
- NAIA colleges can start their pre-season training any time after August 1st

For more information on the rules and guidelines governing NAIA recruiting, please see the following site:

www.naia.org

College Recruiting Rules

NJCAA

- NJCAA colleges may speak with a prospective recruit at any time, there are no limitations
- NJCAA colleges may invite recruits for one expense-paid visit to the campus
- Players can sign a letter of intent which is binding for all NJCAA programs

For more information on the rules and guidelines governing NJCAA recruiting, please see the following site:

www.njcaa.org

College Recruiting Rules

Transfers Between Colleges

The NCAA rules regarding transfers between schools are very complicated, but can be summarized as follows:

- A student-athlete may compete in athletics for a total of four seasons
- A student-athlete who transfers from a 2-year school to a 4-year school can generally receive an athletic scholarship and compete right away for the new school.
- A student-athlete who transfers from a 4-year school to another 4-year school is generally ineligible to compete for one season
 - There are a number of exceptions, including for transfers to a Division III school if the student-athlete would have met academic eligibility at the new school
- A student-athlete who transfers from a 4-year school to a 2-year school can generally compete right away if the athlete has not already played for two seasons.
- A student-athlete who transfers from a 2-year school to another 2-year school can generally compete right away if the athlete has not already played for two seasons.
- A student-athlete who transfers from any school to an NAIA school can generally receive an athletic scholarship and compete right away for the new school.

Athletic Scholarships - Baseball

NCAA Division I

- 11.7 full scholarships
- Scholarship monies can be divided up - full scholarships are VERY rare
- Some lower Division I colleges do not fully fund all 11.7 available scholarships
- Blending of athletic and academic scholarship monies is permissible for academically qualifying student-athletes (varies by school)

NCAA Division II

- 9 full scholarships
- Scholarship monies can be divided up - full scholarships in baseball are VERY rare
- Many Division II colleges do not fully fund all 9 available scholarships
- Blending of athletic and academic scholarship monies is permissible for academically qualifying student-athletes (varies by school)

NCAA Division III

- 0 scholarships
- Many Division III schools do a very good job of finding the academic and other financial support for athletes

Athletic Scholarships - Baseball

NAIA

- 12 full scholarships
- Scholarship monies can be divided up - full scholarships in baseball are VERY rare
- Some NAIA colleges do not fully fund all 12 available scholarships
- Several NAIA colleges also have "junior varsity" baseball programs
- Blending of athletic and academic scholarship monies is permissible for academically qualifying student-athletes (varies by school)

NJCAA Division I

- 24 full scholarships, including tuition, room, board, books and fees
- Blending of athletic and academic scholarship monies is permissible for academically qualifying student-athletes (varies by school)

NJCAA Division II

- 24 scholarships, including tuition and books only
- Student-athletes' room, board and fees not included in scholarship funding
- Blending of athletic and academic scholarship monies is permissible for academically qualifying student-athletes (varies by school)

Four-Year Colleges and Universities with
Baseball Programs

Michigan

(24 schools)

NCAA	NAIA
<u>Div I</u> Central Michigan University Eastern Michigan University Michigan State University Oakland University University of Michigan Western Michigan University	Aquinas College Concordia University Davenport University Madonna University Siena Heights University Spring Arbor University
<u>Div II</u> Grand Valley State University Hillsdale College Northwood University Saginaw Valley State University Wayne State University	
<u>Div III</u> Adrian College Albion College Alma College Calvin College Hope College Kalamazoo College Olivet College	

Adrian College

Bulldogs

Adrian, Michigan (143 miles southeast of Grand Rapids)

NCAA III (MIAA Conference)

Coach Craig Rainey (14 seasons)

www.adrian.edu

<http://adrianbulldogs.cstv.com/sports/m-basebl/adri-m-basebl-body.html>

Current West Michigan players: none

School Information

Type of School: Private Liberal Arts College (Methodist)

Full time students: 935

Admission standard: Selective

ACT range: 19-24

Albion College

Britons

Albion, Michigan (101 miles southeast of Grand Rapids)

NCAA III (MIAA Conference)

Coach Scott Carden (5 years)

www.albion.edu

http://www.albion.edu/sports/index.php?option=com_content&task=blogcategory&id=0&Itemid=942

Current West Michigan players:

Ryan Reilly (Battle Creek St. Philip)

John Gignac (Forest Hills Central)

School Information

Type of school: Private Liberal Arts College (Methodist)

Full time students: 1,941

Admission standard: More selective

ACT range: 22-27

Alma College

Scots

Alma, Michigan (80 miles northeast of Grand Rapids)

NCAA III (MIAA Conference)

Coach Judd Folske (2 years)

www.alma.edu

<http://www.alma.edu/athletics/baseball>

Current West Michigan players:

Joe Thiry (Grand Rapids Christian)

School Information

Type of school: Private Liberal Arts College (Presbyterian)

Full time students: 1,242

Admission standard: More Selective

ACT range: 21-27

Aquinas College

Saints

Grand Rapids, Michigan

NAIA (Wolverine Hoosier Athletic Conference)

Coach Doug Greenslate (8 years)

www.aquinas.edu

http://www.aquinas.edu/athletics/mens_baseball.html

Current West Michigan players:

Mike Keron (GR Catholic Central)
Corey Gorneau (Portage Northern)
Dan Salvati (Morley-Stanwood)
Will Eberle (East Grand Rapids)
Evan Singleton (Sparta)
Jake Vanderkolk (Jenison)
Earl Clover (Grand Haven)
Jon Good (Forest Hills Northern)
Brent Serba (GR Catholic Central)
Dave Van Singel (Byron Center)

Jonathan Morse (Sparta)
Mark Nagy (Cedar Springs)
Kyle Hoogewind (Grand Rapids Christian)
Mark Sobota (Kenowa Hills)
Kennen Less (Rockford)
Andrew Bard (Muskegon)
Chad Bowhuis (Jenison)
Brent Butgereit (Middleville)
Tyler Cole (Forest Hills Eastern)

School Information

Type of school: Private Liberal Arts College (Catholic)

Full time students: 1,469

Admission standard: Selective

ACT range: 19-25

Calvin College

Knights

Grand Rapids, Michigan

NCAA III (MIAA Conference)

Coach John Sparks (1 year)

www.calvin.edu

<http://www.calvin.edu/sports/mens/baseball/>

Current West Michigan players:

Scott Larsen (Hastings)

Adam VanOpstall (Calvin Christian)

Mike Stob (South Christian)

Matt Schepel (Grand Rapids Christian)

Kyle Cousins (Holland Christian)

Brad Brummel (South Christian)

Chuck Neumann (Holland West Ottawa)

Chris Blacklidge (Comstock Park)

Chris Dykstra (Unity Christian)

Rob Kool (Grand Rapids Christian)

Nate Pocock (Wayland)

Andrew Bosma (Holland Christian)

School Information

Type of school: Private Liberal Arts College (Christian Reformed)

Full time students: 3,968

Admission standard: More selective

ACT range: 23-28

Central Michigan University

Chippewas

Mt. Pleasant, Michigan (84 miles northeast of Grand Rapids)

NCAA I (Mid-American Conference)

Coach Steve Jaksa (5 years)

www.cmich.edu

[http://www.cmuchippewas.com/SportSelect.dbml?
DB_OEM_ID=10500&KEY=&SPID=4207&SPSID=46416](http://www.cmuchippewas.com/SportSelect.dbml?DB_OEM_ID=10500&KEY=&SPID=4207&SPSID=46416)

Current West Michigan players:

Rod Helsen (Kalamazoo Comstock)

Jesse Hernandez (Grandville)

Devan Kline (Battle Creek Lakeview)

Bryce Morrow (Caledonia)

Mike Nixon (GR Catholic Central)

Sam Russell (Grandville)

Dan Taylor (Jenison)

Andrew Westerburg (Spring Lake)

School Information

Type of school: Public University

Full time students: 17,620

Admission standard: Selective

ACT range: 19-24

Concordia University

Cardinals

Ann Arbor, Michigan (132 miles southeast of Grand Rapids)

NAIA (Wolverine Hoosier Conference)

Coach Karl Kling (5 years)

www.cuaa.edu

<http://www.concordiacardinals.com/sport/10/6.php>

Current West Michigan players:

Zane Johnston (Ionia)

Shawn Barnes (Hudsonville)

Zack Johnston (Ionia)

Adam Goodwin (Portland)

School Information

Type of school: Private Liberal Arts University (Lutheran)

Full time students: 506

Admission standard: Selective

ACT range: 19-26

Davenport University

Panthers

Grand Rapids, Michigan

NAIA (Wolverine Hoosiers Athletic Conference)

Coach Wes Cummings (1st year)

www.davenport.edu

<http://dupanthers.cstv.com/sports/m-basebl/dave-m-basebl-body.html>

Current West Michigan players:

Nick DePender (Conklin)

Mark Bond (Sparta)

Jordan Richardson (Lake Odessa)

Rob Bolster (Blissfield)

D.J. VanDuke (Coopersville)

Jake Loomans (Grandville)

Ryan Lind (Grandville)

Kyle Jezak (Rockford)

Tim McNair (Stevensville Lakeshore)

Tommy Enslin (Middleville)

Mitch Pike (Rockford)

Jarrett Luyk (Hudsonville)

David Stuppy (Dowagiac)

Greg Bartlett (Hemlock)

Wesley Trimpe (East Kentwood)

Rory Dill (Howard City)

Bryan Doxtater (Newaygo)

Chris Sanchez (East Kentwood)

Josh Bouwhuis (GR West Catholic)

Corey Anderson (Forest Hills Northern)

Brandon Romero (Hart)

Josh Lind (Caledonia)

Bobby Kwekel (Forest Hills Eastern)

Tommy Greer (Comstock Park)

School Information

Type of school: Private Undergraduate Business School

Full time students: 3,104

Admission standard: Least selective

ACT range: n/a

Eastern Michigan University

Eagles

Ypsilanti, Michigan (143 miles southeast of Grand Rapids)

NCAA I (Mid-American Conference)

Coach Jay Alexander (1st year)

www.emich.edu

<http://www.emueagles.com/index.asp?path=baseball>

Current West Michigan players:

Kyle Klein (GR West Catholic)

Robert Hamly (Caledonia)

School Information

Type of school: Public University

Full time students: 12,998

Admission standard: Selective

ACT range: 18-24

Grand Valley State University

Lakers

Allendale, Michigan

NCAA II (Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference)

Coach Steve Lyon (10 years)

www.gvsu.edu

<http://gvsulakers.cstv.com/sports/m-basebl/grva-m-basebl-body.html>

Current West Michigan players:

Josh Hillyard (Kenowa Hills)

Zach Laupp (Mattawan)

Casey Robrahn (Jenison)

Adam Slusher (Freedom Baptist)

Andrew Bsharah (East Kentwood)

Chris VanGessel (Grandville)

Jared Knuth (St. Joseph)

Kyle Schepel (Grand Rapids Christian)

School Information

Type of school: Public University

Full time students: 16,457

Admission standard: More selective

ACT range: 21-26

Hillsdale College

Chargers

Hillsdale, Michigan (132 miles southeast of Grand Rapids)

NCAA II (Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference)

Coach Paul Noce (16 years)

www.hillsdale.edu

<http://www.hillsdale.edu/athletics/baseball/>

Current West Michigan players: none

School Information

Type of school: Private Liberal Arts College

Full time students: 1,262

Admission standard: More selective

ACT range: 24-29

Hope College

Flying Dutchmen

Holland, Michigan (32 miles southwest of Grand Rapids)

NCAA III (MIAA Conference)

Coach Stu Fritz (15 years)

www.hope.edu

<http://www.hope.edu/pr/athletics/bsb/>

Current West Michigan players:

Robby Poll (Grandville)

Steve Lewis (Forest Hills Central)

Pete Zessin (Holland)

Zach Nemitz (Bridgman)

Michael Dekker (Hamilton)

Bobby Edelberg (Coloma)

Matt VanderVelde (Grandville)

Dustin Wuis (Kalamazoo/Comstock)

Paul Neumann (Holland West Ottawa)

Drew Carmody (Grandville)

Jake Bajema (Grandville)

School Information

Type of school: Private Liberal Arts College (Reformed)

Full time students: 3,029

Admission standard: More selective

ACT range: 23-29

Kalamazoo College

Hornets

Kalamazoo, Michigan (50 miles south of Grand Rapids)

NCAA III (MIAA Conference)

Coach Matt Rix (2 years)

www.kzoo.edu

<http://www.kzoo.edu/sports/bb/>

Current West Michigan players:

Rob Duszinski (Dowagiac)

Jordan Fairbanks (North Muskegon)

Steve Charon (Ionia)

David Oliphant (Kalamazoo/Comstock)

Nick Vanden Heuvel (Holland)

School Information

Type of school: Private Liberal Arts College

Full time students: 1,263

Admission standard: More Selective

ACT range: 26-31

Madonna University

Crusaders

Livonia, Michigan (142 miles southeast of Grand Rapids)

NAIA (Wolverine Hoosier Athletic Conference)

Coach Greg Haeger (12 years)

www.madonna.edu

<http://ww3.madonna.edu/crusaders/2004%20Site/baseball/baseballhome.htm>

Current West Michigan players: none

School Information

Type of school: Private Liberal Arts College (Catholic)

Full time students: 1,676

Admission standard: Selective

ACT range: 22-26

Michigan State University

Spartans

East Lansing, Michigan (72 miles east of Grand Rapids)

NCAA I (Big Ten Conference)

Coach Jake Boss (1 year)

www.msu.edu

<http://msuspartans.cstv.com/sports/m-basebl/msu-m-basebl-body.html>

Current West Michigan players:

Jared Hook (Portage Central)

Cody Huge (Battle Creek Harper Creek)

Ben Vrobel (Richland Gull Lake)

Torsten Boss (Lowell, 2009 grad)

Jordan Keur (Hudsonville, 2009 grad)

School Information

Type of school: Public University

Full time students: 32,200

Admission standard: More selective

ACT range: 22-27

Northwood University

Timberwolves

Midland, Michigan (111 miles northeast of Grand Rapids)

NCAA II (Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference)

Coach Joe DiBenedetto (10 years)

www.northwood.edu

<http://timberwolves.gonorthwood.com/mbaseball/>

Current West Michigan players:

Dan Jennings (Caledonia)

Matt Kuchar (Muskegon)

School Information

Type of school: Private Undergraduate Business School

Full time students: 17,620

Admission standard: Selective

ACT range: 18-23

Oakland University

Golden Grizzlies

Rochester, Michigan (153 miles southeast of Grand Rapids)

NCAA I (Summit League)

Coach John Musachio (2 years)

www.oakland.edu

<http://www.ougrizzlies.com/sports/m-basebl/oakl-m-basebl-body.html>

Current West Michigan players:

D.J. Jarrad (Portage Northern)
Ryan Waldhart (Kenowa Hills)
Jake Arendsen (Holland Christian)
Kasey Kearcher (Mattawan)
Greg Welke (Portage Central)
Alex Wierenga (GR West Catholic)

School Information

Type of school: Public University

Full time students: 9,760

Admission standard: Selective

ACT range: 19-24

Olivet College

Comets

Olivet, Michigan (87 miles southeast of Grand Rapids)

NCAA III (MIAA Conference)

Coach Ted Mahan (2 years)

www.olivetcollege.edu

<http://www.olivetcollege.edu/athletics/mbaseball/index.php>

Current West Michigan players:

Jimmy Keenan (Charlotte)

Brandon Goodman (Portage Central)

Rob Yahrmarkt (Sparta)

Kyle Papierz (Mattawan)

School Information

Type of school: Private Liberal Arts College

Full time students: 1,016

Admission standard: Selective

ACT range: 19-25

Saginaw Valley State University

Cardinals

University Center, Michigan (156 miles northeast of Grand Rapids)

NCAA II (Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference)

Coach Walt Head (26 years)

www.svsu.edu

<http://www.svsu.edu/athletics/mens/baseball/news.html>

Current West Michigan players:

Pete Vanderkolk (Jenison)

Dan Willoughby (Vicksburg)

Jeff Harfst (Grandville)

Ed Napieralski (GR Catholic Central)

Dan Norton (GR Catholic Central)

School Information

Type of school: Public University

Full time students: 6,044

Admission standard: Selective

ACT range: 18-24

Siena Heights University

Saints

Adrian, Michigan (143 miles southeast of Grand Rapids)

NAIA (Wolverine Hoosier Athletic Conference)

Coach John Kalasinski (6 years)

www.sienahts.edu

http://www.shusaints.com/sports/ath_specific.aspx?SportsCategoryID=10

Current West Michigan players: none

School Information

Type of school: Private Liberal Arts College (Catholic)

Full time students: 1,200

Admission standard: Selective

ACT range: n/a

Spring Arbor University

Cougars

Spring Arbor, Michigan (112 miles southeast of Grand Rapids)

NAIA (Mid-Central College Conference)

Coach Sam Riggleman (4 years)

www.arbor.edu

http://www.arbor.edu/ath_sportmain.aspx?id=48892

Current West Michigan players: none

School Information

Type of school: Private Liberal Arts College (Methodist)

Full time students: 1,913

Admission standard: Selective

ACT range: 19-25

University of Michigan

Wolverines

Ann Arbor, Michigan (132 miles northeast of Grand Rapids)

NCAA I (Big Ten Conference)

Coach Rich Maloney (6 years)

www.umich.edu

<http://www.mgoblue.com/baseball/page.aspx?id=12104>

West Michigan players on roster:

Jake McLouth (Whitehall)

Nick Urban (Whitehall)

Derek Dennis (Forest Hills Central, 2009 grad)

Cameron Luther (St. Joseph, 2009 grad)

Kyle Clark (Portage Central, 2009 grad)

School Information

Type of school: Public University

Full time students: 24,446

Admission standard: Most selective

ACT range: 26-31

Wayne State University

Warriors

Detroit, Michigan (158 miles southeast of Grand Rapids)

NCAA II (Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference)

Coach Ryan Kelley (first year)

www.wayne.edu

<http://wsuathletics.cstv.com/sports/m-basebl/wyst-m-basebl-body.html>

West Michigan players on roster:

Patrick Clysdale (Kalamazoo Central)

Caleb Dalman (Hudsonville)

School Information

Type of school: Public University

Full time students: 11,924

Admission standard: Selective

ACT range: 17-23

Western Michigan University

Broncos

Kalamazoo, Michigan (50 miles south of Grand Rapids)

NCAA I (Midwest Athletic Conference)

Coach Randy Ford (2 years)

www.wmich.edu

[http://www.wmubroncos.com/SportSelect.dbml?
DB_OEM_ID=4600&KEY=&SPID=1929&SPSID=24475](http://www.wmubroncos.com/SportSelect.dbml?DB_OEM_ID=4600&KEY=&SPID=1929&SPSID=24475)

West Michigan players on roster:

Kevan Hess (Kalamazoo Central)

Brad Wehrmeyer (Holland West Ottawa)

Kyle Galbraith (Paw Paw)

Troy Forton (North Muskegon)

Chris Lewis (Forest Hills Central)

Michael Klepper (Portage Northern)

Dan Kneibel (Jenison)

Tim Mowry (Portage Central)

School Information

Type of school: Public University

Full time students: 18,760

Admission standard: Selective

ACT range: 20-25

Four-Year Colleges and Universities with Baseball Programs

Indiana

and within 250 miles driving distance
from Grand Rapids (17 schools)

NCAA	NAIA
<u>Div I</u> Ball State University Indiana U-Purdue U – Ft. Wayne Purdue University University of Notre Dame Valparaiso University	Calumet College of St. Joseph Goshen College Grace College Huntington University Indiana Institute of Technology Indiana University Northwest Indiana Wesleyan
<u>Div II</u> St. Joseph's College	Purdue University – North Central Taylor University University of St. Francis
<u>Div III</u> Trine University	

Ball State University

Cardinals

Muncie, Indiana (250 miles south of Grand Rapids)

NCAA I (Mid-American Conference)

Coach Greg Beals (5 years)

www.bsu.edu

[http://ballstatesports.com/SportSelect.dbml?
DB_OEM_ID=14200&KEY=&SPID=6783&SPSID=62140](http://ballstatesports.com/SportSelect.dbml?DB_OEM_ID=14200&KEY=&SPID=6783&SPSID=62140)

Current West Michigan players: none

School Information

Type of school: Public University

Full time students: 16,063

Admission standard: Selective

ACT range: 19-25

Calumet College of St. Joseph

Crimson Wave

Whiting, Indiana (163 miles southwest of Grand Rapids)

NAIA (Chicagoland Collegiate Athletic Conference)

Coach Tom Myszak

www.ccsj.edu

<http://www.ccsj.edu/athletics/baseball/index.html>

Current West Michigan players: none

School Information

Type of school: Private College (Catholic)

Full time students: 468 students

Admission standard: Less selective

ACT range: n/a

Goshen College

Maple Leafs

Goshen, Indiana (107 miles south of Grand Rapids)

NAIA (Mid-Central College Conference)

Coach Josh Keister (2 years)

www.goshen.edu

<http://www.goleafs.net/baseball/>

Current West Michigan players:

Greg Meyer (Muskegon)

School Information

Type of school: Private Liberal Arts College (Mennonite)

Full time students: 825

Admission standard: More selective

ACT range: 23-28

Grace College

Lancers

Winona Lake, Indiana (135 miles south of Grand Rapids)

NAIA (Mid-Central College Conference)

Coach Josh Bailey (first year)

www.grace.edu

<http://www.grace.edu/athletics/mensbaseball/>

Current West Michigan players: unknown

School Information

Type of school: Private University (Brethren)

Full time students: 980

Admission standard: Selective

ACT range: 20-25

Huntington University

Foresters

Huntington, Indiana (205 miles south of Grand Rapids)

NAIA (Mid-Central College Conference)

Coach Mike Frame (24 years)

www.huntington.edu

<http://www.huntington.edu/athletics/baseball/default.htm>

Current West Michigan players: none

School Information

Type of school: Private College (Brethren)

Full time students: 830

Admission standard: Selective

ACT range: 19-27

Indiana Institute of Technology

Warriors

Fort Wayne, Indiana (178 miles south of Grand Rapids)

NAIA (Wolverine Hoosier Athletic Conference)

Coach Kip McWilliams (first year)

www.indianatech.edu

<http://athletics.indianatech.edu/Baseball/Main.aspx>

Current West Michigan players: none

School Information

Type of school: Private Business School

Full time students: 1,487

Admission standard: Less selective

ACT range: 17-18

Indiana University Northwest

RedHawks

Gary, Indiana (150 miles southwest of Grand Rapids)

NAIA (Independent)

Coach: Unknown

www.iun.edu

<http://www.iun.edu/~basebnw/>

Current West Michigan players: unknown

School Information

Type of school: Public University

Full time students: 2,469

Admission standard: Less selective

ACT range: 16-21

Indiana University-Purdue University - Ft. Wayne

Mastadons

Ft. Wayne, Indiana (178 miles south of Grand Rapids)

NCAA I (Summit League)

Coach Bobby Pierce (first year)

www.ipfw.edu

<http://gomastodons.cstv.com/sports/m-basebl/ipfw-m-basebl-body.html>

Current West Michigan players: none

School Information

Type of school: Public University

Full time students: 13,736

Admission standard: Less selective

ACT range: 18-23

Indiana Wesleyan University

Wildcats

Marion, Indiana (225 miles south of Grand Rapids)

NAIA (Mid-Central Conference)

Coach Chad Newhard (first year)

www.indwes.edu

<http://www.iuwildcats.com/sport/5/8.php>

Current West Michigan players: none

School Information

Type of school: Private College (Wesleyan)

Full time students: 7,852 students

Admission standard: Selective

ACT range: 19-28

Purdue University - North Central

Panthers

Westville, Indiana (132 miles southwest of Grand Rapids)

NAIA (Chicagoland Collegiate Athletic Conference)

Coach John Weber (3 years)

www.pnc.edu

<http://www.pnc.edu/athletics/baseball/index.html>

Current West Michigan players:

Casey Young (Schoolcraft)

School Information

Type of school: Public University

Full time students: 2,053

Admission standard: Less selective

ACT range: 18-22

Purdue University

Boilermakers

West Lafayette, Indiana (234 miles southwest of Grand Rapids)

NCAA I (Big Ten Conference)

Coach Doug Schreiber (10 years)

www.purdue.edu

<http://purduesports.cstv.com/sports/m-basebl/pur-m-basebl-body.html>

Current West Michigan players: none

School Information

Type of school: Public University

Full time students: 29,196

Admission standard: More selective

ACT range: 23-28

St. Joseph's College

Pumas

Rensselaer, Indiana (195 miles southwest of Grand Rapids)

NCAA II (Great Lakes Valley Conference)

Coach Rick O'Dette (8 years)

www.saintjoe.edu

<http://www.saintjoe.edu/athletics/sportmain.php?sport=baseball>

Current West Michigan players: unknown

Type of school: Private Liberal Arts College (Catholic)

Full time students: 886

Admission standard: Less selective

ACT range: 19-24

Taylor University

Trojans

Upland, Indiana (227 miles south of Grand Rapids)

NAIA (Mid-Central Conference)

Coach Kyle Gould (4 years)

www.taylor.edu

<http://www.taylor.edu/athletics/baseball/>

Current West Michigan players: none

School Information

Type of school: Private College (Evangelical Christian)

Full time students: 1,487 students

Admission standard: More selective

ACT range: 23-29

Trine University

Thunder

Angola, Indiana (138 miles south of Grand Rapids)

NCAA III (MIAA Conference)

Coach Greg Perschke (7 years)

www.trine.edu

<http://www.trine.edu/trineathletics/baseball/index.cfm>

Current West Michigan players:

Steven Jbara (Kalamazoo Hackett Catholic Central)

Todd Shadley (Parchment)

School Information

Type of school: Private University

Full time students: 1,000

Admission standard: Selective

ACT range: 20-25

University of Notre Dame

Fighting Irish

Notre Dame, Indiana (118 miles south of Grand Rapids)

NCAA I (Big East Conference)

Coach Dave Schrage (2 years)

www.nd.edu

<http://und.cstv.com/sports/m-basebl/nd-m-basebl-body.html>

Current West Michigan players:

Evan Sharpley (Marshall)

Ryan Sharpley (Marshall)

School Information

Type of school: Private University (Catholic)

Full time students: 8,260

Admission standard: Most selective

ACT range: 30-33

University of St. Francis

Cougars

Fort Wayne, Indiana (178 miles southeast of Grand Rapids)

NAIA (Mid-Central Conference)

Coach Greg Roberts (3 years)

www.sf.edu

<http://www.saintfranciscougars.com/baseball>

Current West Michigan players: none

School Information

Type of school: Private Liberal Arts College (Catholic)

Full time students: 1,343

Admission standard: Less selective

ACT range: 18-23

Valparaiso University

Crusaders

Valparaiso, Indiana (146 miles southeast of Grand Rapids)

NCAA I (Horizon League)

Coach Tracy Woodson (2 years)

www.valpo.edu

<http://www.valpoathletics.com/bb/>

Current West Michigan players:

Brett Bivens (Battle Creek Lakeview)

School Information

Type of school: Private University (Lutheran)

Full time students: 2,825

Admission standard: More selective

ACT range: 23-28

Four-Year Colleges and Universities with Baseball Programs

Illinois

and within 250 miles driving distance
from Grand Rapids (21 schools)

NCAA	NAIA
<u>Div I</u> Chicago State University Northern Illinois University Northwestern University University of Illinois – Chicago	Illinois Institute of Technology Judson College Olivet Nazarene Robert Morris College St. Xavier University Trinity Christian College University of St. Francis
<u>Div II</u> Lewis University	
<u>Div III</u> Aurora University Benedictine University Concordia University Chicago Dominican University Elmhurst College North Central College North Park University University of Chicago Wheaton College	

Aurora University

Spartans

Aurora, IL (215 miles southwest of Grand Rapids)

NCAA III (Northern Athletics Conference)

Coach Shaun Neitzel (6 years)

www.aurora.edu

<http://www.aurora.edu/athletics/baseball/index.htm>

Current West Michigan players: none

School Information

Type of school: Private University

Full time students: 1,686

Admission standard: Selective

ACT range: 19-23

Benedictine University

Eagles

Lisle, IL (202 miles southwest of Grand Rapids)

NCAA III (Northern Athletics Conference)

Coach John Ostrowski (36 years)

www.ben.edu

<http://www.ben.edu/athletics/mens/baseball/>

Current West Michigan players: none

School Information

Type of school: Private University (Catholic)

Full time students: 1,518

Admission standard: Selective

ACT range: 20-25

Chicago State University

Cougars

Chicago, IL (180 miles southwest of Grand Rapids)

NCAA I (Independent)

Coach Mike Caston (acting)

www.csu.edu

<http://www.gocsucougars.com/index.aspx?tab=baseball&path=baseball>

Current West Michigan players: none

School Information

Type of school: Public University

Full time students: 3,456

Admission standard: Less selective

ACT range: 17-20

Concordia University Chicago

Cougars

River Forest, IL (188 miles southwest of Grand Rapids)

NCAA III (Northern Athletics Conference)

Coach Adam Smith (first year)

www.cuchicago.edu

<http://www.cuchicago.edu/athletics/men/baseball/index.asp>

Current West Michigan players: none

School Information

Type of school: Private University (Lutheran)

Full time students: 961

Admission standard: More selective

ACT range: 19-25

Dominican University

Stars

River Forest, IL (188 miles southwest of Grand Rapids)

NCAA III (Northern Athletics Conference)

Coach Terry Casey (4 years)

www.dom.edu

<http://dustars.cstv.com/sports/m-basebl/domi-m-basebl-body.html>

Current West Michigan players: none

School Information

Type of school: Private University (Catholic)

Full time students: 1,146

Admission standard: More selective

ACT range: 20-25

Elmhurst College

Bluejays

Elmhurst, IL (196 miles southwest of Grand Rapids)

NCAA III (College Conference of Illinois and Wisconsin)

Coach Joel Southern (2 years)

www.elmhurst.edu

<http://athletics.elmhurst.edu/mbaseball>

Current West Michigan players: none

School Information

Type of school: Private Liberal Arts College (Church of Christ)

Full time students: 2,362

Admission standard: More selective

ACT range: 20-27

Illinois Institute of Technology

Hawks

Chicago, IL (180 miles southwest of Grand Rapids)

NAIA (Chicagoland Collegiate Athletic Conference)

Coach Steve Born (2 years)

www.iit.edu

<http://www.illinoistechathletics.com/sport/6/1.php>

Current West Michigan players: none

School Information

Type of school: Private University

Full time students: 1,988

Admission standard: More selective

ACT range: 25-30

Judson University

Eagles

Elgin, IL (220 miles southwest of Grand Rapids)

NAIA (Chicagoland Collegiate Athletic Conference)

Coach Rich Benjamin (1 year)

www.judsonu.edu

<http://www.judsoneagles.com/sport/6/8.php>

Current West Michigan players:

Jacob Bostwick (Richland Gull Lake)

School Information

Type of school: Private University (Evangelical Christian)

Full time students: 915

Admission standard: Selective

ACT range: 20-25

Lewis University

Flyers

Romeoville, IL (194 miles southwest of Grand Rapids)

NCAA II (Great Lakes Valley Conference)

Coach Tim McDonough (2 years)

www.lewisu.edu

<http://lewisflyers.cstv.com/sports/m-basebl/lewi-m-basebl-body.html>

Current West Michigan players:

Ben Stephen (St. Joseph Lake Michigan Catholic)

School Information

Type of school: Private University (Catholic)

Full time students: 2,662

Admission standard: Selective

ACT range: 19-25

North Central College

Cardinals

Naperville, IL (194 miles southwest of Grand Rapids)

NCAA III (College Conference of Illinois and Wisconsin)

Coach John Fitzgerald (1 year)

www.noctrl.edu

<http://www.northcentralcollege.edu/x28376.xml>

Current West Michigan players: none

School Information

Type of school: Private Liberal Arts College (Methodist)

Full time students: 1,910

Admission standard: More selective

ACT range: 22-27

Northern Illinois University

Huskies

DeKalb, IL (239 miles southwest of Grand Rapids)

NCAA I (Mid-American Conference)

Coach Ed Mathey (5 years)

www.niu.edu

<http://niuhuskies.cstv.com/sports/m-basebl/niu-m-basebl-body.html>

Current West Michigan players: none

School Information

Type of school: Public University

Full time students: 16,909

Admission standard: Selective

ACT range: 19-24

North Park University

Vikings

Chicago, IL (180 miles southwest of Grand Rapids)

NCAA III (Chicagoland Collegiate Athletic Conference)

Coach Luke Johnson (3 years)

www.northpark.edu

<http://www.northpark.edu/npuvikings/sport.cfm?pageCall=1>

Current West Michigan players: none

School Information

Type of school: Private University (Evangelical Covenant Church)

Full time students: 1,575

Admission standard: Selective

ACT range: 19-26

Northwestern University

Wildcats

Evanston, IL (198 miles southwest of Grand Rapids)

NCAA I (Big Ten Conference)

Coach Paul Stevens (20 years)

www.northwestern.edu

<http://nusports.cstv.com/sports/m-basebl/nw-m-basebl-body.html>

Current West Michigan players: none

School Information

Type of school: Private University

Full time students: 7,872

Admission standard: Most selective

ACT range: 29-33

Olivet Nazarene University

Tigers

Bourbonnais, IL (201 miles southwest of Grand Rapids)

NAIA (Chicagoland Collegiate Athletic Conference)

Coach Todd Reid (first year)

www.olivet.edu

<http://www.olivet.edu/athletics/baseball.asp>

Current West Michigan players: none

School Information

Type of school: Private University (Nazarene)

Full time students: 2,582

Admission standard: More selective

ACT range: 21-27

Robert Morris College

Eagles

Chicago, IL (180 miles southwest of Grand Rapids)

NAIA (Chicagoland Collegiate Athletic Conference)

Coach Mike Kashirsky (first year)

www.robertmorris.edu

<http://www.robertmorris.edu/athletics/mensbaseball/chicago/>

Current West Michigan players: none

School Information

Type of school: Private College

Full time students: 4,706

Admission standard: Least selective

ACT range: n/a

St. Xavier University

Cougars

Chicago, IL (180 miles southwest of Grand Rapids)

NAIA (Chicagoland Collegiate Athletic Conference)

Coach Mike Dooley (16 years)

www.sxu.edu

<http://www.sxu.edu/Administrative/Athletics/Baseball/default.asp>

Current West Michigan players: none

School Information

Type of school: Private University (Catholic)

Full time students: 2,391

Admission standard: Selective

ACT range: 20-25

Trinity Christian College

Trolls

Palos Heights, IL (177 miles southwest of Grand Rapids)

NAIA (Chicagoland Collegiate Athletic Conference)

Coach Jason Huisman (first year)

www.trnty.edu

<http://athletics.trnty.edu/index.php/Baseball/home.html>

Current West Michigan players:

Jeff Nykerk (Holland Christian)

Nick Scholten (Holland Christian)

School Information

Type of school: Private Liberal Arts College (Reformed)

Full time students: 1,049

Admission standard: Selective

ACT range: 19-25

University of Chicago

Maroons

Chicago, IL (180 miles southwest of Grand Rapids)

NCAA III (University Athletic Association)

Coach Brian Baldea (18 years)

www.uchicago.edu

<http://athletics.uchicago.edu/baseball/bb.htm>

Current West Michigan players: none

School Information

Type of school: Private University

Full time students: 4,614

Admission standard: Most selective

ACT range: 29-33

University of Illinois – Chicago

Flames

Chicago, IL (180 miles southwest of Grand Rapids)

NCAA I (Horizon League)

Coach Mike Dee (9 years)

www.uic.edu

<http://uicflames.cstv.com/sports/m-basebl/ilch-m-basebl-body.html>

Current West Michigan players: none

School Information

Type of school: Public University

Full time students: 13,733

Admission standard: More selective

ACT range: 20-26

University of St. Francis

Fighting Saints

Joliet, IL (191 miles southwest of Grand Rapids)

NAIA (Chicagoland Collegiate Athletic Conference)

Coach Gordie Gillespie (22 years)

www.stfrancis.edu

<http://www.stfrancis.edu/ath/baseball/baseball.htm>

Current West Michigan players: none

School Information

Type of school: Private University (Catholic)

Full time students: 1,138

Admission standard: Selective

ACT range: 20-24

Wheaton College

Thunder

Wheaton, IL (204 miles southwest of Grand Rapids)

NCAA III (College Conference of Illinois and Wisconsin)

Coach Lee Driggers (first year)

www.wheaton.edu

<http://athletics.wheaton.edu/index.asp?path=baseball>

Current West Michigan players: none

School Information

Type of school: Private Liberal Arts College (Christian)

Full time students: 2,342

Admission standard: More selective

ACT range: 27-31

Four-Year Colleges and Universities with Baseball Programs

Ohio

and within 250 miles driving distance
from Grand Rapids (8 schools)

NCAA	NAIA
<u>Div I</u> Bowling Green State University University of Toledo	
<u>Div II</u> Tiffin University University of Findlay	
<u>Div III</u> Bluffton University Defiance College Heidelberg College Ohio Northern University	

Bluffton University

Beavers

Bluffton, OH (242 miles southeast of Grand Rapids)

NAIA (Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference)

Coach James Grandy (4 years)

www.bluffton.edu

<http://www.bluffton.edu/sports/baseball/>

Current West Michigan players: none

School Information

Type of school: Private College (Mennonite)

Full time students: 1,005

Admission standard: Selective

ACT range: 19-24

Bowling Green State University

Falcons

Bowling Green, OH (203 miles southeast of Grand Rapids)

NCAA I (Mid-American Conference)

Coach Danny Schmitz

www.bgsu.edu

<http://bgsufalcons.cstv.com/sports/m-basebl/bgu-m-basebl-body.html>

Current West Michigan players:

Matt Malewitz (East Grand Rapids)

School Information

Type of school: Public University

Full time students: 15,014

Admission standard: Selective

ACT range: 19-24

Defiance College

Yellow Jackets

Defiance, OH (182 miles southeast of Grand Rapids)

NCAA III (Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference)

Coach Derek Woodley (1 year)

www.defiance.edu

<http://www.defianceathletics.com/baseball/default/>

Current West Michigan players: none

School Information

Type of school: Private College (Church of Christ)

Full time students: 673

Admission standard: Selective

ACT range: 18-24

Heidelberg University

'Berg

Tiffin, OH (236 miles southeast of Grand Rapids)

NCAA III (Ohio Athletic Conference)

Coach Matt Palm (10 years)

www.heidelberg.edu

<http://www.heidelberg.edu/athletics/teams/mbaseball>

Current West Michigan players:

Blake Thornton (Olivet)

School Information

Type of school: Private University (Church of Christ)

Full time students: 1,179 students

Admission standard: Selective

ACT range: 19-24

Ohio Northern University

Polar Bears

Ada, OH (247 miles southeast of Grand Rapids)

NCAA III (Ohio Athletic Conference)

Coach Justin Bergman (3 years)

www.onu.edu

<http://www-new.onu.edu/athletics/baseball>

Current West Michigan players: none

School Information

Type of school: Private University (Methodist)

Full time students: 2,525

Admission standard: More selective

ACT range: 23-28

Tiffin University

Dragons

Tiffin, OH (236 miles southeast of Grand Rapids)

NCAA II (Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference)

Coach Lonny Allen (16 years)

www.tiffin.edu

<http://www.tiffin.edu/athletics/men/baseball/>

Current West Michigan players: none

School Information

Type of school: Private University

Full time students: 1,097

Admission standard: Less selective

ACT range: 18-22

University of Findlay

Oilers

Findlay, OH (226 miles southeast of Grand Rapids)

NCAA II (Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference)

Coach Troy Berry (5 years)

www.findlay.edu

<http://athletics.findlay.edu/sports/default.asp?id=5>

Current West Michigan players: none

School Information

Type of school: Private University

Full time students: 2,648

Admission standard: Selective

ACT range: 20-25

University of Toledo

Rockets

Toledo, OH (187 miles southeast of Grand Rapids)

NCAA I (Mid-American Conference)

Coach Cory Mee (4 years)

www.utoledo.edu

[http://www.utrockets.com/SportSelect.dbml?
DB_OEM_ID=18000&KEY=&SPID=10718&SPSID=89701](http://www.utrockets.com/SportSelect.dbml?DB_OEM_ID=18000&KEY=&SPID=10718&SPSID=89701)

Current West Michigan players: none

School Information

Type of school: Public University

Full time students: 13,708 students

Admission standard: Selective

ACT range: 19-25

Two-Year Colleges with Baseball Programs

Michigan

(12 schools)

NJCAA Div I	NJCAA Div II
	Glen Oaks Community College Grand Rapids Community College Henry Ford Community College Jackson Community College Kalamazoo Valley Community Coll Kellogg Community College Lake Michigan College Lansing Community College Macomb Community College Mott Community College Muskegon Community College St. Clair County Community College

Glen Oaks Community College

Vikings

Centreville, MI (81 miles south of Grand Rapids)

NJCAA II (Michigan Community College Athletic Association)

Coach Keith Schreiber

www.glenoaks.edu

<http://www.glenoaks.edu/athletics/mensbaseball/Pages/home.aspx>

Current West Michigan players: unknown

Grand Rapids Community College

Raiders

Grand Rapids, MI

NJCAA II (Michigan Community College Athletic Association)

Coach Mike Cupples

www.grcc.edu

<http://www.grcc.edu/baseball>

Current West Michigan players:

Jason Pierce (Big Rapids)

Brett Johnson (Grandville)

Logan Burrows (Caledonia)

Jeremy Trinkle (Portage Central)

Matt Malewitz (East Grand Rapids)

Tyler Morgan (Grandville)

Matt Zawacki (Forest Hills Northern)

Zack Snoeyink (Hudsonville)

Nick Ferris (Jenison)

Ryan Jenson (Big Rapids)

Andre Harris (GR Creston)

Ed Kay (Muskegon Mona Shores)

Nick Vanhemert (Cedar Springs)

Josh Lucas (Hudsonville)

Jeff Krebs (Newaygo)

Brandon Ritchie (Schoolcraft)

Henry Ford Community College

Hawks

Dearborn, MI (157 miles southeast of Grand Rapids)

NJCAA II (Michigan Community College Athletic Association)

Coach Joe Santilli

www.hfcc.edu

http://www.hfcc.edu/campus_life/athletics/mens_baseball.asp

Current West Michigan players: none

Jackson Community College

Jets

Jackson, MI (106 miles southeast of Grand Rapids)

NJCAA II (Michigan Community College Athletic Association)

Coach Rick Smith

www.jccmi.edu

<http://www.jccmi.edu/athletics/Baseball/index.htm>

Current West Michigan players:

Ian Engel (Muskegon)

Kalamazoo Valley Community College

Cougars

Kalamazoo, MI (50 miles south of Grand Rapids)

NJCAA II (Michigan Community College Athletic Association)

Coach Bernie Vallier

www.kvcc.edu

<http://puma.kvcc.edu/athletics/Baseballhome/Yearly%20Items/main%20page1.htm>

Current West Michigan players:

Jeremy Followell (Kalamazoo Comstock)

Chad Williams (Paw Paw)

Kevin Dozeman (Portage Central)

Kody Pfof (Parchment)

Steve Vandebos (Kalamazoo Comstock)

Chris Oppel (Portage Central)

Kasey Koster (Portage Central)

Bobby Keller (Vicksburg)

Matt Andrews (Portage Northern)

Ryan Franks (Portage Northern)

Kellogg Community College

Bruins

Battle Creek, MI (81 miles southeast of Grand Rapids)

NJCAA II (Michigan Community College Athletic Association)

Coach Eric Laskovy

www.kellogg.edu

<http://www.kellogg.edu/athletics/baseball/index.html>

Current West Michigan players:

Brad Pascoe (Battle Creek Lakeview)

Mitch Vrooman (Kalamazoo Comstock)

Evan Gray (Battle Creek Central)

Joe Fodell (Richland Gull Lake)

Tyler Dudley (Battle Creek Lakeview)

Aaron Shook (Parchment)

Dylan Cuddahee (Hastings)

Tyler Yawger (Battle Creek Lakeview)

Ryan Buter (North Muskegon)

Jeff Scarpelli (Big Rapids)

Jacob Labrecque (Battle Creek Lakeview)

Austin Lord (Marshall)

Lake Michigan College

Indians

Benton Harbor, MI (83 miles southwest of Grand Rapids)

NJCAA II (Michigan Community College Athletic Association)

Coach Scott Ponegalek

www.lakemichigancollege.edu

http://www.lakemichigancollege.edu/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=1607&Itemid=1955

Current West Michigan players:

Dan Ponegalek (Bridgman)

Derek Knuth (St. Joseph)

Rob Bolster (Blissfield)

Andrew Theisen (Richland Gull Lake)

Adam Doorlag (Parchment)

Brian Rogers (Coloma)

Josh Petit (Three Rivers)

Nolan Luyk (Caledonia)

Jason Greer (Richland Gull Lake)

Dane Frasier (Mattawan)

David Stuppy (Dowagiac)

Dan Gelder (St. Joseph Lake Michigan Catholic)

Rob Frost (Richland Gull Lake)

Alec Johnson (Bangor)

John Whalen (Bangor)

John Witt (St. Joseph)

Lansing Community College

Lansing, MI (68 miles southeast of Grand Rapids)

NJCAA II (Michigan Community College Athletic Association)

Coach Rod Sanville

www.lcc.edu

<http://www.lcc.edu/athletics/baseball/>

Current West Michigan players:

Cody Shaw (Ionia)

Macomb Community College

Monarchs

Warren, MI (155 miles southeast of Grand Rapids)

NJCAA II (Michigan Community College Athletic Association)

Coach Henry Washington

www.macomb.edu

<http://www.macomb.edu/Community/Athletics/Teams/Baseball/>

Current West Michigan players: none

Mott Community College

Bears

Flint, MI (114 miles east of Grand Rapids)

NJCAA II (Michigan Community College Athletic Association)

Coach Shawn Brown

www.mcc.edu

http://www.mcc.edu/athletics/m_baseball/ss_baseball.shtml

Current West Michigan players: none

Muskegon Community College

Jayhawks

Muskegon, MI (41 miles northwest of Grand Rapids)

NJCAA II (Michigan Community College Athletic Association)

Coach Cap Pohlman

<http://www.muskegon.cc.mi.us/pages/1.asp>

<http://www.muskegon.cc.mi.us/pages/319.asp>

Current West Michigan players:

Dan Bosch (Grand Haven)

Ben Wilsey (Holland)

Kevin Szczesny (Muskegon Oakridge)

Drew Beck (Fruitport)

Travis Laver (Holland)

Tyler Meppelink (Lowell)

Brandon Macheta (Muskegon Orchard View)

Pat Fritz (Grand Haven)

Jared Sandness (Muskegon Mona Shores)

St. Clair County Community College

Skippers

Port Huron, MI (181 miles east of Grand Rapids)

NJCAA II (Michigan Community College Athletic Association)

Coach Scott Head

www.sc4.edu

<http://www.sc4.edu/show.php?title=Baseball&category=Baseball>

Current West Michigan players: none

Appendix:

NCAA Recruiting Rules

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Recruiting Terms

Contact. A contact occurs any time a coach has any face-to-face contact with you or your parents off the college's campus and says more than hello. A contact also occurs if a coach has any contact with you or your parents at your high school or any location where you are competing or practicing.

Eligibility Center. The NCAA office that certifies the academic and amateur credentials of all college-bound student-athletes who wish to compete in NCAA Division I or II athletics.

Evaluation. An evaluation is an activity by a coach to evaluate your academic or athletic ability. This would include visiting your high school or watching you practice or compete.

Official visit. Any visit to a college campus by you and your parents paid for by the college. The college may pay all or some of the following expenses:

- Your transportation to and from the college;
- Room and meals (three per day) while you are visiting the college; and
- Reasonable entertainment expenses, including three complimentary admissions to a home athletic contest.

Before a college may invite you on an official visit, you will have to provide the college with a copy of your high school transcript (Division I only) and SAT or ACT score and register with the Eligibility Center.

Unofficial visit. Any visit by you and your parents to a college campus paid for by you or your parents. The only expense you may receive from the college is three complimentary admissions to a home athletic contest. You may make as many unofficial visits as you like and may take those visits at any time. The only time you cannot talk with a coach during an unofficial visit is during a dead period (which are the three days right before the fall and spring signing of National Letter of Intent, plus the first week in January).

Verbal commitment. This phrase is used to describe a college-bound student-athlete's commitment to a school before he signs (or is able to sign) a National Letter of Intent. A college-bound student-athlete can announce a verbal commitment at any time. While verbal commitments have become very popular for both college-bound student-athletes and coaches, the "commitment" is NOT binding on either the college-bound student-athletes or the institution. Only the signing of a National Letter of Intent accompanied by a financial aid agreement is binding on both parties.

National Letter of Intent. The National Letter of Intent (NLI) is a voluntary program administered by the Eligibility Center. By signing a NLI, your son agrees to attend the institution for one academic year. In exchange, that institution must provide athletics financial aid for one academic year.

NCAA Recruiting Rules - Baseball

Recruiting Method	Division I	Division II	Division III
Recruiting materials	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Soph year:</i> may receive brochures for camps and questionnaires • <i>Junior year:</i> may begin receiving Sep 1 • <i>Senior year:</i> allowed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A coach may begin sending you printed materials September 1 of your junior year in high school. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You may receive printed materials at any time.
Telephone calls	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Soph year:</i> may make calls to coach at your expense; coach cannot call you • <i>Junior year:</i> may make calls to coach at your expense; college coaches may call you once per week starting July 1 after Junior year • <i>Senior year:</i> coach may call you once per week 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A college coach may call you once per week beginning June 15 between your junior and senior year. • You may make calls to the coach at your expense. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No limit on the number of calls or when they can be made by the college coach. • You may make calls to the coach at your expense.
Off-campus contact	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Soph year:</i> none allowed • <i>Junior year:</i> allowed starting July 1 after Junior year • <i>Senior year:</i> allowed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A college coach may have contact with you or your parents off the college's campus beginning June 15 after your junior year. • A college coach is limited to three in-person contacts off campus. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A college coach may begin to have contact with you and your parents off the college's campus after your junior year.
Official visit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Soph year:</i> none allowed • <i>Junior year:</i> none allowed • <i>Senior year:</i> allowed beginning opening day of classes, limited to one official visit per college, max of 5 overall to Divisions I and II colleges 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You may make official visits starting the opening day of classes your senior year. • You may make only one official visit per college and up to a maximum of five official visits to Divisions I and II colleges. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You may make official visits starting the opening day of classes your senior year. • You may make only one official visit per college.
Unofficial visit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Soph year:</i> you may make unlimited unofficial visits • <i>Junior year:</i> you may make unlimited unofficial visits • <i>Senior year:</i> you may make unlimited unofficial visits 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You may make an unlimited number of unofficial visits any time. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You may make an unlimited number of unofficial visits any time.
Evaluation and contacts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Up to seven times during senior year only 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No limit on number of evaluations, but must wait until competition is completed for contact 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No limit on number of evaluations or contacts, but must wait until competition is completed for contact

Frequency of off-campus contact	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Not more than 3 times during senior year	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Not more than 3 times during senior year	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• No limit
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