



# THE KING'S ACADEMY

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## Eleven TKA Athletes Sign College Offers

SUNNYVALE, CA, April 12, 2018 — The King's Academy held a **signing celebration on Wednesday, April 11, recognizing the following TKA athletes who signed college athletic offers:**

**Zach Alford: Water Polo, *California Lutheran University (Div. 3)***

Zach has been recognized twice as MVP and once with the PHD (Pride, Hustle, Drive) award for water polo. One of his most memorable experiences was competing in the Junior Olympics, three years in a row, and playing internationally in Hungary. What excites Zach most about his sport is "the intensity from all the players and the competitiveness." Zach also participated on TKA's swim team.

**Caroline Barnett: Soccer and Swimming, *The Master's University (Div. 1)***

Caroline has competed in swimming for twelve years and soccer for ten years. She plays center defense for the soccer team and swims the 50-yard freestyle. One of her most memorable moments in swimming was competing in a "swim off" to get into the CCS finals, and for soccer, it was exciting to compete at Surf Cup. She enjoys "being able to compete and possibly win with my friends by my side."

**Shane Benetz: Volleyball, *University of California San Diego (Div. 1)***

Shane is the middle blocker for the Knights volleyball team. He has competed in the sport for only three years but has been recognized as 1<sup>st</sup> team All League and 2<sup>nd</sup> team All League. While at TKA, Shane has also participated in football, basketball, and track & field. What excites Shane most about his sport is "the team aspect and collaborative effort, and also getting to hit balls as hard as you can." His most memorable moment was "beating the top-rated team in the U.S. in club volleyball."

**Liah Bosworth: Gymnastics, *University of California, Davis (Div. 1)***

Liah has competed in gymnastics for eleven years. She competes at level 10 in the vault, bars, beam and floor. In 2017, Liah was a Junior Olympic National Qualifier and achieved 1<sup>st</sup> vault at States. She enjoys traveling to different places to compete and getting to know lots of people along the way. Liah also says about her sport, "I love doing crazy tricks!"

**Brian Copley: Swimming, *University of Denver, (Div. 1)***

Brian has been swimming for nine years. He competes in the individual medley (IM) and breaststroke events. In 2016, he was the WBAL most valuable swimmer, and in 2017, he was selected TKA's most valuable swimmer. Brian has competed in the swimming World Cup series and also in the Netherlands. What excites him most about his sport is "there is always room for improvement."

**Tyler Farnham: Football, *Doane University, Nebraska (NAIA)***

Tyler has been the wide receiver for the Knights and has played football for four years. He has been recognized with All CCS honorable mention, PAL 1<sup>st</sup> team All League, TKA MVP, and TKA Offensive Player of the Year. His most memorable moment was during the game vs. Castlemont High School where he had a nine receptions, ran for 175 yards, and scored three touchdowns. He loves the "rush of catching the football and making something happen." Tyler also played baseball, basketball and soccer at TKA.

**Matthew Johnson: Baseball, *Merchant Marine Academy, New York***

Matt has played baseball for twelve years, both in centerfield and as pitcher. He has been recognized as MVP for his travel ball team. Two of his most memorable moments were winning the Desert Fall Class Tournament in Las Vegas and going to Cooperstown, NY, and placing 7<sup>th</sup> in a homerun hitting contest (out of 126).

**Megan McEwen: Volleyball, *Clarkson University, New York (Div. 3)***

Megan plays middle blocker for the Knights volleyball team. She has played volleyball for seven years and has been recognized as most improved her freshmen year, MVP her senior year and MVP WBAL Skyline Division All League Team in 2017. Her most treasured moment is winning the WBAL Skyline Division League Championship.

**Jeremy Miller: Cross Country/Track & Field, *University of Northern Colorado (Div. 1)***

Jeremy has participated in track and cross country for four years. He was honored as cross country's MVP twice (2016, 2017) and received the PHD (Pride, Hustle, Drive) award for track in 2017. What excites him most about running is he "loves the amount of focus and commitment it requires to success. It's not easy."

**Priscilla Min: Swimming, *Wheaton College, Illinois (Div. 3)***

Priscilla has been swimming for thirteen years. She swims the 200 individual medley (IM), the 500 freestyle, and the 100 breaststroke. She has been recognized as one of the CCS Finals Top 16, received the PHD (Pride, Hustle, Drive) award, and was team captain. Priscilla will remember most "working with the team and seeing how much the team has improved as a whole."

**Sebastian Yee: Football, *Concordia University in Chicago (Div. 3)***

Sebastian played inside linebacker for the Knights football team for four years. He has been recognized as Defensive Player of the Year. He remembers, "My last game was the most memorable. We beat Hillsdale in overtime in our final game. Although we didn't make the playoffs, it was an amazing feeling winning my last game as a Knight." About the game, Sebastian reflects, "I love the intensity, the brotherhood, and the contact." Sebastian also participated in wrestling and baseball at TKA.

The King's Academy, an independent, college preparatory school for grades 6-12 serving 950 students, is a Christ-centered school that inspires academic excellence, servant leadership, and enduring relationships. The King's Academy is accredited by both the Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI) and The Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC). For more information about TKA, please visit [www.tka.org](http://www.tka.org).

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