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Central Catholic's Murray Announces for Illinois Wesleyan

BLOOMINGTON, Ill. -- Central Catholic's standout softball player Kelly Murray has decided to attend Illinois Wesleyan University to continue her academic and athletic careers, IWU softball coach Mandy Neal announced today.

Murray, who has two pitching no-hitters to her credit already this spring, has been the Saints' "Most Valuable Player" all three seasons and was a first team all-Corn Belt Conference outfielder as a junior and pitcher as a sophomore. As a junior she batted .402 with seven doubles, two triples, and four home runs with 23 runs batted in. She was 11-7 as a pitcher with a 1.09 earned run average and struck out 194 batters in 116 innings.

A second team all-Corn Belt selection as an outfielder and pitcher as a freshman, Murray participated in the the Illinois High School Association "Hitting Derby" for the past two seasons and has pitched in the national tournament in summer softball play.

Murray was a Pantagraph/Bank One "Student of the Year" nominee this school year, earned the IHSA Scholar-Athlete Award, and also won the "Mickey D" Award.

Murray, who plans to major in elementary education at IWU, is the daughter of Bob and Jan Murray, 2204 Case Dr., Bloomington. Bob, an admissions counselor at Illinois Wesleyan, was a four-year baseball letterman for the Titans from 1979 to 1982.