



# Lake Park High School 2008 Wrestling Senior Night

## **Alexandra Perry**

Senior Alexandra Perry escorted by her mother and brother Danielle and Niko Daniello.

Alex has been part of the Lancer wrestling program for the past 4 years. As a freshman, Alex kept stats and assisted with equipment management. Sophomore season, Alex assisted Coach Willis and the JV wrestling teams. The last two seasons, Alex has become an important roll in the Varsity program with various responsibilities including: keeping stats, video taping, equipment inventory, organizing all the managers' schedules for meets and practice, and acting as a student trainer for all the wrestlers. In the past 4 years, Alex has shown true commitment towards the program and has been a pleasure to work with.

Alex has excelled in the classroom as well. Currently, her grade point average is a 3.33. Next fall, Alex plans to attend Harper College and looks forward to finishing her education at DePaul.

The Lake Park coaching staff would like to congratulate Alex and her Family on all her accomplishments and thank her for all her help the past 4 years.

## **Nathan Bracher**

135 pound senior Nathan Bracher escorted by his parents Lisa and Bob Bracher.

As a three-sport athlete for the Lancers, Nathan has participated two years in football and 4 years in both wrestling and gymnastics.

As a gymnast, Nate has earned 3 varsity letters and last year was a state qualifier on 2 events, the floor and vault. Nathan set the school record on vault with a score of 9.1 and was last year's gymnastics team MVP.

In wrestling, Nate has earned 2 varsity letters and has accumulated 71 career wins for the Lancers. This season, Nate has 21 victories, finishing 6th at the Fenton Invitational, 2nd at the Lake Park Krupke Classic, and 4th in the Upstate 8 Conference tournament.

Academically, Nathan has a 3.83 Grade Point Average and last year was honored with the Voice of Democracy Award. Next fall he plans to attend Western Illinois University to study law enforcement and criminal justice.

The coaching staff and wrestlers would like to thank Nathan for all his hard work and dedication and we wish him the best of luck in the future.



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## **Mike Dzedzic**

215 pound senior Mike Dzedzic escorted by his parents Ziggy and Irene Dzedzic.

Mike has had a commendable athletic career for the Lake Park Lancers. He is a two-sport varsity athlete competing both on the football field and the wrestling mat. Mike has earned two varsity letters in football and three varsity letters in wrestling. He was honored with 2 Pride and Performance awards for his outstanding accomplishments.

Mike has a remarkable wrestling career record of 101 wins with only 32 defeats. This season, Mike placed 1st at the Maine East tournament, 1st at the Fenton Invitational, 2nd at the Lake Park Krupke Classic, and 3rd at the Upstate 8 conference tournament. He is currently ranked in the top 10 in the state at 215 pounds. So far this season, Mike has a record of 35-3 and should be a top seed in next week's IHSA Regional tournament.

Academically, Mike has been on the honor roll all seven semesters of his high school career. He has a grade point average of 4.40 and next fall he plans to attend Purdue University to study engineering and walk onto their wrestling team.

The Lake Park Coaching staff would like to congratulate Mike on all of his accomplishments and thank his parents for all their help and support the past four years.

## **John Gesse**

285 pound senior John Gesse, escorted by his parents George and Patricia Gesse.

After taking a year off from wrestling, the Lake Park coaching staff and teammates welcomed John back his senior. He has proven to his coaches and peers that with hard work, commitment, and the desire to compete he could be successful this season. John is a two-sport varsity athlete his senior year. He competed on the gridiron as a starting offensive lineman and has been our heavyweight all season.

John has 45 career wins for the Lancers and this season as a first year varsity heavyweight he has 18 wins. Last weekend, he had a 4th place finish in the Upstate 8 conference tournament and is looking to place in the top three in the Regionals.

Academically, John has 3.70 grade point average and next fall plans to attend the Milwaukee School of Engineering.

The coaching staff wishes John the best of luck next year.



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## **John Guidotti**

145 pound senior John Guidotti, escorted by his parents Debbie and Mike Guidotti.

During the past 3 years, John has excelled both in the classroom and in the athletic arena.

Academically:

- John ranks in the top 8% of his class
- He has a grade point average of 5.1/5.0 and is ranked 54th out of 707 seniors.
- He is an Illinois State Scholar in 2008 and has received Pride and Performance awards for academic achievement from Lake Park
- He has been awarded Highest Honors all 7 semesters
- John has been named by the Upstate 8 conference as an All Academic/All Conference athlete in both gymnastics and wrestling the past 2 seasons.

Athletically:

- John is 2-sport athlete earning varsity letters in both gymnastics and wrestling
- John has 22 career wins for the wrestling Lancers and last year was a JV Conference Champion.
- This year's season unfortunately ended early for John due to an injury. During the first half of the season, John placed 6th in the Lake Park Krupke Classic and had a record of 10-7.
- Last year in gymnastics, John had a great season qualifying for the state tournament in one event, horizontal bar.

Next fall, John plans to attend Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in Prescott Arizona. He plans to major in aeronautical science and become a professional pilot.

The coaching staff and wrestlers wish John and his family the best of luck next year.

## **Mike Hannigan**

103 pound senior Mike Hannigan, escorted by his parent Charissa and Mike Hannigan.

Academically, Mike is ranked 13th out of 707 seniors with a grade point average of 5.43/5.0. He is an Illinois State Scholar, earned Lake Park's top score in the American Invitational Mathematics Examination as a sophomore, as a junior he was one of the American Mathematics Competitors who achieved top 1% in the Nation on his test scores. He has been a member of the National Honor Society for 2 years.



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For the past 3 years, in three different sports, he has been honored as an Upstate 8 All Academic/All Conference award winner. Academically, Mike is considered one of the best of the best in Lake Park's Senior class. What makes his academic honors and accomplishment even more incredible is Mike is a 4-year 3-sport varsity athlete competing in football, wrestling and gymnastics.

## Football

- 2 years varsity quarterback
- Winner of the Wendy's High School Heisman Award for Lake Park

## Wrestling

- Mike was unable to compete due to a head injury during the first practice of the season
- 3-year career record of 66 wins and only 28 defeats
- Junior Varsity MVP award winner his sophomore year
- Junior season was 3rd Upstate 8 Conference tournament, 6<sup>th</sup> at the Krupke, and 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Fenton Tournament, and was awarded the Lake Park Sportsmanship Award

## Gymnastics

- Two-year varsity award winner
- As a junior, Mike was the Independent Conference Still Rings Champion, qualified for the 9.0 Club, and finished 14th in the state in the Still Rings event.

Next Fall, Mike plans to attend the University of Notre Dame and study Aerospace Engineering. The Coaching staff would like to thank both Mike and his parents for all their hard work, dedication, and commitment towards the Lake Park wrestling program.

## **Robert Kent**

119 pound senior Robert Kent, escorted by his parents Andrea and Robert Kent.

Robert is a first year wrestler for the Lake Park Lancers. This season he has shown great attitude and work ethic. It takes a lot of courage and character to try a sport for the first time during your senior year. This season Robert has only had the opportunity to compete in 2 matches on the JV level due to a medical condition. Even though he is currently unable to compete, he still comes to practice everyday and does what he can do. Most people would have quit and walked away, but Robert has too much class and commitment and is finishing his season like a champion.

Academically, Robert has a grade point average of 3.0 and plans on attending school next fall.



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The coaching staff thanks Robert for coming out this season. He has developed into loyal and dedicated team member. We wish Robert the best of luck in the future.

## **Dan Kowalski**

152 pound senior Dan Kowalski, escorted by his parents Maureen O'Malley and Vincent Kowalski.

Athletically, Dan played football for 2 years and has wrestled for 4 years. During his wrestling tenure, Dan has earned 3 varsity letters and is one of this year's team leaders.

Dan has a career record of 114 wins and only 39 defeats. With a current record of 36-2, Dan is ranked in the top 10 in the state at 152 pounds. This season he has placed 1<sup>st</sup> in the Maine East tournament, 1<sup>st</sup> in the Fenton Invitational, 1<sup>st</sup> in the Lake Park Krupke Classic and 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Upstate 8 Conference Tournament.

This past weekend at the Upstate 8 Conference Tournament, Lake Park was honored to nominate Dan for the Ed Washington Sportsmanship Award. This award is voted upon by all the Upstate 8 wrestling coaches and they voted Dan as 2008 winner.

Dan is a returning Regional champion and is a 2 time sectional qualifier and 1 time state qualifier. Dan has set his goals high for this season and he is on the right track in pursuit of his goals.

Academically, Dan has also set his goals high. Currently, Dan is ranked 3<sup>rd</sup> in his class out of 707 seniors. He has a grade point average of 5.54/5.0. He is currently president of the National Honor Society, an Illinois state Scholar, and National Merit Commended. He has been a member of the Math and Science team for 3 years and the school's sports writer for 2 years. He has twice been awarded Lake Park's Pride and Performance Award. Finally, Dan is a 3-time Upstate 8 All Conference/All Academic Award winner.

Next fall, Dan plans to attend the University of Chicago to study neuroscience and compete on their wrestling team.

The coaching staff and wrestlers would like to congratulate Dan and his Parents on an incredible career at Lake Park High School. Best wishes to Dan and his future.

## **Marco Sanchez**

125 pound senior Marco Sanchez, escorted by his mother Muriel Sanchez.

During the past 4 years, Marco has been a great attribute to the Lake Park Wrestling program. He has earned 2 varsity letters and was looked up to by his peers as a leader



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during his senior year. Marco has won 57 career matches for the Lancers and has placed in every tournament this season. His current record is 22-10 and he is looking to be a top seed in the Regionals next weekend. More than winning, Marco has added work ethic, tenacity and commitment for other wrestling Lancers to follow.

In the classroom, Marco has a GPA 2.93 and next fall plans to attend Harper College and wrestle for their program.

Marco will be remembered most by all of us at Lake Park for his character: "Always get up one more time than you fall down". Because of this attitude, Marco will always be successful.

Lake Park High School, the coaching staff and wrestlers wish Marco and his family the best of luck in the future.

### **Kevin Vitols**

160 pound Senior Kevin Vitols, escorted by his parents Laura and Arnie Vitols.

Kevin has wrestled for Lake Park the past 4 years compiling 64 wins for the Lancers. As a 3-year varsity wrestler, Kevin is looked up to by his peers as a team leader and he has been a major contributor to the success of Lake Park Wrestling. Last weekend, he placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Upstate 8 Conference Tournament earning All Conference Honors, was a finalist at the Lake Park Krupke Classic and placed 5<sup>th</sup> at the Fenton Invitational. Kevin has racked up 25 wins for the Lancers so far this season and is one of the top contenders going for a Regional Championship next weekend.

Kevin currently has a 3.83 grade point average and next fall plans to attend Eastern Illinois University.

Lake Park High School will miss Kevin's dedication, commitment, and loyalty towards the Lake Park wrestling program.

The coaching staff and wrestlers wish Kevin and his family all the best and we thank them for all they have contributed towards the Lake Park Wrestling family.