



Connection

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A Representative Sample of Athletes from St. Anne Community High School

On Wednesday, May 22, 2024, five athletes from St. Anne Community High School met with editor Pam Lottinville for the purpose of promoting our local youth. These students were suggested by Principal Ramie Kolowinsew which is a strong endorsement of support from her. Administrators, teachers and coaches have the opportunity to work with students, observing their character, finding their strengths, and assist in developing their weaknesses.

In the photo to the right, submitted by Pam Lottinville, are (left to right) Grant Pomaranski, age 16; Bringham Hays, age 15; Jovi Kunsch, age 16; Tiffany DeYoung, age 17; and Chris Link, age 16.



Grant, is the son of David and Jenny Pomaranski. Bringham’s parents are Aaron and Karli Hays. Keaton and Olivia are the parents of Jovi, Kunsch. Tiffany is the daughter of Scott and Lisa DeYoung. Chris’s parents are Cornelias Link and K’Shayla LaFayette.

These five independent young people have varied backgrounds and future plans. Similarly, each one began playing sports at a young age. For example, T-Ball was a starter for most, as it was for **Tiffany**. **Chris** played basketball and football before school age. **Jovi** played softball at the age of seven. **Bringham** played Club Soccer and **Grant** played Fusion basketball.

These students demonstrated leadership skills, confidence and an open acceptance toward shaping their goals. **Tiffany** intends to study agriculture at Parkland College in Champaign and transfer to University of Illinois. **Jovi**’s interest will begin at Kankakee Community College, possibly studying athletic training. **Bringham**, **Chris** and **Grant** do not have a particular college or major in mind, but each one plans to further his education.

Jovi was quick and eloquent in answering the questions posed. One might say that she was their spokesperson as they nodded in agreement with many of her statements. Jovi said, “To find success in academics, you first have to do your work. Ask for help when needed and develop time-management skills.” **Tiffany** strongly agreed with organizing time as she has an extreme schedule in agriculture. She is currently an officer at the sectional level and is the president of our local FFA.

Chris stated that sports made him stronger academically because he wouldn’t want to let his team down, his coaches or his family. Chris is attending State competition in Track—long jump this weekend. We all await the results of the events.

As a former teacher, I was honored to meet and interview these fine young people. It would have been a pleasure to have them in class.