



## **7 VES Student-Athletes Sign with Colleges and Universities May 12, 2021**

Today we gather to celebrate seven of our seniors who will continue their athletic careers at the collegiate level. This group of seniors has experienced events that perhaps no other group of graduating seniors has ever experienced. With the Covid pandemic cancelling seasons, reducing schedules, limiting travel and moving seasons to different parts of the academic year, these students kept working hard to improve their skills and, given all the limitations they faced, they are going to realize their dream of playing college sports. Only a small percentage of high school senior athletes get the opportunity to participate in college sports and VES is proud to celebrate seven of our very own who will pursue their dream in college.

### **Charlie Dodson: Football at Hampden-Sydney College | Hampden-Sydney, Virginia**

Charlie Dodson, from Danville, Virginia, has just about done it all at VES—basketball, track, lacrosse, an attempt at cross country, and even a thought about swimming. But it is on the football field that Charlie distinguished himself as an athlete. Named All-State on both sides of the line of scrimmage his junior year, Charlie did not let the shortened 2021 season dampen his desire to play. Whether as a receiver, tight end, linebacker, defensive lineman or running back, Charlie filled in wherever there was a need. A team captain and inspirational leader, Charlie will continue his football career at Hampden-Sydney College in Hampden-Sydney, Virginia.

### **Tanner Nau: Football at Rhodes College | Memphis, Tennessee**

Tanner Nau, from Raleigh, North Carolina, has been a valuable member of the VES football team. Playing quarterback is often a dream of every child playing football growing up. At VES, Tanner was able to fulfill his dream. Tanner has been named All-Conference and All-State during his time at VES and was instrumental in helping the VES football

program transition to the 8-man game. Tanner also participated in basketball and baseball during his time at VES. Tanner will play football at Rhodes College in Memphis, Tennessee.

**Lucy Catherine Olmert: Lacrosse at University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill | Chapel Hill, North Carolina**

Lucy Catherine Olmert, from Manson, North Carolina, has been a stalwart in the goal for the Bishops lacrosse team since her arrival on campus. A multi-sport athlete, LC has also been a member of the field hockey and basketball teams during her time at VES. An All-Conference performance in lacrosse her sophomore year would most likely have been followed by more numerous awards recognizing her abilities and accomplishments in her junior and senior years. Losing those seasons to the pandemic did not dampen her spirits or determination to continue working on her game. LC will be a member of the girls lacrosse program this fall at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, North Carolina.

**Tremain Parker: Lacrosse at Pace University | New York City, New York**

Tremain Parker, from Raleigh, North Carolina, has been a valuable member of the boys lacrosse team during his time at VES. As a player Tremain brings a tremendous amount of energy to the field. He served as a captain of the team this season after missing his entire junior year. As a midfielder on the lacrosse team, Tremain was instrumental in the success of the program over his three seasons. Tremain also was a member of the boys varsity basketball team and played football during his time at VES. Tremain will continue his lacrosse career at Pace University in New York City.

**Daniel Pintard: Soccer at Millikin University | Decatur, Illinois**

Daniel Pintard, from Nassau, Bahamas, has been a member of the boys varsity soccer team for four seasons at VES. As a central midfielder for the team, the action goes through him on the field. Daniel has twice been voted to the All-Conference team during his sophomore and junior seasons. Daniel also represented his country by playing on the Bahamian National U-17 and U-15 teams before arriving at VES. While at VES Daniel also played basketball and is currently a member of the track team. Daniel will continue his soccer career at Millikin University in Decatur, Illinois.

**Row Sterne: Cross Country at Washington and Lee University | Lexington, Virginia**

Row Sterne, from Lynchburg, Virginia, has an ability as a runner that is well known throughout the Lynchburg area and state. Accomplishments have followed him through

cross country, indoor and outdoor track as a distance runner. He has been named All-State and All-Conference in both cross country and outdoor track and hopes to build on these accomplishments at the VIC Championship and VISAA State Meet over the next couple of weeks. While many of us recognize his accomplishments as a runner, we also want to call attention to his golfing abilities. Row was part of the VIC Championship runner-up golf team and the third-place finish at states. He is one of the few VES athletes who has ever qualified to represent VES in two different sports at the VISAA State Championships this spring, competing with both the track and golf teams. Row will continue his running career at Washington and Lee University in Lexington, Virginia.

### **Jaden Waterman: Baseball at Harford Community College | Bel Air, Maryland**

Jaden Waterman, of Albany, New York, has been instrumental in the success of the VES baseball program during his time at VES. The team is recognized for their outstanding play, and Jaden's leadership on the team has been one of the key factors in developing the success of the program. He has been primarily a shortstop during his career but also has played third base, second base, and readily steps in to pitch if necessary. His statistics this season are amazing: a .667 batting average, 4 home runs, and 25 RBIs this season will put him at the top of a number of categories in VES baseball history. In prior years, he has been named to the VIC all-conference team and we expect later this week to see him repeat that honor. Jaden will continue his baseball career at Harford Community College in Bel Air, Maryland.

The VES community is proud of the accomplishment of these student-athletes and we will enjoy following their accomplishments at the collegiate level. We wish them nothing but success in their future endeavors.