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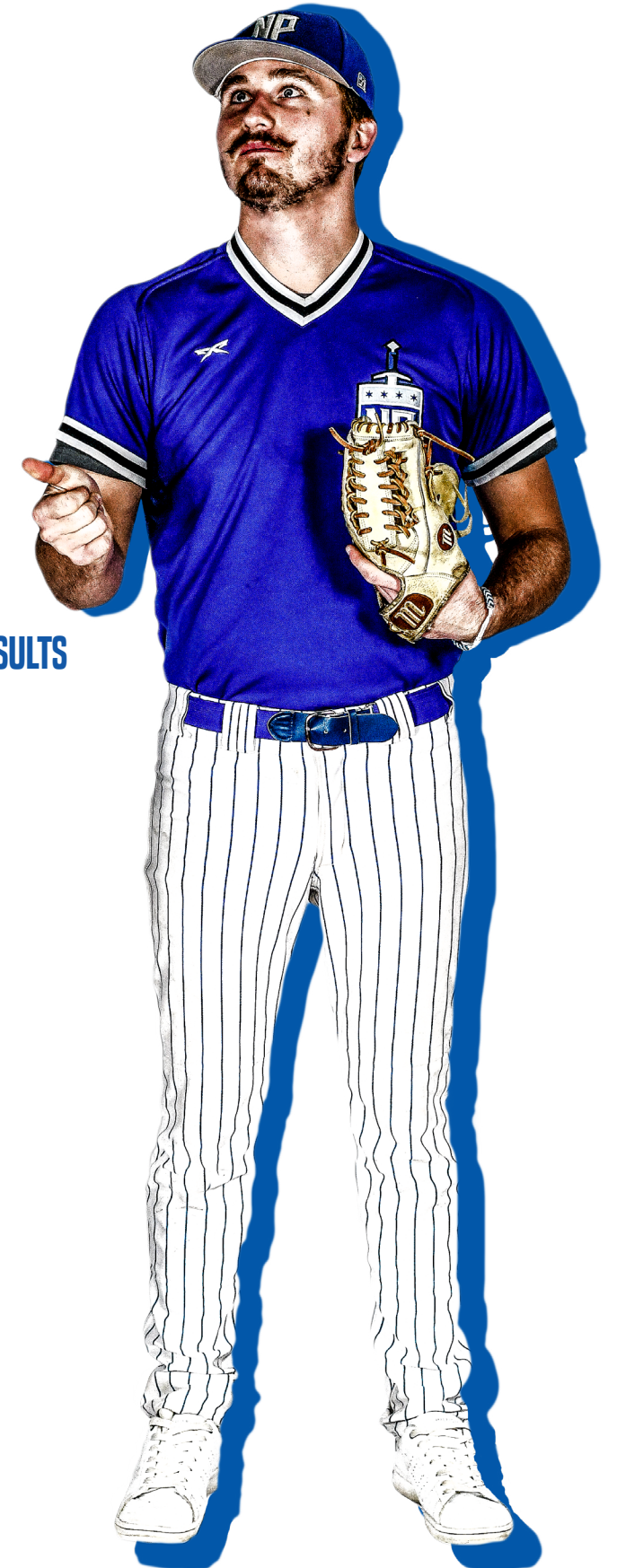
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UNIVERSITY**
CHICAGO

2021 ROSTER

#	Name	B/T	Pos.	Ht	Wt	Yr.	Hometown/HS
1	Daniel Marion	OF	R/R	5-8	205	So.	Aurora, Ill. / West Aurora
3	Jake Reinhardt	SS	R/R	5-10	185	R-Sr.	Princeton, Ill. / Princeton
4	Jared Cantu	OF	R/R	5-4	155	Sr.	Loves Park, Ill. / Belvidere North
5	Brad Maurer	OF	R/R	5-11	175	Sr.	Lake in the Hills, Ill. / Huntley
6	Justin Woolbright	INF/P	R/R	6-0	230	R-Sr.	Rockford, Ill. / Rockford Lutheran
8	Ranko Stevanovic	3B/C	R/R	6-1	205	R-Sr.	Chicago, Ill. / Notre Dame HS
10	Richie Silva	MIF	S/R	5-10	195	Sr.	Miami, Fla. / Cooper City
11	Ryan Moritsugu	OF	L/R	5-9	175	So.	Honolulu, Hawaii / Hawaii Baptist
12	Jim Zay	INF	R/R	6-0	180	So.	Carol Stream, Ill. / Glenbard North
13	Logan Peters	OF/P	L/L	5-8	160	Jr.	Ft. Pierce, Fla. / Lincoln Park Academy
14	Brandon Davis	OF	R/R	6-0	180	Sr.	Las Vegas, Nev. / Faith Lutheran
16	Cole Fiorenza	C/OF	R/R	5-11	185	Fr.	Libertyville, Ill. / Libertyville
17	Brendan Russ	RHP	R/R	6-2	200	Sr.	Villa Park, Ill. / Illinois Central Catholic
18	Jeremy Meger	RHP	R/R	6-0	155	Sr.	Niles, Ill. / Niles West
19	Mason Carlisle	OF/P	L/L	5-10	170	Fr.	Woodstock, Ill. / Woodstock North
20	Joe Schaffer	OF	R/R	6-0	180	Fr.	Carol Stream, Ill. / Wheaton Academy
21	Elias Espling	MIF	R/R	6-1	175	So.	Stockholm, Sweden / Leksand Gym
23	Jeff Mustari	INF	R/R	6-2	185	Jr.	Des Plaines, Ill. / Maine West
24	Tyler Banks	RHP	R/R	6-2	205	Jr.	Littleton, Colo. / Arapahoe
26	Nick Cecchi	C	R/R	5-8	175	Jr.	Montgomery, Ill. / Oswego
27	Frank Kalembe	P/3B	R/R	6-0	185	So.	Chicago, Ill. / Jones College Prep
28	Carson Blatchford	OF	R/R	6-2	200	Fr.	Belvidere, Ill. / Belvidere North
29	Brian Gartrell	RHP	R/R	5-11	190	Jr.	/
30	Ethan Raspolich	INF	R/R	5-10	170	Fr.	Plainfield, Ill. / Plainfield East
32	Julian Ledezma	RHP	R/R	5-11	220	So.	Steger, Ill. / Marion Catholic
33	Ethan Sund	RHP	R/R	6-4	220	Sr.	Huntley, Ill. / Huntley
34	Bobby Bartlett	P/UTL	L/L	6-1	180	So.	Winfield, Ill. / West Chicago
35	Zach Lingk	P/UTL	R/R	6-5	205	So.	Golden, Colo. / Ralston Valley
36	Isaac Bell	RHP	R/R	6-2	175	Fr.	Austin, Tex. / IMG Academy
37	Kenneth LaVeau	OF	R/R	5-10	170	Fr.	Chicago, Ill. / St. Patrick
38	Justin Swanson	INF	R/R	5-10	195	Fr.	Johnson Creek, Wis. / Johnson Creek
39	Adam Gin	OF	R/R	5-10	170	So.	San Jose, Calif. / Abraham Lincoln
42	Julian Gonzalez	RHP	R/R	6-3	240	R-Sr.	Chicago, Ill. / DePaul Prep
43	Griffin Self	C	R/R	6-0	185	Fr.	Henry, Ill. / Henry-Senachwine
44	Tim Fauth	1B	R/R	6-3	220	Sr.	Elk Grove, Ill. / Conant
45	Conner Woods	C	R/R	5-10	195	Fr.	Indianapolis, Ind. / Perry Meridian
47	Brett Brueske	LHP	L/L	6-2	200	Jr.	St. Charles, Ill. / St. Charles East
48	Liam Murray	INF	R/R	5-8	170	Jr.	Erie, Colo. / Fairview

Head Coach: Luke Johnson

Assistant Coaches: Jake Upwood, Dan Kusinski, Seth Dvorak, John Barclay

PRO-NUN-SEE-AY-SHUNS

- 4. Cantu can-two
- 5. Maurer "Mauer"
- 8. Stevanovic Stuh-VON-uh-vitch
- 18. Meger MEE-grr
- 26. Cecchi check-ee
- 30. Raspolich rass-po-litch
- 44. Fauth "au" makes "ow" sound
- 47. Brueske bruss-key

COACHING STAFF



Luke JOHNSON

HEAD COACH

293-297 OVERALL RECORD
5 CCIW TOURNEY APPEARANCES IN
PAST 8 COMPLETE SEASONS

16TH SEASON AS HEAD COACH
THREE-TIME CCIW COACH OF THE YEAR

Johnson has engineered a revitalization of the North Park baseball program. The 16th-year head coach has turned the 1-39 College Conference of Illinois & Wisconsin (CCIW) basement-dwelling club of 2005 into a program that has garnered attention on the conference and national level. On his watch, the Vikings have become a CCIW postseason tournament team, earned spots in both the regional and national rankings, won CCIW titles, and competed in the NCAA tournament.

Johnson's players appear throughout the career and single season record books. They've fared well on the CCIW level with 50 of his players being named to the All-CCIW squad. Additionally, Johnson's Vikings have earned two CCIW "Pitcher of the Year" awards and one CCIW "Newcomer of the Year" nod.

On the national level, 27 players have been selected to the Rawlings/ABCA All Central Region team, with two ABCA All-American award winners, four Rawlings National Gold Glove winners, and one Central Region "Pitcher of the Year" winner. Johnson's Vikings have included MLB draft picks and free-agent signees. For his efforts, Johnson has earned the CCIW "Coach of the Year" award three times (2006, 2011, 2012). His 293 wins are good for second all-time at NPU, and he is the fastest coach to reach 200 wins in the 100+ year history of the program.

As a player at Elmhurst College, Johnson set an NCAA record for consecutive times reaching base safely (all divisions), earned both All-CCIW First Team and Rawlings/ABCA All-Central Region honors as an outfielder, as well as a two-time Verizon/CoSIDA Academic All-Region honors as a student. He still holds places in the career record book in a number of Elmhurst career and single season offensive categories. He holds degrees from Elmhurst (BA-Physical Education) and North Central (MLS-Leadership Studies).

Johnson and his wife, Kelli, are the parents of three children; Jacob, Brady, and Erin.



Jake UPWOOD

ASSOCIATE HEAD COACH

The 2020 season will be Coach Upwood's seventh as the pitching coach for the Vikings.

Upwood played collegiately at Ithaca College in New York from 1998-2002 under Hall of Fame coach George Valesente. As a member of the Bombers pitching staff, Upwood earned First Team All-Conference honors his sophomore and junior years as well as an Academic All-American nomination. He went on to play professionally as a member of the Gary Southshore Railcats and Lincoln Salt Dogs of the Northern League.

While a player in the minor league systems, Upwood also served as the pitching coach at Onondaga Community College in Syracuse New York from 2006-2011. He then moved on to serve as the pitching coach for the Railcats for two seasons where he helped lead the team to the 2013 American Association Championship. As the Railcats' pitching coach, Upwood had at least one starting pitcher finish in the league's top-ten in ERA as well as earning top-five team records in wins, ERA and WHIP (walks, plus hits, plus innings pitched) under his tutelage. He also had one player's contract purchased by a Major League team and his pitching staff led the postseason in every category.

His time at North Park has seen a continuation of the upward trajectory of the development of the pitching staff. Upwood has led staffs that have thrown strikes consistently, shown durability, and continued to display a knack for pitch-making. Upwood's work with the 2015 staff saw considerable growth in a number of his pitchers. Their 92 walks as a staff (a paltry 2.37/nine innings) was the lowest in the CCIW, and their 12 complete games were the highest.

Upwood also handles Strength and Conditioning for the Viking program. He holds certification as a CSCS from the National Strength and Conditioning Association.

COACHING STAFF



Dan KUSINSKI ASSISTANT COACH

Dan Kusinski joins the Viking staff for 2021, bringing a wealth of baseball experience to North Park.

Kusinski has spent time at every level of college baseball. His longest stop was from 1999-2011 when he was the head baseball coach at NJCAA member College of DuPage. In that time, COD won 3 conference championships and 1 regional title. His teams also were routinely ranked in the NJCAA poll from 2001-2005. Kusinski was honored as "Coach of the Year" by both Diamond Sports and Louisville Slugger in 2001 and 2002, was the N4C "Coach of the Year" in 2001, 2002, and 2005, the NJCAA Region IV "Coach of the Year". In 2011, Kusinski was named the IHSBCA "Les Miller Man of the Year".

From 1996-1998 Kusinski worked at the NCAA Division I level as an assistant coach at the University of Illinois-Chicago. As the pitching coach, 4 pitchers were selected in the MLB draft in his three seasons. From 1991-1995, Kusinski was the head coach at Truman College where multiple players signed professional contracts in 5 seasons. From 1988-1990, he was an assistant at Northeastern Illinois University, where he was part of a coaching staff that transitioned from NAIA to NCAA Division II and NCAA Division I. He has also spent time as an associate scout with both the White Sox and the Angels.

Kusinski is a guidance counselor at Saint Patrick High School, where he has been the head baseball coach since 2012.



Seth DVORAK GRAD. ASSISTANT COACH

The 2021 season will be the third for Coach Dvorak.

Dvorak earned American Baseball Coaches Association (ABCA) Second Team All-Region honors his senior year after batting .346 with seven homers, 50 runs, 62 hits, and 99 total bases. The Elmhurst, Ill. native also slugged 14 doubles, stole 11 bases, and marked 132 assists as a shortstop. He led the Vikings with 18 multi-hit games, carried a 10-game hitting streak, and reached base 17-straight times.

In a standout performance against UW-Stout, Dvorak went 3-for-4 at the plate with five runs scored, four RBI, two doubles, and assisted on six plays from shortstop. He also had two games where he totaled four hits - both against North Central College on May 4 and May 5.

Additionally, Dvorak was a two-time All-College Conference of Illinois & Wisconsin (CCIW) selection (2017, 2018) as an infielder.

Dvorak graduated from North Park in 2018 with a business degree and is currently pursuing a master's degree from NPU.



John BARCLAY ASSISTANT COACH

The 2021 season will be Coach Barclay's first year as Assistant Pitching Coach/ Bullpen Coach at North Park.

Barclay drew national attention and earned a roster spot playing under former Frontier League Head Coach, and now San Francisco Giants' player development coach; Jeremiah Knackstedt in the historic Tidewater collegiate baseball league in the summer of 2017. where Barclay, as a left-handed pitcher represented one of a handful of NCAA Division III players competing against primarily Division I athletes.

Barclay's battles with every type of adversity in the game represents one of the biggest strengths he brings with him into the beginning of his coaching career after suffering career-ending back surgery in October of 2018. Before coming on staff for the Vikings, Barclay was an assistant coach at his alma mater: Coon Rapids High School and was a head coach and pitching instructor at the prestigious Minnesota Blizzard Baseball Academy; one of the most successful Midwest high school club baseball programs in developing college and professional level baseball players.



THE
RETURNERS

JAKE REINHARDT

ALL-CCIW & ALL-REGION PICK IN 2019

22 CAREER EXTRA BASE HITS

1.372 OPS IN 2020

47 RUNS SCORED IN 2019



RANKO STEVANOVIC

ALL-CCIW & ALL-REGION PICK IN 2019

69 HITS IN 2019

22 MULTI-HIT GAMES IN 2019



JARED CANTU

RAWLINGS GOLD GLOVE RECIPIENT IN 2019

SECOND TEAM ALL-CCIW IN 2017

57 HITS IN 2017, 44 HITS IN 2019



ETHAN SUND

FIRST TEAM ALL-CCIW IN 2019

1.95 CAREER ERA

2020: 1 ER ALLOWED IN 19 IP

86 CAREER K'S



Tyler BANKS 24

RHP 6-3 / 185lbs Junior

Littleton, Colorado
Arapahoe High School

***2020:** Started three games on the mound for the Vikings, tossing 12.2 innings ... Struck out 14 batters ... Worked six innings and struck out seven batters against Dubuque (3/8).

2019: Appeared in 15 games and made three starts on the mound ... Led the Vikings' pitching staff with seven wins ... Tossed 45 innings with 38 strikeouts ... Pitched a season-high seven innings in an 8-6 win over Carroll (4/2) ... Fanned nine batters in five innings in a 9-7 win over No. 1 Concordia-Chicago (4/23).

**season cut short due to the COVID-19 pandemic*



Bobby BARTLETT 34

LHP/1B/OF 5-11 / 160lbs Sophomore

Winfield, Illinois
West Chicago High School

***2020:** Showcased a solid freshman campaign as a two-way player ... Appeared in nine games and made eight starts for the Vikings ... Collected six hits in 23 at-bats, good for a .261 batting average ... Scored five runs and drove in two ... Posted an on-base percentage of .320 ... Marked a two-hit performance against Webster (2/29) ... Made two appearances on the mound, carrying a team third-best 3.60 ERA ... Struck out 11 batters against 10 hits, facing 46 batters ... Surrendered just three hits while striking out five batters in 6.1 innings of shutout work against Rhode Island College (3/9) ... Held a .985 fielding percentage with eight assists.

**season cut short due to the COVID-19 pandemic*



Jared CANTU 4

OF 6-0 / 195lbs Senior

Loves Park, Illinois
Belvidere North High School

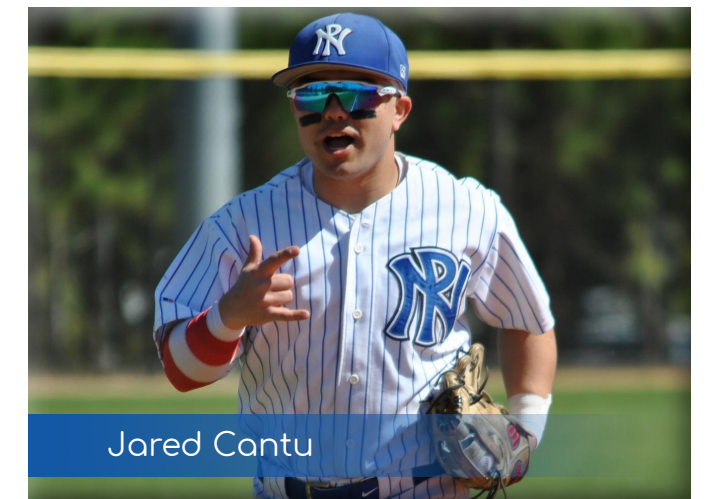
***2020:** Was one of the top hitters, cracking the top three in nearly every offensive category as the Vikings' every day center fielder ... Led the offense with 14 runs scored, four doubles, and eight walks ... Marked team second-bests in batting average (.400), slugging percentage (.500), on-base percentage (.510), hits (16), total bases (20), and stolen bases (3) ... Plated five runners ... Tallied four multi-hit games, including a perfect 4-for-4 trip to the plate at No. 4 Birmingham Southern (2/22) ... Reached base in all five plate appearances against Birmingham Southern ... Had at least one hit in 10 of 12 games ... Ended the season on an 11-game on-base streak ... Played a perfect center field, maintaining a 1.000 fielding percentage with 27 putouts.

2019: Named to the [ABCA/Rawlings Division III Gold Glove Team](#) ... Played and started in 40 games ... Carried a slash line .263/.364/.323 ... Notched 12 games of two hits or more ... Picked up extra-base hit against Northwestern (Minn.) (3/11) ... Drove in a season-high two runs against Spalding (2/16) and Northwestern (Minn.) ... Totaled a team second-best ... Stole a team third-best 10 bases out of 13 chances ... Registered 123 putouts, three assists, and only committed one error for a team-best fielding percentage of .992.

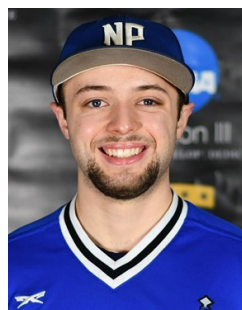
2018: Played in eight games, all starts, marking eight hits and six runs scored ... Season was cut short due to injury, forcing a red-shirt season.

2017: Named a [Second Team All-CCIW](#) selection as an outfielder ... Saw action in 38 games, all starts ... Carried a slash line of .352/.441/.389 ... Struck out just eight times in 162 at-bats ... Scored 37 runs, drew 17 walks, and nine hit-by-pitches ... Marked 57 hits, four doubles, and a triple while driving in 13 runners ... Stole 21 bases and carried a perfect 1.000 fielding percentage (100 putouts).

**season cut short due to the COVID-19 pandemic*



Jared Cantu



Nick CECCHI 26

Catcher 5-11 / 160lbs Junior

Montgomery, Illinois
Oswego High School

***2020:** Appeared and started in 10 games behind the plate ... Tallied six hits in 24 at-bats, good for a .250 batting average ... Scored two runs and drove in one ... Drew two walks and a hit-by-pitch, contributing to a .333 on-base percentage ... Had a two-hit performance with an RBI against No. 21 Concordia-Chicago (3/1) ... Held a .988 fielding percentage with 10 assists and 70 putouts ... Nabbed four would-be base stealers.

2019: Played in two games, totaling five putouts behind the plate.



Brandon DAVIS 14

OF 6-0 / 180lbs Senior

Las Vegas, Nevada
Faith Lutheran HS / Allan Hancock College

***2020:** Started in all 12 games for the Vikings ... Tallied nine hits in 39 at-bats, good for a .231 batting average ... Drove a triple, scored four runs, and drove in two runners ... Swiped five bases ... Totaled three multi-hit performances ... Went 2-for-3 with a run scored and a triple against Mount Union (3/7) ... Went 2-for-4 with a run scored and a pair of stolen bases against No. 21 Concordia-Chicago (3/1) ... Maintained a perfect 1.000 fielding percentage with 24 putouts and an outfield assist.

2019: Played in 34 games making 33 starts in the outfield ... Carried a slash line of .294/.368/.403 ... Marked two home runs and drove in 22 runners ... Totaled 35 hits including marking 10 games of two or more hits ... Batted in four runs against Carroll (4/2) ... Notched 74 putouts and had a fielding percentage of .963.

2018: Appeared in 26 games while making 3 starts ... Scored 6 runs and picked up 5 hits, including a double, in 18 at-bats ... Also made 12 putouts and held an on-base percentage of .350.

2017: Attended Allan Hancock College in Santa Maria, California.

**season cut short due to the COVID-19 pandemic*



Elias ESPLING 21

MIF 6-1 / 175lbs Sophomore

Stockholm, Sweden
Leksand Gymnasium

***2020:** Did not see varsity action.

**season cut short due to the COVID-19 pandemic*



Tim FAUTH 44

1B 6-3 / 220lbs Senior

Elk Grove, Illinois
Conant High School / Harper CC

***2020:** Appeared in three games and saw four at-bats for the Vikings ... Had an assist while maintaining a 1.000 fielding percentage.

**season cut short due to the COVID-19 pandemic*



Brandon Davis



Adam GIN 39

OF 5-10 / 170lbs Sophomore

San Jose, California
Abraham Lincoln High School

***2020:** Did not see varsity action.

**season cut short due to the COVID-19 pandemic*



Julian GONZALEZ 42

RHP 6-3 / 240lbs Senior

Chicago, Illinois
DePaul Prep High School

***2020:** Had a three-inning appearance on the mound at Webster (2/29) ... Struck out a batter and allowed no hits in three innings of shutout relief.

2019: Redshirted to due injury.

2018: Marked two relief appearances, worked a total of 0.2 innings ... Allowed no hits and no runs scored in seven batters faced.

2017: Totaled four relief appearances in five innings pitched ... two strikeouts and three walks in 24 batters faced ... Picked up a win against Carroll University (5/1).

**season cut short due to the COVID-19 pandemic*



Frank KALEMBA 27

RHP/3B 6-0 / 185lbs Sophomore

Chicago, Ill.
Jones College Prep High School

***2020:** Appeared in two games, making one appearance as a pitcher ... Collected a hit against No. 4 Birmingham Southern (2/23) ... Worked two-thirds of an inning on the mound at No. 11 Webster (2/29), striking out a batter.

**season cut short due to the COVID-19 pandemic*



Julian LEDEZMA 32

RHP 5-11 / 220lbs Sophomore

Steger, Illinois
DePaul Prep High School

***2020:** Came out of the bullpen in a pair of games for the Vikings ... Worked three innings and struck out a pair of batters ... Allowed just one run in three innings of relief work against No. 4 Birmingham Southern.

**season cut short due to the COVID-19 pandemic*



Zach LINGK 35

RHP/OF/1B 6-5 / 205lbs Sophomore

Golden, Colorado
Ralston Valley High School

***2020:** Appeared in one game at No. 4 Birmingham Southern (2/22) ... Went 1-for-4 with two RBIs and a double ... Collected five putouts and no errors at first base.

**season cut short due to the COVID-19 pandemic*



Daniel MARION 1

OF 5-8 / 205lbs Sophomore

Aurora, Illinois
West Aurora High School

***2020:** Appeared in a pair of games, marking three at-bats.

**season cut short due to the COVID-19 pandemic*



Brad MAURER 5

OF 5-11 / 175lbs Senior

Lake in the Hills, Illinois
Huntley High School

***2020:** Appeared in one game at No. 4 Birmingham Southern before his season was ended due to an injury. Made one putout in the outfield.

2019: Played in 24 games making nine starts ... Marked 14 hits in 44 at-bats ... Carried a slash line of .318/.464/.500 ... Slugged a home run against Millikin (4/27) ... Knocked in seven RBIs ... Produced five doubles and scored 11 runs ... Had 13 putouts in 13 chances.

2018: Appeared in 13 games including seven starts ... Picked up six hits, a double, and a triple in 32 at-bats ... Started in all four games of the CCIW Tournament, going 2-4 with a triple and two RBIs against North Central on May 10.

**season cut short due to the COVID-19 pandemic*



Jeremy MEGER 18

RHP 6-0 / 155lbs Senior

Niles, Illinois
Niles West High School

***2020:** Appeared in one game as a pinch runner at No. 4 Birmingham Southern (2/23).

2019: Made one appearance against Augustana (3/30).

2018: Did not see varsity action.

**season cut short due to the COVID-19 pandemic*



Logan Peters



Ryan MORITSUGU 11

OF 5-9 / 175lbs Sophomore

Honolulu, Hawaii
Hawaii Baptist High School

***2020:** Appeared in five games and made a pair of starts for the Vikings ... Drove a pair of hits in six at-bats, including a pinch-hit double at No. 4 Birmingham Southern (2/22) ... Drew a pair of walks and a hit-by-pitch, contributing to a .556 on-base percentage.

2019: Made lone appearance against Elmhurst (5/4) scoring one run with a stolen base.

**season cut short due to the COVID-19 pandemic*



Logan PETERS 13

OF/LHP 5-8 / 160lbs Junior

Ft. Pierce, Florida
Lincoln Park Academy High School

***2020:** Appeared and started in all 12 games for the Vikings ... Posted team third-bests in batting average (.300), on-base percentage (.404), hits (12), total bases (12), and runs scored (10) ... Drove in five runners ... Drew six walks and a hit-by-pitch ... Swiped a pair of bases and dropped down a pair of sac bunts ... Saw a pair of multi-hit games: a 3-for-4 showing against UW-Oshkosh (2/29) and a 2-for-5 day in the Vikings' final game against Penn St. - Abington (3/13) ... Finished the season on a seven-game on-base streak ... Carried a .909 fielding percentage with an outfield assist ... Also marked two relief appearances, both one-third of an inning, surrendering no runs.

2019: Played in 12 games for the Vikings making three starts ... Recorded one hit in 12 at-bats ... Stole a base against North Central (4/6) ... Drove in two runs against North Central ... Made three relief appearances on the mound pitching three total innings ... Struck out a career-high five batters against Geneva (3/16).

**season cut short due to the COVID-19 pandemic*



Jake REINHARDT 3

SS 5-10 / 185lbs Senior

Princeton, Illinois
Princeton High School / Augustana College

***2020:** Was on his way to a truly special season before it was cut short ... Led the Vikings in nearly every offensive category, including: batting average (.477), slugging percentage (.841), on-base percentage (.531), hits (21), runs batted in (18), triples (1), home runs (4), total bases (37), and stolen bases (5) ... Scored 11 runs and drove a pair of doubles ... Led the Vikings with six multi-hit games ... Also had a three-hit performance vs Cornell College (3/12) ... Went a perfect 5-for-5 with three RBIs and a double against No. 21 Concordia Chicago (3/1) ... Received CCIW and D3baseball.com Team of the Week honors on March 17 - slugged three home runs and drove in nine runners in just two games ... Reached base in all 12 games, ending the season on a nine-game hitting streak ... Carried a .914 fielding percentage with 36 assists and 17 putouts as the Vikings' every day shortstop.

2019: Named a [Third Team D3baseball.com All-Central Region](#) selection and [Third Team ABCA/Rawlings All-Central Region](#) selection ... Garnered [All-CCIW First Team](#) honors ... Started and played in 40 games for the Vikings in the middle infield ... Slugged two home runs, 11 doubles, and two triples ... Carried a slash line of .345/.404/.473 ... Marked a season high four hits against Carroll (4/2) ... Notched 17 games of two hits or more ... Totaled a team second-best 34 RBIs ... Led the Vikings and was third in the CCIW with 47 runs scored ... Gathered a team second-best 78 total bases and 11 stolen bases ... Turned 14 double plays, had 108 assists, and carried a fielding percentage of .959 ... In the 2019 CCIW Tournament, Reinhardt was 6-for-18 with three RBIs and two runs scored, all while committing no errors ... Had at least one hit in all but five games.

**season cut short due to the COVID-19 pandemic*



Jake Reinhardt



Brendan RUSS 17

RHP 6-2 / 200lbs Senior

Villa Park, Illinois
Illinois Central Catholic High School

***2020:** Made five appearances out of the NPU bullpen ... Maintained a team second-best 3.12 ERA, holding opposing batters to a team second-best .216 batting average ... Struck out seven batters in eight and two-thirds innings pitched ... Picked up a save against No. 21 Concordia-Chicago (3/1), striking out four batters in a three-inning, one-hit shutout relief appearance.

2019: Appeared in nine games out of the bullpen for the Vikings ... Worked 11.1 innings with six strikeouts ... Struck out a season-high two batters against Benedictine (5/5) and Illinois Wesleyan (5/10).

2018: Made four relief appearances, totaling 6.2 innings of work ... Struck out four batters.

**season cut short due to the COVID-19 pandemic*



Richie SILVA 10

MIF 5-10 / 195lbs Senior

Miami, Florida
Cooper City High School

***2020:** Appeared in 10 games, making a pair of starts ... Drove a pinch-hit double against Rhode Island College (3/9) ... Maintained a .963 fielding percentage with four assists and 22 putouts.

2019: Appeared in 25 games making 15 starts ... Carried a slash line of .200/.292/.236 ... Marked 11 hits in 55 at-bats ... Drove in 11 runs including three against DePauw (2/24) ... Held a .963 fielding percentage in the middle infield.

2018: Played in 17 games, all starts ... Carried a slash line of .200/.290/.236 with two doubles, six RBIs, and eight runs scored in 55 at-bats ... Fielded at a .952 clip with 47 assists while turning eight double plays.

**season cut short due to the COVID-19 pandemic*



Ranko STEVANOVIC 8

3B/C 6-1 / 205lbs Senior

Chicago, Illinois
Notre Dame High School / Triton CC / SIU-C

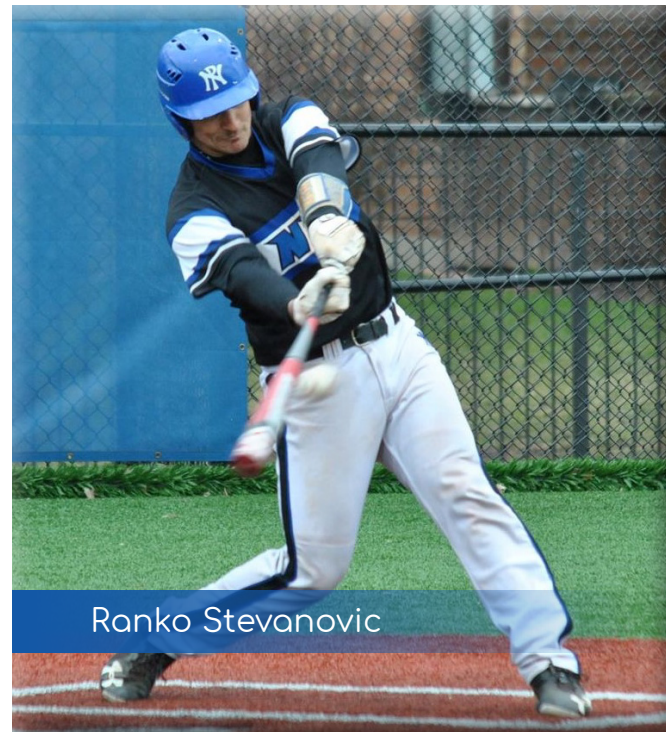
***2020:** Appeared in one game at No. 4 Birmingham Southern (2/21) before his season was cut short due to injury.

2019: Named a **Third Team ABCA/Rawlings All-Central Region** selection and a **Second Team All-CCIW** selection ... Played and started in all 42 games for the Vikings ... Led the CCIW with 69 hits ... Hit .377 and was tied for the team lead with 36 RBIs ... Led the team with hits accounting for 86 total bases ... Marked 21 multi-hit games, including three games with four hits ... Marked 13 doubles and three triples ... Slugged .470 and had an on-base percentage of .393 ... Tallied a hit in all but six games ... Carried a 17-game hitting streak during the season ... Totaled 10 multi-RBI games.

2018: Attended Triton College in River Grove, Illinois.

2017: Attended Southern Illinois University of Carbondale.

**season cut short due to the COVID-19 pandemic*



Ranko Stevanovic



Ethan SUND 33

RHP 6-4 / 220lbs Senior

Huntley, Illinois
Huntley High School

***2020:** Showcased three dominant starts, allowing just one earned run in 19 innings of work ... Led the Viking staff in ERA (0.47), opponent's batting average (.169), wins (3), and batters struck out (24) ... Did not allow a single extra-base hit ... Walked only three batters against 24 strikeouts ... His best performance of the season, earning him **CCIW Pitcher of the Week** honors (3/10), arrived against Mount Union (3/7) ... In the seven-inning shutout start against Mount Union, he struck out 11 batters, allowed just four hits, and walked only one.

2019: Named a **First Team All-CCIW** selection ... Tossed 30-straight innings without surrendering an earned run from March 10 through April 16 ... Carried a 0.98 ERA in 54.1 innings while holding opponents to a batting average of .169 in CCIW games, which were both league bests ... Worked a complete-game shutout with 10 strikeouts in the CCIW Tournament against Wheaton (5/10) ... Appeared in 16 games making three starts ... Finished with a 5-2 record ... Struck out a team-leading 55 batters.

2018: Marked a pair of relief appearances, totaling 1.1 innings.

**season cut short due to the COVID-19 pandemic*



Ethan Sund



Justin WOOLBRIGHT 6

1B/3B/RHP 6-0 / 230lbs Senior

Rockford, Illinois
Rockford Lutheran High School / Quincy Univ.

***2020:** Started in all 12 games as a two-way player ... Collected six hits, including a double ... Drove home a team second-best seven runners ... Drew four walks a three hit-by-pitches ... Scored two runs ... Had two multi-hit games: a 2-for-4 day against Dubuque (3/8) and a 2-for-3 day against Cornell (3/12) ... Tallied 19 assists and four putouts at third base ... Tossed 9.2 innings, grabbing both a win and a save, on the mound ... Struck out six batters and did not allow an extra-base hit ... Had a pair of two-inning shutout relief appearances: against UW-Oshkosh (2/29) and Dubuque.

2019: Played in 38 games for the Vikings making 34 starts ... Made 14 appearances on the mound with eight starts ... Carried a slash line of .330/.445/.454 ... Marked 10 extra-base hits including eight doubles and two triples ... Drove in 17 runners, including a three-RBI game against Carthage (4/16) ... Notched seven games with two or more hits ... Went 4-4 with a 4.96 ERA on the mound ... Worked 52.2 innings and had a team third-best 39 strikeouts against only 19 walks ... Fanned six batters against Elmhurst (5/4) ... Saved three games on the mound ... Had at least one hit in all but three games ... Ended the season on a team-leading 18-game hitting streak and 24-game reached-base streak.

2018: Appeared in 41 games, all starts ... Carried a slash line of .245/.364/.305 with three doubles, two homers, 25 RBIs, and 19 runs scored ... Drew 18 walks and 12 hit-by-pitches ... Fielded at a .905 clip with 83 assists from third base ... Also pitched, carrying a 2-2 record ... Marked 14 appearances on the mound and four starts, totaling 36.1 innings of work ... Carried a 3.90 ERA in CCIW play with a pair of saves.

2017: Attended Quincy University

**season cut short due to the COVID-19 pandemic*



Jim ZAY 12

INF 6-0 / 180lbs Sophomore

Carol Stream, Illinois
Glenbard North High School

***2020:** Started in all but one game for the Vikings ... Marked four hits and drove in one runner ... Scored one run ... Drew two walks and a hit-by-pitch ... Picked up first hit of his career at No. 4 Birmingham Southern (2/23) ... Marked 16 assists and 10 putouts as an infielder.

**season cut short due to the COVID-19 pandemic*



Justin Woolbright

VIKING BASEBALL



THE
NEWCOMERS



**Isaac
BELL 36**

RHP 6-2 / 175lbs Freshman

Austin, Texas
IMG Academy High School



**Brian
GARTRELL 29**

RHP 5-11 / 190lbs Junior

University of Colorado - Denver



**Carson
BLATCHFORD 28**

OF 6-2 / 200lbs Freshman

Bellvidere, Illinois
Belvidere North High School



**Kenneth
LaVEAU 37**

OF 5-10 / 170lbs Freshman

Chicago, Illinois
St. Patrick High School



**Brett
BRUESKE 47**

LHP 6-2 / 200lbs Junior

St. Charles, Illinois
St. Charles East High School / Elgin CC



**Liam
MURRAY 48**

INF 5-8 / 170lbs Junior

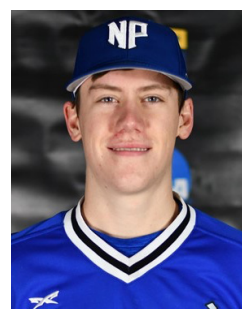
Erie, Colorado
Fairview High School / Trinity International



**Mason
CARLISLE 19**

OF/LHP 5-10 / 170lbs Freshman

Woodstock, Illinois
Woodstock North High School



**Jeff
MUSTARI 23**

INF 6-2 / 185lbs Junior

Des Plaines, Illinois
Maine West High School / Oakton CC



**Cole
FIORENZA 16**

C/OF 5-11 / 185lbs Freshman

Libertyville, Illinois
Libertyville High School



**Ethan
RASPOLICH 30**

INF 5-10 / 170lbs Freshman

Plainfield, Illinois
Plainfield East High School



Joe SCHAFFER 20

OF 6-0 / 180lbs Freshman

Carol Stream, Illinois
Wheaton Academy High School



Griffin SELF 43

Catcher 6-0 / 185lbs Freshman

Henry, Illinois
Henry-Senachwine High School



Justin SWANSON 38

INF 5-10 / 195lbs Freshman

Johnson Creek, Illinois
Johnson Creek High School



Mason CARLISLE 19

OF/LHP 5-10 / 170lbs Freshman

Woodstock, Illinois
Woodstock North High School



Conner WOODS 45

Catcher 5-10 / 195lbs Freshman

Indianapolis, Indiana
Perry Meridian High School



2021 SEASON SCHEDULE

Month	Date	Opponent	Location	Time
MARCH	12	@ Dominican (DH)	Schaumburg, IL	Noon / 3:00 PM
	13	@ Dominican (DH)	Schaumburg, IL	Noon / 3:00 PM
	16	@ Illinois Wesleyan *	Bloomington, IL	3:00 PM
	18	CONCORDIA (IL)	Chicago, IL	2:30 PM
	20	MILLIKIN * (DH)	Chicago, IL	1:00 / 4:00 PM
	21	@ Millikin *	Decatur, IL	1:00 PM
	24	@ North Central *	Naperville, IL	1:00 PM
	27	AUGUSTANA * (DH)	Chicago, IL	1:00 / 4:00 PM
	28	@ Augustana *	Rock Island, IL	1:00 PM
	APRIL	2	ILLINOIS WESLEYAN * (DH)	Chicago, IL
3		@ Illinois Wesleyan *	Bloomington, IL	1:00 PM
6		WHEATON *	Chicago, IL	3:00 PM
10		CARROLL * (DH)	Chicago, IL	1:00 / 4:00 PM
11		@ Carroll *	Waukesha, WI	1:00 PM
14		@ Augustana *	Rock Island, IL	3:00 PM
17		@ Elmhurst * (DH)	Elmhurst, IL	1:00 / 4:00 PM
18		ELMHURST *	Chicago, IL	1:00 PM
20		@ Carthage *	Kenosha, WI	3:00 PM
23		WHEATON *	Chicago, IL	6:00 PM
24		@ Wheaton * (DH)	Carol Stream, IL	1:00 / 4:00 PM
27		@ Benedictine	Lisle, IL	6:00 PM
28		@ Millikin *	Decatur, IL	5:00 PM
29	@ Concordia (IL)	River Forest, IL	3:00 PM	
MAY	1	CARTHAGE * (DH)	Chicago, IL	4:00 / 7:00 PM
	2	@ Carthage *	Kenosha, WI	1:00 PM
	3	BENEDICTINE	Chicago, IL	6:00 PM
	12	@ Carroll *	Waukesha, WI	1:00 PM
	14	@ North Central *	Naperville, IL	3:00 PM
	15	NORTH CENTRAL * (DH)	Chicago, IL	1:00 / 4:00 PM

CAPS denotes home game
(*) indicates CCIW opponent

2020 SEASON SCHEDULE & RESULTS (5-7)

Month	Date	Opponent	Location	Result
FEBRUARY	21	@ #4 Birmingham Southern	Birmingham, AL	L, 8-2
	22	@ #4 Birmingham Southern	Birmingham, AL	L, 11-5
	23	@ #4 Birmingham Southern	Birmingham, AL	L, 9-1
	29	UW-Oshkosh	St. Louis, MO	W, 2-1
	29	@ #11 Webster	St. Louis, MO	L, 11-1
MARCH	1	#21 Concordia (IL)	St. Louis, MO	W, 6-2
	7	Mount Union (DH)	Auburndale, FL	L, 4-3 / W 9-0
	8	Dubuque	Auburndale, FL	W, 7-5
	9	Rhode Island	Auburndale, FL	L, 3-1
	12	Cornell	Winter Haven, FL	W, 11-1
	13	Penn State Abington	Auburndale, FL	L, 6-7

ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM



ASSISTANT VP – ATHLETICS & SPORT MANAGEMENT

FOUR-TIME CCIW COACH OF THE YEAR
ESTABLISHED SPORT MANAGEMENT PROGRAM
AT NORTH PARK UNIVERSITY

2017 NATIONAL COACH OF THE YEAR
BROUGHT 2017 TEAM TO
NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP MATCH

John Born transitioned from 20-year Head Men's Soccer Coach to Assistant Vice President for Athletics and Sport Management in the summer of 2019. Since then, Born has had a direct impact on the Athletics branding and marketing upgrades made on the campus of North Park University.

**John
BORN**

As a coach, Born took over a North Park team that, before his arrival, had won only one game in 1998. Under his direction, the program has had 18 consecutive winning seasons, captured five CCIW titles, achieved regional rankings from 2001-2014 and was ranked nationally 2005-2012, and yet again in 2017 and 2018. He has coached 85 All-CCIW players, 49 All-Region selections, 12 All-Americans and 4 CCIW Players of the Year. His players have also had the distinct honor of being selected "North Park Athlete of the Year" ten times under his tenure.

Born concluded his impactful coaching career with a record of 234-104-37. He has been named Coach of the Year in the CCIW (2004, 2005, 2010, and 2017) and the Lake Michigan Conference (1996). Born was also named the Central Region Coach of the Year and National Coach of the Year by D3soccer.com in 2017 after leading his team to a national runner-up finish. The historic run ended with a season record of 20-2-2, including a CCIW title and CCIW tournament title.

Born has also been instrumental in establishing a sport management concentration for undergraduate students in the School of Business and Non-Profit Management.

At Milwaukee School of Engineering, Born showed his ability to lift a program from the depths. Born started at MSOE with a team that finished 1-12-1 in his first season, and steadily built the program. Displaying marked improvement over a four-year stretch, Born's 1998 team posted a 13-5-2 record in his final season at MSOE.

Prior to becoming a head coach, Born earned his bachelor's degree from Concordia University of Wisconsin and a Master of Science in Sport Management from the University of Richmond. While playing on a nationally ranked NAIA team at Concordia, Born was honored as a team captain, team MVP, All-Lake Michigan Conference, NSCAA All-Midwest Region pick, and an NSCAA All-American Scholar Athlete.

He and his wife, Jennifer, reside in Golf, Ill.



**Susan
ZIMMER**

ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS – COMPLIANCE & RENTALS

Susan Zimmer has served as the associate athletic director and athletic facilities director at North Park University since 2006. Her

responsibilities include compliance, facility rentals, and overseeing the general operations of the 68,000-square-foot Helwig Recreation Center that opened in the fall of 2006. Zimmer also served as the head volleyball coach at North Park from 1997-2005 and achieved a 129-203 overall record during her tenure.

Zimmer earned a bachelor's degree from Illinois Wesleyan University, where she was a four-year letter winner in volleyball and softball. She was honored as a team captain, team MVP, All-Conference selection in both sports, and selected into the Order of the Titans. Zimmer received a master of arts in education from Saint Xavier University and a MBA from North Park University.

ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM



**Luke
JOHNSON**

ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS & HEAD BASEBALL COACH

Johnson has engineered a revitalization of the North Park baseball program. The 16th-year head coach has turned the 1-39 College Conference of Illinois & Wisconsin (CCIW) basement-dwelling club of 2005 into a program that has garnered attention on the conference and national level. On his watch, the Vikings have become a CCIW postseason tournament team, earned spots in both the regional and national rankings, won CCIW titles, and competed in the NCAA tournament.

Johnson's players appear throughout the career and single season record books. They've fared well on the CCIW level with 50 of his players being named to the All-CCIW squad. Additionally, Johnson's Vikings have earned two CCIW "Pitcher of the Year" awards and one CCIW "Newcomer of the Year" nod.

On the national level, 27 players have been selected to the Rawlings/ABCA All Central Region team, with two ABCA All-American award winners, four Rawlings National Gold Glove winners, and one Central Region "Pitcher of the Year" winner. Johnson's Vikings have included MLB draft picks and free-agent signees. For his efforts, Johnson has earned the CCIW "Coach of the Year" award three times (2006, 2011, 2012). His 293 wins are good for second all-time at NPU, and he is the fastest coach to reach 200 wins in the 100+ year history of the program.

The accolades for his teams are not strictly baseball related, however. The Vikings have also seen an equally impressive elevation in their academic performance. Their team grade point average has steadily risen to consistently over a 3.0. This hard work has culminated with a multitude of Academic All-CCIW team members, multiple prestigious CCIW Jack Swartz academic award winners, five Capital One/CoSIDA Academic All-District selections, and one Capital One/CoSIDA Academic All-American award. For the last three years, the Vikings have also earned the ABCA team academic award.

As a player at Elmhurst College, Johnson set an NCAA record for consecutive times reaching base safely (all divisions), earned both All-CCIW First Team and Rawlings/ABCA All-Central Region honors as an outfielder, as well as a two-time Verizon/CoSIDA Academic All-Region honors as a student. He still holds places in the career record book in a number of Elmhurst career and single season offensive categories. He holds degrees from Elmhurst (BA-Physical Education) and North Central (MLS-Leadership Studies).

Johnson and his wife, Kelli, are the parents of three children; Jacob, Brady, and Erin.



**Tyler
WOOLBRIGHT**

SPORTS INFORMATION DIRECTOR & GAMEDAY MANAGEMENT ADMINISTRATOR

Tyler Woolbright enters his third year as the Sports Information Director at North Park University.

As the head of sports information and game day management, Woolbright oversees all intercollegiate sports affiliated with North Park University. The sports information department oversees the production and dissemination of statistics, game day programs, rosters, media guides, player/coach bios, website design, sports photography, live streaming, student workers, part-time workers, and pre/post-game stories. Additionally, Woolbright is in charge of all North Park University Athletics social media accounts.

Since stepping into the position, Woolbright has spearheaded the revitalization of NPU Athletics social media accounts. The NPU Athletics Twitter account has grown from 112 to 1,397 followers, Instagram has grown from 79 to 1,234 followers, and Facebook has grown from ~200 to 1,541 "likes". Additionally, Woolbright has implemented the use of Facebook live streaming for all of North Park's home athletics events. These streaming improvements have increased the traffic of online viewership for NPU fans and beyond, as live streaming views have skyrocketed from, on average, 430 views per session to 1,040.

During the 2019-20 academic year, directed by a rebranding initiative from first-year Director of Athletics, John Born, Woolbright was in charge of updating and redesigning Athletics branding throughout campus. The project is currently ongoing, with the first installation of hallway wall graphics installed in Carlson Tower during the spring of 2020.

Woolbright played baseball at North Park from 2013-2017 under current head baseball coach Luke Johnson. A mainstay in the middle of the Vikings' lineup for a majority of his career, Woolbright belted nine home runs and 93 RBIs as a Viking. Woolbright's fifth year was his most prolific, as he led the team with seven home runs and 40 RBIs. His 40 RBIs placed him third overall in the CCIW for the 2017 season. The Rockford native ranks 17th all-time in career doubles (28), 20th in RBI (93), 33rd in home runs (9) and T-11th in sacrifice flies (9). He is also in the Vikings' single-season record books: 40th in at-bats (155), 26th in home runs (7), and 24th in RBI (40).

He currently resides in Kenosha, Wis. with his wife, Katelyn (C'15).