

## Talents on and off the Field Lead to Harvard Acceptance

By Danae Jarrett

Senior Buddy Hayward is quite the student athlete at NSU University School, recently announcing his acceptance into Harvard University. Buddy has been playing baseball since he was 5 years old and credits his passion for baseball to his Dad who was also an outstanding athlete.

Buddy is honored to be a member of the NSU University School Varsity Baseball team, ranked 7<sup>th</sup> in the nation by USA Today with a record of 17-0. He is proud of the team's growth and unity while utilizing their talents on the field.

As a student athlete at NSU University School, Buddy has appreciated the opportunity to take a rigorous course load while confidently succeeding as a three year varsity baseball player.

Some of his academic awards include: induction into the National Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta, and the Spanish Honor Society; George Washington University Book Award, School-wide Scholar Athlete, and Career Headmaster's Honor Roll. As a student athlete, Buddy has been awarded: NSU University School Scholar Athlete, Pitcher of the Year, Miami Herald and Sun Sentinel All County, Under Armour 2 time Pre Season All American, and Perfect Game All Tournament Team recognition.

"NSU University School has taught me that it is possible to do it all, and do it all well. Teachers will walk you through, even during the most challenging subjects," said Buddy.

In helping current and perspective student athletes who embrace the passion to succeed, Buddy advises, "Stay



Photo Credit: Ryan Kuttler

positive through the process; don't get discouraged by adverse situations; stay focused and persevere—it will all be worth it in the end."

With a humble heart, Buddy is grateful for his overall NSU University School experience. "USchool allowed me to accomplish more than I could imagine," said Buddy.

Buddy is thankful for his teachers and college counseling who have helped him through his journey at NSU University School.

Outside of school, Buddy enjoys working on personal finance and managing stock portfolios. His time doesn't end there, as he also serves his community through helping youth baseball teams.

With success on and off the field, Buddy looks forward to earning a four year degree at Harvard University in Applied Mathematics in addition to working on personal investment.