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Five BMCC baseball players to continue collegiate careers at four-year schools

PENDLETON, Ore. – Five Blue Mountain Community College baseball players have signed their National Letters of Intent to continue their collegiate athletic careers at four-year institutions.

Tate Spivey, a 3rd baseman from Kennewick, Wash., has signed to play at the College of Idaho. He led the Timberwolves last season in RBI (Runs Batted In) with 30, and hit three homeruns, tying for the team lead. He also led the team with three triples. Spivey graduated earlier this spring from BMCC with his Associate of Arts Oregon Transfer (AAOT) degree. He was voted Most Inspirational Player by his teammates.

Chase Labbe, a starting catcher for two years from Meridian, Idaho, has also signed with the College of Idaho. He was the lead-off hitter for both his years as a Timberwolf, and lead the team in walks for two seasons in a row, while also being one of the top defensive catchers in the Northwest Athletic Conference (NWAC). Labbe also graduated earlier this spring from BMCC with his AAOT, and received the NWAC Academic Excellence Award.

Rodney Scarver, a starting centerfielder from Prosser, Wash., has signed to play for Briar Cliff University in Sioux City, Iowa. He had two homeruns and 13 RBIs this season, and also received the NWAC Academic Excellence Award.

Matt Palmer, a starting outfielder from Palmer, Alaska, has signed to play for Waldorf University in Forest City, Iowa. His six doubles tied him for third on the T-Wolves team. He, too, earned an NWAC Academic Excellence Award and graduated earlier this year with his AAOT.

Nathan Pena, a pitcher from Meridian, Idaho, has also signed with the College of Idaho. He led the NWAC in appearances on the mound in 2016 and 2017, and led the T-Wolves in ERA this season. He recorded three wins and four saves this last season.

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“I’m extremely proud of all four of these individuals,” said BMCC Head Baseball Coach Brad Baker. “All four of them were hard workers, great people, great teammates, and good students at Blue Mountain. We will miss them here, but I am excited for their new opportunities.”

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