

TALENT PAYS FOR COLLEGE

Here are a few seniors who have been offered money to continue playing sports in college



GIRLS' SOCCER

Carli Bond
Saint Louis University
Approximately \$42,000 or full ride

Carli Bond is a center midfielder for the soccer team and has been since her freshman year. Growing up, Carli's natural talent allowed her to play for some of the best coaches and clubs in the state allowing her to gain the skill needed to acquire her full ride to Division I school, Saint Louis University.

Teammate Bailey North, whom Carli started her soccer career with on a team called Ironkids at age 7, is also getting a substantial amount of scholarship money to Division II school, Missouri Southern State. The girls have worked together to lead the Lady Knights to wins. Bailey has scored the most goals and Carli has the most assists.

"I think it's really cool that I got to start my youth career playing with Bailey and end it playing with Bailey," Carli said. "We've been really good friends since we were kids, it's exciting to see her continue her career because she's a really talented player."

This year, Carli has been a key player in set plays, taking almost all corners and free kicks. Along with her ability to place the ball in quality positions to create scoring opportunities on set plays, she has also had an immense impact on both the defensive and offensive side of the field. *(brief by kyleigh kristensen)*

GIRLS' GOLF

Maleya Schmidt
Missouri Valley College
Approximately \$12,000 or 1/2 of tuition

Schmidt has been playing golf for 5 years. She is planning on going into nursing for kids with cancer. She wants to keep going after college by coaching high school.

"I like the program, it's a newer program that they just got and I like the coach, the way he enforces the rules in practice," Schmidt said. "It will definitely be a big step but I think I'm ready." *(brief by alex shannon)*



BOYS' GOLF

A.J. Porter
Lindenwood University-Belleville
Approximately \$17,000 or 3/4 of tuition

A.J. has played for four years. He has a partial athletic and partial academic scholarship.

"I decided to go to this school because there was a ton of synergy between the coach and I," Porter said. "Things just seemed to line up in a God-given way. I'm not so much nervous as I am excited to get started with the next steps towards the main goal." *(brief by alex shannon)*

BASEBALL

Steven Deckard
Northwestern Oklahoma State
Approximately \$12,000 or 3/4 of tuition

Deckard has been playing baseball for 11 years. He plans on majoring in Mass Communication and minoring in Sports Management.

"It was the largest amount of money and the nicest school that I visited," Deckard said. "I'm not really that nervous, maybe about going to some place where I don't know anyone." *(brief by alex shannon)*



BOYS' FOOTBALL

DJ Curtis
University of Nebraska Kearney
Approximately \$22,000 or 3/4 of tuition

Curtis chose Nebraska because of the coaching staff, the campus and the fact that the school has the major he was looking for, pre-dentistry. His scholarship is 75 percent athletic and 25 percent academic.

"I'm looking forward to starting as a freshman and helping the team accomplish great goals." Curtis said. *(brief by emma pursley)*