

WISCONSIN VALLEY CONFERENCE STUDENT-ATHLETE SPOTLIGHT

Student Name: Parker Schmitt
SCHOOL: Wausau East High School
GRADE: 11



WVC SPORT(S): Boys Soccer, Boys Track & Field

FAVORITE CLASS: Chemistry

BEST ADVICE RECEIVED FROM A COACH: "Give more than what you get."

FAVORITE PLACE TO COMPETE AT IN THE WISCONSIN VALLEY CONFERENCE AND WHY?

Home because it's what I'm most familiar with.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS MEMORY: Rerunning the 300m hurdles during regionals my sophomore year.

WHAT TWO CHARACTERISTICS MAKE YOU A GOOD TEAMMATE OR LEADER: Courage and resilience.

COLLEGE OR POST HIGH SCHOOL PLANS: Attending culinary School

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE QUOTE: "Nothing is given, everything is earned" – LeBron James

BEST ADVICE YOU WERE GIVEN AS AN INCOMING FRESHMAN: "Never take yourself too seriously."

COACHES NOMINATING THOUGHTS: Parker has been having a great start to the 2025 track and field season. From our first day of practice in which each athlete competes against another in 8 different events ("The Octathlon"), Parker demonstrated that he is one of the best athletes in our building by winning the overall competition, posting very impressive results in the 30m fly and 150m dash. Each day at practice, Parker approaches everything from the warm-up to the workout to the cooldown pursuing excellence. Upon the conclusion of the indoor season, he posted the fastest times on the team in the 55m dash, 55 and 60m hurdles, and 200m dash, and was the lead off leg of the indoor conference championship 4x400m relay team with Kayden Meverden, Edmond Woods, and Charlie Cygan. As the outdoor season begins this week, I am excited to see him competing in perhaps his strongest event, the 300m hurdles.

