

Plainfield's Waldy Arias Signs National Letter of Intent with Campbell University

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Waldy Arias *Credits: Plainfield Public Schools*

PLAINFIELD, NJ - Waldy Arias, a senior at Plainfield High School, commemorated today with Plainfield school administrators and coaches, his recent signing of a National Letter of Intent to attend Campbell University of North Carolina, and play NCAA Division I baseball, with the Fighting Camels.

"Waldy," as he is best known at school, was voted top **Junior Infielder in New Jersey** last year in an **NJ.Com** poll with a record .466/.544/.602 hitter according to his coach Sean Radu. Radu said, "He (Waldy) is 4 hits away from being the first player in school history with 100 hits, 100 runs, and 100 stolen bases in his career.

"He has been an exceptional player with similar numbers in his sophomore and freshman years leading the state of New Jersey in runs and stolen bases."

In the 2017 season, Waldy was named First-Team All-Conference in addition to the Union County Underclassmen All-Star team. During the season, Waldy

helped lead the Plainfield Cardinals to their first Sky Division Championship in school history.

Waldy has been an outstanding player his entire career at Plainfield High School and his coaches are not surprised by his accomplishments and what the future holds for him.

"He is an outstanding athlete and would not have been able to sign this letter if he wasn't a great student too," said Director of Athletics John Quinn.



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Assistant Coach Jared Pasko, who has been coaching Waldy since last year with Coach Radu, said, "He is a phenomenal athlete, there's nothing he cannot do. It is unlike any other player I have seen. He can steal a base on command. His athletic abilities are unreal, but going beyond that, his leadership skills, his discipline, his respect for his peers, coaches and teachers, by far he is the best player I have seen in the last three years."

Coach Pasko says Waldy can play all eight positions on the diamond and he joins Dr. Phillip Williamson, Principal at Plainfield High School and the entire school district in wishing him the "Best of Luck."

For his part, Waldy hopes to graduate with a degree in civil engineering, and says his dream has always been to play for the big leagues.

"I feel great and honored. Very excited to continue my education and my talents at Campbell University. It has always been my dream to play in the big leagues and every day that goes by it's a step closer to my dream."

Waldy came to the United States from Santiago, Dominican Republic, with his parents and younger brother at the age of six. Ever since he can remember, he has played baseball.

Among the well-wishers at Plainfield High School, was Denise Shipman, Coordinator of Pupil Progression Services, and a Campbell University Alumni, Member of the Girls Basketball Hall of Fame (with over 500 rebounds). Ms. Shipman said Waldy is already part of the family at Campbell University, and "they will make sure he is successful, not just through athletics, but as a person."

Waldy is expected on campus this summer when he will begin his studies in civil engineering before the baseball season starts.

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