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Christ Church Student makes history First Indigenous Australian receives US college baseball scholarship

Year 12 Christ Church Grammar School student Tyrell Stewart has become the first Indigenous Australian to receive a scholarship to play college baseball in the United States.

The 17-year-old will head to Otero Junior College in La Junta, Colorado, in 2022 after completing his final year of senior school in 2021.

The proud Wanman and Martu man originating from Port Hedland, is a member of the School's boarding community and currently plays shortstop for the Morley Eagles Baseball Club. When he returns home to Port Hedland during the holidays, he takes the field for the local Sharks Baseball Club.

The baseball prodigy has always dreamed of playing college baseball in the US and worked hard to make the dream a reality. Part of his motivation for playing comes from his desire to be a role-model for young Indigenous Australians.

"After doing some research I came across the fact that there has not been a single Aboriginal Australian person to commit to a NCAA or NJCAA baseball scholarship and I thought being the first would be something special to me and demonstrate to the Aboriginal community that you can achieve anything if you have determination and commitment."

Head Baseball Coach, Charles Thompson, co-founder of the Australian USA College Baseball Pathway which assisted Tyrell in securing his scholarship, spoke about Tyrell's ability to balance his schoolwork with athletics.

"He is ticking all the boxes and allowing his athleticism to take place on the field, and most importantly, making sure that he's getting the right grades in school which is really what has given him this amazing opportunity."

Tyrell has set his sights on signing a professional contract after college and has expressed interest in returning to play for WA's Perth Heat.

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