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Dexter High School sophomore, Cody Neldon, has joined an elite fraternity of college-bound athletes from around the country. Neldon was chosen to represent the USA and Dexter, MO as a member of Coast to Coast Baseball in Puerto Rico this summer, July 13th-18th.

During the seven day program, Neldon will compete against top amateur teams from greater San Juan while receiving instruction from Coast to Coast staff who have all played or coached the game at the collegiate or professional level.

Each summer and fall Coast to Coast sees approximately 2000 players at a series of nationwide tryouts. Additionally, the organization evaluates hundreds of applications from players unable to attend a tryout event.

From this pool approximately 250 roster spots - comprising 15-18 teams - are filled with players seeking to play at one of the game's highest levels.

Based in Marietta (OH), the 8-year old program has taken over 1600 players from 46 different states to compete in Germany, France , Belgium , the Netherlands, Australia and Puerto Rico.

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The organization's alumni now compete at every level of college baseball and event professionally. Neldon showcased his skills for the Coast to Coast coaches at a tryout last fall held in Cordova, TN. At tryouts, players are evaluated in four areas: hitting, fielding,

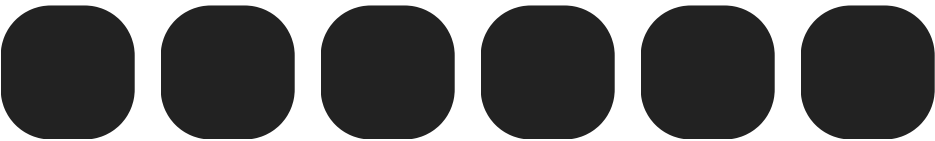
arm strength and speed.

In addition to his love for baseball, Neldon is a member of the Dexter High School Baseball, Basketball & Football teams and enjoys hunting & fishing. He is the son of Traci & Denny Christian of Dexter and Jamie & Jessica Neldon of Holcomb.

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