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Dexter, Missouri - Jason Jarrell recently signed to play baseball at Evangel University next year.

Jarrel is the son of Denny and Paula Jarrell.

He has played baseball, basketball and football all four years of high school at Dexter.

He is also a member of the National Honor Society, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Future Business Leaders of America and Sr. Beta Club.

During his high school career he has earned the following Academic/Leadership Awards and Athletic Awards at Dexter High School.

#### **Academic/Leadership**

Bland Award Football 2016

2016 National I Dare You Leadership Award Winner for Dexter High School

American Legion Award for Outstanding Male Student Dexter Middle School 2013

Academic Top 10% 4 years of High School

Dexter Honor Society Member

National Beta Club Member

Honor Roll all semesters

3 Time Academic All-State Football 2014, 2015 and 2016

2 Time Character Athlete award for Basketball 2014-2015, 2016-2017

Member of Fellowship of Christian Athletes

Member of Future Business Leaders of America

Member of Student Council

### **Athletic**

All Conference SEMO Football Offense 2016

All Conference SEMO Football Defense 2016

All Conference SEMO Conference Baseball First Team Catcher 2016

All District Baseball Class 4 2016

Dexter Baseball Team MVP 2016

Dexter Baseball Team Batting Award 2016

All Conference SEMO Central Football Offense 2014

All Conference SEMO Central Football Defense 2014

All Conference SEMO Central Football Offense 2015

3 Time All Conference SCAA Basketball 2015, 2016, and 2017

All District Basketball Class 4 2016-17

SEMO All Conference Basketball 2016-17

All Standard-Democrat Boys Basketball Team 2016-2017

3 Time Stoddard County All-Tournament Basketball Team 2015, 2016, and 2017

3 Time Bloomfield Christmas Tournament All-Tournament Team 2014, 2015, and 2016

Bloomfield Christmas Tournament Champions 2016

Stoddard County Conference Basketball Champions 2016-17

2 Time Dexter Basketball Team MVP 2014-2015, 2016-2017

Dexter Basketball Team Rebounding Award 2014-2015

Dexter Basketball Free Throw Award 2016-2017

Varsity Letters as a Freshman, Sophomore, and Junior in Baseball, Basketball, and Football.

Lettered in Football and Basketball as a Senior so on track to earn 4 varsity letters in all three sports and has earned all conference honors in all three.

Also, back to back Fellowship of Christian Athletes Dodgeball Champion.

Jarrell visited the campus and participated in a full practice with the team in the fall of 2016. He was offered a scholarship that day, but Jarrell took a few months to make up his mind.

"I liked the campus and the players," commented Jarrell. "I look forward to playing with a great group of teammates, good coaches and having some fun."

Jarrell was catcher for the Bearcats his senior year. They went 9 - 13 on the season and lost in the MSHSAA Class 4, District 1 quarterfinals to Kennett. In his senior year he finished with two home runs, nine RBIs, and scored 16 runs.

"Jason participated in a fall practice with the full team. Played with our players on our field," commented Coach Russell Brand.

This is Brand's second season as head coach. Brand worked 13 seasons under former Crusaders' head coach Lance Quessenberry at two stops. The two coached together at Parkview High School from 2003 to 2006 until Quessenberry was named the head coach at Evangel. He has taught adult studies classes at Parkview and Willard High School during that time. The Crusaders finished 27 - 24 in the 2017 season.

Founded in 1971, the Heart of America Athletic Conference marked its 45th year during the 2015-16 season. All 12 conference schools are members of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) including Evangel University.

Evangel University is a comprehensive Christian university located in Springfield, Missouri. Offering more than 100 academic programs, Evangel is on the cutting edge of today's professional fields and vocational ministry training. More than 2,200 undergraduate and graduate students with 14 varsity sports and 40 clubs and organizations. The student/faculty ratio is 15:1 and the average class size is 25.

Jason's plans are to earn a degree in physical therapy.

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