

Bryan Rose Class of 2006



Bryan Rose is a graduate of the Class of 2006; he was an acclaimed three-sport athlete (football, basketball and baseball) at Columbia. He also played for the South Troy Dodgers summer league team that finished third in the Connie Mack World Series held in Farmington, New Mexico, and was selected to play in the Pony League Tournament of Stars in Joplin, Missouri in 2005. In 2005, Bryan was awarded a baseball scholarship to attend the University of Kentucky; redshirted in 2007, Bryan began 2008 memorably: his first at-bat with the Division 1 team was a home run. He was also the New York College Baseball League Tournament All-Star Game MVP in 2007. In 2011, Bryan graduated *cum laude* with a Master's in IT from the University of Northern Kentucky.

Raised among siblings with a great passion for sports, it was natural that Bryan would follow suit. In 2001, he was recognized (with a picture and listing) by the United States Achievement Academy as physical education award winner and by *Who's Who in Youth Baseball*. At Goff, he received the Thurston Thompson Award for showing the most excellence in athletics and leadership in 2002; the summer before he attended Columbia, Bryan won the Sorensco Babe Ruth MVP Award, and his All-Star Team finished runner-up in the NYS Championships.

Bryan's excellence at in Columbia's athletic programs is noteworthy not only for the many individual accolades and records but also the leadership and versatility that he brought. In 2003, 2004, 2005 and 2006 Bryan was the varsity football team's Offensive Player of the Year; meanwhile, he was named to the 2004 All Suburban 1st Team as a running back and garnered an All Suburban Honorable Mention as a kicker. After winning the 2003 modified basketball MVP award, Bryan played forward for the next two seasons on the varsity, earning the Hustle Award and Rebounding Award and making the All-Star Team in the CHS Holiday Tournament in both seasons. One could argue with compelling evidence that Bryan's greatest moments occurred while playing varsity baseball for Coach George Czerno. Called up for playoffs in 8th grade, Bryan would elevate his game on the diamond every season in record-setting fashion and see his team become one of the best that Columbia athletics has ever produced. As an outfielder, he made the All-Suburban Council 2nd Team in 2003 and the 1st team in 2004, a record-setting year in which he batted **.527** and collected five hits in a game; he also saved six games (in six chances) with a **.46 ERA**. So impressive was his 2004 season that Bryan was selected MVP of the league. Yet 2004 was more than just about individual statistics, it was about winning and making school and baseball history. Indeed, the **26-2** Blue Devils won the Suburban Council, the Section 2 Class AA and NYS Central Regional Championships, and the New York State Class AA Championship for the first time ever in the baseball program's history. During Bryan's four years on the varsity, the team record was **76-18**, according to the Columbia All Sports Club guide. He earned Suburban Council First Team All Star honors in 2005 and 2006; was named MVP of the Columbia varsity in 2005, the same year he was selected to the All-Area 1st Team by the Albany Times Union and 2nd Team Class AA by the NYS Sports Writers. In his senior year, Bryan was named the Suburban Council Class AA Player of the Year ;in 2006 as a first baseman and DH, he set team records in getting on base (73), walks (28) and slugging percentage (1.014). A decade later, Bryan's career nineteen home runs still stand as the Columbia High School record.

In four collegiate seasons (two at Kentucky, two at Northern Kentucky), Bryan hit .287, with 18 HR, 100 RBI and 31 stolen bases. His on-base percentage was .399; his slugging percentage was .465.

Today, Bryan Rose resides in Union, Kentucky with his wife, Kristi, and son, Hudson, and works as a software engineer for a consulting firm in Cincinnati Ohio. With his induction, Bryan joins his older brother, Andrew, and his former coach, George Czerno, previous honorees in the CHS Alumni Athletic Hall of Fame.