

Sports Spotlight

Student athletes commit to colleges at second signing day event

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Fourteen seniors at Paly affirmed their intent to continue their athletics in college at a ceremony in the MAC today. "I'm looking forward to challenging myself in new ways with new teammates, opponents and coaches," said Lauren Koyama, who will be playing basketball at NYU. Photo: Dhara Yu.

Vividly-colored balloons and college gear were on full display as Palo Alto High School honored 14 seniors who will continue playing their sports at the collegiate level, during a signing day ceremony at lunch today in the Media Arts Center.

This ceremony comes after Paly hosted an official National Signing Day event in February, in which 18 students signed their letters of intent to play in college. The event today celebrated students who received more recent notification of their acceptance to the college that they intend to play at, or who had not yet committed to a college at the time of the first signing day.

According to Paly Sports Boosters president Melissa Anderson, in the future Paly will host only one signing day, later in the school year, to accommodate all student athletes.

The athletes signing today include Benjamin Beaudry (Rochester Institute of Technology) Spencer Morgenfeld (California Institute of Technology), Naveen Pai (Carnegie Mellon University) and Kent Slaney (Massachusetts Institute of Technology) for cross country; Lauren Koyama (New York University) and Maya Lathi (Massachusetts Institute of Technology) for basketball; Ryan Chang (Grinnell College) for baseball; Emma van der Veen (Pomona College) for diving; Jessica Wu (Wellesley College) for swimming; Jared Stanley (Bucknell University) for water polo; Seth Goyal (George Mason University) and Sara Aguilar (Menlo College) for wrestling; Marion Sellier (Brown University) for rugby; and Michel-Ange Siaba (Humboldt State University) for track and field.