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SAINT THOMAS ACADEMY CADET JURICH SIGNS WITH UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS-CHICAGO

MENDOTA HEIGHTS, Minn., Nov. 11, 2009 – Saint Thomas Academy senior A. Jurich today signed a letter of intent to play baseball with the University of Illinois-Chicago. Jurich is an honors student at the Academy, in addition to holding the catcher position for the varsity baseball team for the past three seasons.

In the 2009 baseball season at the Academy, Jurich had a team-leading 30 hits at 68 at bats for a batting average of .441. He had 6 home runs, 17 extra base hits, 28 RBIs and 11 steals. Only one base runner stole a base against him.

For the summer 2009 Legion season, Jurich had a batting average of .513, with 57 hits, 54 RBIs, 12 home runs, 24 extra base hits and 25 stolen bases.

Jurich's list of accomplishments include:

- 2009 Pioneer Press All-State Team (only Junior selected)
- Attended the Major League Baseball combine in Kansas City, July 2009; 2 for 2 with a stolen base
- Invited and attended the Midwest Classic Showcase Tournament in Illinois representing Team Minnesota-2009; Batted .500, going 6-12 in 5 games with three extra base hits (a home run and two doubles)
- 2009 Saint Thomas Academy Baseball Player of the Year
- Awarded the 2009 Legion Team Silver Slugger Award for the top hitter of the year
- Saint Thomas Academy Varsity Starting Catcher in 2008, 2009, 2010 seasons
- 2008 All-Conference Honorable Mention (Sophomore)
- Voted Saint Thomas Academy team captain before junior year 2009
- Invited and attended the Minnesota High School Baseball Junior Showcase in June 2009
- Invited and attended the Minnesota State High School Baseball Coaches Association Gopher Classic Junior Showcase-Top 100 Minnesota State High School Juniors, July 2009
- Invited and attending the Minnesota Twins select tryout camp in July 2009
- Invited to an Atlanta Braves select tryout camp in July 2009
- Member of Minnesota Starz invitation-only baseball team in 2009
- Two-time KARE-11 Athlete of the Week Runner-up in 2009
- Batted .466 (7 for 15. 1 HR, 1- 3B's, 2- 2B's, 8 RBI's) in the East Cobb County Wood Bat Tourney, July 2009; Went 8-9 in a double-header, 4 homers, 4 singles, 9 RBIs, 4 stolen bases, and threw out the only 2 guys attempting to steal.
- Ambassador/player for the state of Minnesota on a team that traveled to Osaka, Japan, in 2006

About Saint Thomas Academy

Founded in 1885, Saint Thomas Academy is an all-male, college preparatory, Catholic, military/leadership school committed to preparing young men to succeed in college and in life. Nationally accredited by the Independent Schools Association of the Central States (ISACS), the academy challenges young men to excel academically, spiritually, physically, and emotionally in and out of the classroom. For more information, please visit www.cadets.com.

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