

## News from Dripping Springs ISD

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### **Seniors Sign National Letters of Intent**

Seven Dripping Springs High School seniors announced their commitments to continue their athletic careers at the collegiate level. Karen Crews and Alex Smith will continue their volleyball careers at the University of Alabama and Schreiner University, respectively; softball player Kiele Miller is headed to Creighton University and teammate Haley Odell will play at Ranger College; golfers Lindsey Koppel and Katelyn Jackson will compete at Gardner Webb University and Sierra Nevada College, respectively; and Reese Johnson has committed to play baseball at Sam Houston State University.

#### **Karen Crews, Volleyball, University of Alabama**

A libero who helped lead the Lady Tigers to a district title and undefeated district record, as well as the 2015 state 5A title. Karen earned all-district honorable mention all three years she has been on the varsity squad. She earned academic all-district honors as well. Karen also has played club volleyball for eight years, was an AAU All-Star for two, and played on the AAU national runner-up team in 2015. The daughter of Margaret and William Crews, she has been a four-year member of the Tiger track team, and has been competing in equestrian events and showing livestock for many years. (Coach: Michael Kane)

#### **Katelyn Jackson, Golf, Sierra Nevada College (Nev.)**

Katelyn Jackson will compete at Sierra Nevada College in Lake Tahoe and is the first female golfer from DSHS to sign with an NAIA school. A four-year varsity athlete, she currently ranks among the top five Lady Tiger golfers in both 18- and 36-hole scoring. Katelyn received academic all-district honors last year and was part of the Tiger teams that set both 18- and 36-hole scoring records at DSHS. She is the daughter of Lynn and Kendall Jackson. (Coach: Jason Wahlers)

#### **Reese Johnson, Baseball, Sam Houston State University**

A four-sport athlete at DSHS, Reese also has played football, basketball and track. A three-year letterman at shortstop, he has started 65 straight games. As a junior, he earned a spot on the All-District Second Team after earning honorable mention as a sophomore. Reese's career stats include a .319 batting average, 40 runs scores and 31 stolen bases. He was named to the Academic All-District Team in 2015 and 2016. The son of Renee and Keith Johnson, Reese plans to major in Criminal Justice. (Coach: Chris Payne)

### **Lindsey Koppel, Golf, Gardner Webb University (N.C.)**

Lindsey Koppel is the first female golfer from DSHS to sign with a NCAA Division I school. A four-year varsity athlete and team captain, she currently holds every Lady Tiger golf record. She was named to the All-District Second Team as a junior and has received academic all-district honors in each of her three years. Lindsey has won multiple tournaments and qualified for the 2016 5A regional tournament last year after tying for sixth individually at the district tournament (top two teams and top two other individuals go to regionals); she placed 13<sup>th</sup> at the regional tournament. The daughter of Lorraine and Karl Koppel, she plans to study International Business. (Coach: Jason Wahlers)

### **Kiele Miller, Softball, Creighton University (Neb.)**

Kiele is a pitcher for the Lady Tigers, and has also played in the outfield. She will be a fourth-year starter this spring. Last year she had a 2.24 earned-run average, a 24-7 record and 278 strikeouts while hitting .370 with 32 RBI, 10 doubles, four triples and a home run. She was the 2016 District 26-5A Pitcher of the Year and was named to the All-Centex Team. As a sophomore, Kiele was named to the All-District Second Team (pitcher) after earning honorable mention as a freshman (outfielder). The daughter of Julie Ann and J.P. Miller, she plans to major in Nursing. (Coach: Wade Womack)

### **Haley Odell, Softball, Ranger College**

Haley Odell will be in her fourth year as a starter for the Lady Tigers this spring; she plays both first base and catcher. Last year she had a .390 batting average, and recorded 31 RBI with 10 doubles, four triples and two home runs. Haley earned a spot on the All-District First Team as a junior. The daughter of Michelle and Thomas Odell, she plans to major in Criminal Justice. (Coach: Wade Womack)

### **Alex Smith, Volleyball, Schreiner University**

An outside hitter who helped lead the Lady Tigers to a district title and undefeated district record. Alex is in her first year as a varsity player, but earned a starting role at the start of the year and contributed greatly to the team's playoff run. Alex also played club volleyball for six years. The daughter of Regina and Donnal Smith, Alex also is receiving an academic scholarship from Schreiner University. (Coach: Michael Kane)

