

# Brandon Streck Pens Commitment to Indiana Wrestling

*The Merrillville heavyweight becomes Escobedo's first signing as head coach*

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**BLOOMINGTON, Ind.** – Indiana wrestling head coach [Angel Escobedo](#) announced Wednesday the signing of Brandon "Rudy" Streck to their incoming freshman class of 2018. Streck, a graduate of Merrillville High School, intends to wrestle at 285 lbs. when he begins his collegiate career.

"It's his overall love for wrestling," Escobedo said after receiving his first signing as Indiana's head coach. "I want guys who love wrestling, 'mat rats' that watch film and try to compete as much as he can. When you see someone like Rudy competing in offseason events, you see someone who isn't taking the summer off. That's what I want to see in our room."

Streck leaves his prep career as Indiana's No. 2 ranked wrestler in the 220 lbs. weight class, compiling a 67-27 record in his first three seasons. A three-time state qualifier with two IHSAA podium finishes, Streck achieved a runner-up finish at this year's state championships and a sixth-place finish at 285 lbs. one season prior.

Winning two Duneland Athletic Conference titles with a Lake County Championship in 2018, Streck doesn't stop wrestling when the season ends. He recently competed in the annual Indiana vs. Illinois All-Star classic and plans to enter the state's lineup for the upcoming Indiana vs. Team USA clash.

Streck comes from a wrestling family and will become the second sibling to wrestle in the Big Ten Conference. Rudy's brother, Shawn Streck, wrestles at 285 lbs. for Purdue and qualified for the NCAA Championships in his first varsity year last season.

The signing marks Indiana's second current wrestler to graduate from Merrillville High School. True freshman Michael De La Peña joined Indiana's room last fall and led all unattached grapplers with a 16-10 record.

In addition to training under coach David Maldonado at the varsity and club level, Streck earned four football letters with the Pirates. The son of Bridget and Tim Streck, Rudy is the fourth of six siblings.

## 2018 Signing Class: Indiana University

Graham Rooks – Columbus, Ind./Columbus East – 149/157 lbs.

Tristan Sellmer – Jeffersonville, Ind./Floyd Central – 141/149 lbs.

Brandon Streck – Munster, Ind./Merrillville – 285 lbs.

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