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Lake Zurich star Brandon Kunz becomes latest addition to Augustana's basketball program

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ROCK ISLAND, Illinois – Brandon Kunz, a standout athlete from Lake Zurich High School in Lake Zurich, Illinois, has announced that he plans on continuing his education as well as his athletic career at Augustana. He becomes the latest addition to an impressive 2009 recruiting class assembled by Viking Head Coach Grey Giovanine and his staff.

The 6'7", 200-pound Kunz was a three-year starter and letter winner at Lake Zurich. As a senior, he averaged 12.0 points and 10.1 rebounds a game while shooting .522 from the field and .588 from the free throw line. He also had 67 blocked shots, 66 assists and 27 steals in 29 games for the Bears. Along the way he established school single-game records for rebounds, with 23 against Mundelein, and blocked shots, with 10 versus Grant. He also had a 21-rebound game against Libertyville.

For his outstanding season, Kunz was a first team All-North Suburban Conference selection. He made several all-area teams as well, garnering first team honors from the *Daily Herald*, second team recognition from the *Highland Park News* and special mention from both the *Chicago Sun Times* and *Lake County News*. The *Daily Herald* also named him to its "All-Defense" and "All-Rebounding" teams.

As a junior, Kunz averaged 11.2 points and 6.7 rebounds and connected on .567 from the field and .611 from the free throw line to earn honorable mention all-conference and all-area recognition. In addition, he received "All-Junior" and "All-Rebounding" nods from the *Daily Herald*, who had previously named him to its "All-Sophomore" team after he averaged 5.6 points and 4.8 rebounds in his first varsity season.

Lake Zurich Head Coach John Zarr speaks highly of his two-time team captain and 2008-09 Most Valuable Player. "Brandon is a gamer. The tougher the game gets, the more he steps up. I couldn't be more pleased with his performance."

Brandon is the son of Scott and Tammy Kunz of Lake Zurich, Illinois. He was a four-year honor roll member at Lake Zurich and also served on the North Suburban Leadership Conference. He is planning on a major in biology at Augustana.

Kunz will be joining an Augustana program, led by Giovanine, that is one of the best in NCAA Division III. The Vikings have won four College Conference of Illinois and Wisconsin championships in the last seven years and made three straight NCAA tournament appearances in 2006, 2007 and 2008. They finished the 2008-09 season 18-8 overall and took third place in the CCIW.