



NCAA Division III Student-Athlete Celebratory Signing Form



Recently the NCAA Division III membership voted to approve the use of a “non-binding standardized celebratory form” which can be signed by a prospect after the prospect has been accepted to a Division III institution. While the use of the form will be optional, only this standardized form provided by the NCAA will be permissible for a “signing ceremony.”

The “non-binding celebratory form” was recommended and approved because of the increasing popularity of signing ceremonies at high schools when prospects sign a National Letter of Intent or athletic scholarship agreement with an NCAA Division I or II university on their “signing day.” Because Division III colleges don’t offer athletic scholarships, Division III recruits were often left to sign only a blank piece of paper, or an admission agreement with the Division III institution. This form gives prospects the ability to celebrate their admittance to a Division III institution to continue their education.

The celebratory signing form below is produced and sponsored by the NCAA. The NCAA still does not allow anyone associated with SUNY Cortland to plan, arrange or attend a prospective student-athlete's signing day. Cortland is only permitted to provide the form to a prospective student-athlete.

THIS IS NOT A CONTRACT. Signing this form does not obligate the student to attend SUNY Cortland or participate in athletics. Further, signing this form does not guarantee a prospective student-athlete a position on our rosters.



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I have been accepted to SUNY Cortland, an NCAA Division III institution. In addition to my academic responsibilities, I intend to participate in the sport(s) listed below during the upcoming academic year.

Consistent with Division III's goal of fostering an environment where students can follow their passions and discover their potential, Division III student-athletes are encouraged to:

DISCOVER

Division III student-athletes are encouraged to pursue their interests and passions beyond the classroom and field of play...to discover themselves.

DEVELOP

Division III institutions provide an environment that encourages student-athletes to develop into well-rounded adults. Small class sizes, the ability to participate in more than one sport, and an emphasis on participating in activities outside of the classroom are all hallmarks of the Division III experience.

DEDICATE

Division III institutions expect student-athletes to dedicate themselves to achieving their potential. Student-athletes must manage their busy schedules, keep up with class work and face the same challenges as the rest of the student-body.

Cortland Athletics Mission Statement

Cortland aims to provide a diverse program of athletics that equitably fosters the opportunity for its participants to achieve personal development and excellence while maintaining a strong relationship between the Institution and the community.

The vision of the Cortland Athletics program is to develop the student-athlete who exemplifies the scholar-athlete; one who strives for success in the classroom, in the competitive arena, and in all other aspects of life. Through commitment to intercollegiate athletics, student-athletes learn to embrace a life philosophy that incorporates the virtues inherent in athletics such as excellence, integrity, self-discipline, team work, and communication. This vision is the foundation upon which this athletic program is built, and is the key for successful endeavors by the student-athlete both in and out of the competitive arena.

This form commemorates my choice to attend Cortland. By signing this form, I embrace the Division III philosophy. I also understand my signature neither obligates me to attend the institution, noted above, and participate in athletics nor does it guarantee me a roster position.

Prospective Student-Athlete Signature: _____

Sport: _____

Date: _____