

LAKESIDE VIKINGS BASEBALL

CLASS OF 2021

SENIOR DAY-APRIL 21, 2021

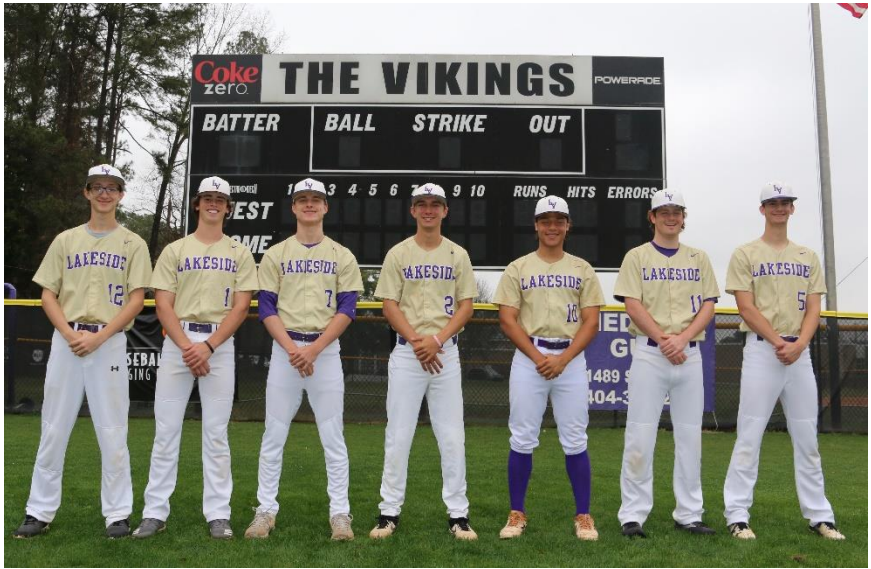


SENIOR DEDICATION

I want say how proud I am to have coached the Seniors on this 2021 Vikings Baseball team. They are a special group of young men who all have incredible potential to succeed in life. Some of them I have coached at baseball camps when they were in Little League. I don't think I have ever had a group of boys who have taken more AP courses, Dual Enrollment and have been involved in various clubs and student government. They may be the best group of student-athletes I have ever coached in 30 years.

On the field, they are leaders. They play the game the correct way, to win and to win with class. I have seen when these Seniors will put themselves in groups with the younger players to show them the correct way to do drills and the work ethic involved in getting better. I have seen these Senior players stay after practice and help a teammate who may be struggling with their hitting or fielding. They care about their school, their team, their families and their teammates. These attributes are the reason we will see great things from these young men in the future. I can't tell you how honored I am to have coached these boys for the past two years.

Coach Brian Granger



ONCE A VIKING...
ALWAYS A VIKING



JOSEPH GARCIA #1

Joseph has played all 6 years with the Lakeside baseball program, starting with the Purple team and all 4 years on the Varsity team.

As a pitcher and middle infielder, Joseph has been a key member of many memorable Lakeside wins throughout his career.

His favorite Lakeside baseball memory is this season's huge victory against Decatur on Donnie Hayes Day where he hit a critical 2-run HR to tie the game...eventually coming in to pitch the final 3 innings.

Joseph is co-Captain this year. In his Lakeside career he earned the JV MVP award in 2018; Varsity Coach's Award in 2019 and 2020; 1st team all-region pitcher in 2018; and 2nd team all-region pitcher in 2019

Off the baseball field, Joseph has been on the Principal's Honor Roll all four years, a member of the Beta Club, Mu Alpha Theta, National Honors Society, National French Honors Society, Philanthropy Club Co-President and a Wyld Life Leader.

Next year, Joseph will be attending and playing baseball at Berry College.



WILL THOMAS #2

Will has also played all 6 seasons in the Lakeside baseball program....including the past 2 seasons on the Varsity squad.

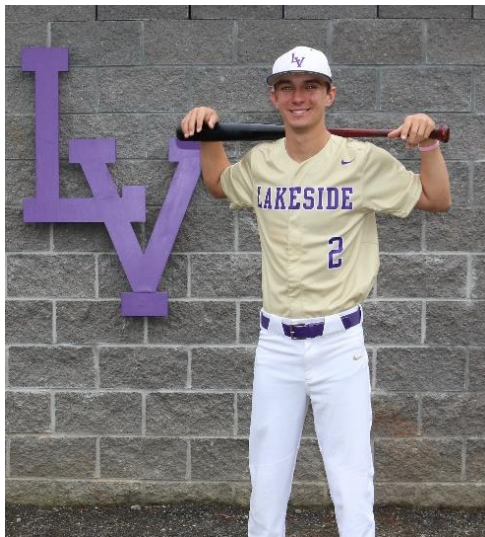
While Will has played a solid 1st Base this season, he has also played multiple other positions as a Pitcher, shortstop and 2nd Baseman.

His favorite Lakeside baseball memories are his post-game celebrations with his JV teammates in his Freshman year.

Will is a Varsity co-Captain this year. He earned the JV Coaches Award his Freshman year as a Viking, as well as the MVP for the JV team in his Sophomore year.

On other fields, Will has played on Lakeside's basketball and football teams as well....and this season, earned the Viking Award for the Lakeside basketball AND football teams....both huge Lakeside High School honors.

Will also serves as co-President of the Lakeside Student Government Association and is active in the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and Young Life.



SAM MURPHEY #5

Sam has played 5 seasons with the Lakeside baseball program including the past 2 years on the Varsity team

Primarily as a pitcher for the Vikings, Sam has also played 1st base, 3rd base, and the outfield over the years.

Sam's favorite Lakeside baseball memory is his strong outing this season at North Cobb Christian High School. In that game, Sam pitched 3 solid innings striking out 4 while not allowing an earned run.

At Lakeside, Sam has been an active member of the Beta Club, SGA, the National Honors Society, and as a staff writer for the Lakeside Legend. He has earned the Principal's Honors Award all of his semesters. Sam has been on the Lakeside Mock Trial team for the last 3 years. He has served as an attorney for both the prosecution and defenses, and as a witness and this year, Sam helped the team make it all the way to the regional competition.

As of now, Sam is narrowing down his college choices for next year...



JOSEPH TOLBERT

#7

Joseph is another 6 year Viking having played from the Purple team through 3 years of Varsity baseball.

He has played Outfield and has pitched for the Vikings over the years

Joseph's favorite Lakeside baseball memory has been hitting a triple in the Dunwoody Senior Baseball Fall Championship propelling the Vikings to win the League championship.

Joseph earned the JV Silver Slugger award his Freshman year. Off the field, Joseph was inducted in the National Honor Society his Junior year and participated in several service projects around the Atlanta area through that organization. He was on the Principal's Honor Roll from his Sophomore through Senior Year. Joseph has been an active member of his church youth group and has volunteered at Vacation Bible School at Clairmont Presbyterian from 6th through 11th grades. Through his youth group, he has gone on several mission trips including one to Birmingham, Alabama to help a church in need.

Joseph plans to attend a college here in Georgia in the fall and is eagerly waiting responses from several schools before making a final decision.



ZAYLAN WASHINGTON

#10

Zaylan has played 5 years with the Lakeside Vikings baseball program....starting with the Gold team and including the last 4 years on the Varsity squad.

He has been a rock behind the plate as a Catcher for the Vikings....

Zaylan's favorite Lakeside baseball memory is hitting two home runs during the Arabia Mountain game during his Sophomore year

His player awards include the Golden Glove Award in 2017 & 2018, earning All County Honorable Mention in 2019, winning the Silver Slugger Award for Varsity in 2020, and being named Co-Captain for this seasons 2021 Varsity team.

Off the field, Zaylan is a member of the National Honor Society, Principal's Distinction Honor Roll (2017 thru 2020), SGA Member & Co-President 2020/21 School Year, Lakeside Student Representative for the Superintendent's Student Advisory Committee....and is a Black Belt in Taekwondo!!

Zaylan's college choice next year is pending....with several options ahead of him including his top choices Bates College, Boston University and Colorado College.



JACKSON PARRIS

#11

Jackson is a 3-year player for the Vikings including the last 2 seasons on the Varsity squad.

He has pitched for the Vikings as well as played Left and Right field

Jackson's favorite Lakeside baseball memory is getting his first Varsity hit earlier this year vs. Morrow.

Jackson belongs to the National Honor Society and the Beta Club. He played on the Lakeside Water Polo team for 2 seasons.

Academically, he is in the top 10% of the class and is active in his church Youth group at Intown Community Church.

Jackson will be attending the University of Georgia in the Fall.



JACKSON HAMILTON

#12

Jackson is a 6-year player for the Vikings from Purple and including the last 3 seasons on the Varsity squad.

He has played various positions in his Viking career including outfield, first base, and on the mound.

Jackson's favorite Lakeside baseball memory is being able to play a FULL SENIOR SEASON of baseball at Lakeside!

In addition to being a baseball letter winner, Jackson has been a four year member of Viking Chorus, as section leader for the Bass Section. He's also represented Georgia as State Winners for the National High School History competition, held in Washington DC.

Jackson is still deciding on his plans for next year



THANK YOU VIKING PARENTS

While this is Senior Day, we can't overlook our Senior PARENTS. Your dedication and commitment to your players over the years has been, and will continue to be a huge part of their lives. From the miles of car rides, to the early morning wake up calls, to the celebrations of big games and moments... your work with these young men are seen in who they are today.

THANK YOU PARENTS!

