

STATE OF NEW YORK
LEGISLATURE OF ERIE COUNTY
BUFFALO, NY, FEBRUARY 10, 2023

EC LEG FEB 13 '23 PM 5:20

*Recognizing St. Francis Football
Logan Reaska, Balaam Miller, Aiden Dubeck, Dylan Walker and Steve
Otremba Jr. on signing their National Letter of Intent*

WHEREAS, throughout Western New York sports, St. Francis High School has long been known for their athletics excellence; and

WHEREAS, under the leadership of head coach and mentor, Jerry Smith, five St. Francis football players signed their National Letters of Intent on Wednesday to continue their careers in college; and

WHEREAS, All-Western New York first-team selections Logan Reaska (Harvard) and Balaam Miller (St. Francis University), second-team selection Aiden Dubeck (Grove City), Dylan Walker (Edinboro) and Steve Otremba Jr. (Cortland) took part in an event at the school library; and

WHEREAS, the five will join the 7.3% of high schoolers who go on to play college football, while Reaska and Miller are part of the 2.9% to reach Division I; and

WHEREAS, Logan Reaska, a 6-foot-5 receiver who had 66 receptions for 1,026 yards and 10 touchdowns in high school career and was a two-time All-Catholic A first-teamer; and

WHEREAS, Balaam Miller, a 6-foot-4, 270-pound defensive tackle was named the Trench Trophy Defensive Lineman of the Year as a senior with 55 tackles, including 10 for loss and three sacks; and

WHEREAS, Aiden Dubeck, 6-foot star center for St. Francis was consistent throughout the season and protected his quarterback, as he surrendered no sacks; and

WHEREAS, Dylan Walker, a 6-foot defensive back ends his career with 95 tackles (37 solo), 22 passes defended, and two fumble recoveries; and

WHEREAS, Steve Otremba Jr., a 6-foot star quarterback, left his career at St. Francis finishing fourth in school history in career completions (236), fifth in career passing yards (2,832) and sixth in career passing touchdowns (24).; and

WHEREAS, the St. Francis coaches, staff and student-athletes continue to display their character through good sportsmanship, athletic prowess and success, both on and off the field, and it is the desire of this Honorable Body to recognize dynamic young people for these accomplishments.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature pauses in its deliberations to honor and congratulate the St. Francis Red Raiders Football Team and their coaching staff for preparing these five seniors to pursue collegiate football careers; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this Honorable Body thanks the team, coaches, teachers, supporters and parents for being outstanding ambassadors and exemplars for our community and young people and wishes Logan Reaska, Balaam Miller, Aiden Dubeck, Dylan Walker and Steve Otremba Jr. the very best for future success.

Hon. John J. Gilmour
Erie County Legislator, 9th District

Robert M. Graber
Clerk of the Erie County Legislature