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Penn Station Athlete of the Month – October 2017

Presentation Date: TBD

Student(s): Griffin Merritt

GPA: 4.42

School:

La Salle High School
3091 North Bend Rd
Cincinnati, OH 45239

Athletic Director: Keith Pantling

Parents: Patrick and Jennifer Merritt

Sibling(s): Nathan Merritt

Favorite Penn Station Restaurant: Cheviot/White Oak

Favorite Penn Station Sandwich: Philly Cheesesteak

Sport(s): Football, Basketball, Baseball

Extracurricular Activities: National Honor Society, Student Ambassador, LSI Executive Chair, Spanish Club, Ping Pong Club

Favorite Book: *The Great Gatsby*

Role Models: My Father

Sports Hero: Joe Mauer

Greatest Achievement So Far: Committing to The University of Cincinnati (baseball) and being selected as the Northwest Exchange Club student of the month.

Plans After High School: I will be attending The University of Cincinnati where I will be playing baseball and studying medicine.

How has participating in high school athletics benefited you? I have grown on the field, but more importantly off it. High school athletics have allowed me to prosper in all aspects of my life.

What made you decide to play the sport for which you were named the Penn Station Athlete of the Month? I have played baseball since I was 4. It has always been a big part of my life.

Quote from Coach: "Griffin has been an outstanding leader for our football team, on and off the field. Our players rally around Griffin and he keeps getting better each week on the football



field.” –Head Football Coach, Pat McLaughlin Observation – from the above, Griffin is receiving the nomination because of “baseball” – yet the coach’s quote references “football” – is that deliberate?

Quote from Principal:

“Griffin is a leader at La Salle High School. His work, in the classroom and on the field, has earned the respect of many.” –Principal, Aaron Marshall