

Name: Ryan Brassler
Age: 20
Hometown: Paullina, Iowa
School: Northwestern College
Sport: Baseball
FCA Role: student-athlete



List your chosen attribute: Faith

What is your personal definition of this word?

Trusting that God's plan for my life is far better than anything I could try to write for myself.

What are some of your favorite quotes from other people about this word?

If the plans you have aren't intimidating to you, chances are they're insulting to God

-Steven Furtick

Faith is to believe what you do not see; the reward of this faith is to see what you believe.

-Saint Augustine

What is your favorite Biblical passage that deals with this characteristic?

"Every child of God can defeat the world, and our faith is what gives us this victory."

-1 John 5:4

Why did you choose that particular passage?

It is becoming harder and harder to live the way God wants us to, so this verse gives reassurance that we can "defeat the world," or live the way He wants us to.

Please give an application/example of this word in your life.

After high school I had to have faith that God would lead me where He wanted me to attend college, and after having that faith, God led me to Northwestern College. I now cannot count all the blessings I have due to the fact I am in a place where God wants me to be.

How do you apply this word in your sport?

Every baseball player has the dream to be drafted and play in the major leagues. Some guys reach that dream and others don't, but faith comes in when guys don't reach their lifelong dreams. It takes faith to trust that God has other, bigger, plans for their lives than to play baseball.



Ryan with his Niagara Baseball Coach

How did you first become involved in FCA?

My dad, Kevin Brassler, was the leader of our high school's FCA group so I started going to events when I was eight or nine years old.

How has God impacted you through FCA?

He has given me the talents, abilities, and opportunities to honor Him by playing the game I love.

How active within FCA were/are you?

I went to all of the events that took place in high school, and this past summer I played baseball in Niagara Falls, NY for an FCA-sponsored team.

What is your athletic experience?

I had the opportunity to play baseball in New York this summer for the Niagara Power, an FCA-sponsored team, which competes in the New York Collegiate Baseball League (NYCBL)

Share one tip that helps you be a Christ-like competitor:

Be humble enough to praise God when you win, and confident enough to praise Him when you lose.

Sports Achievements:

GPAC All-Conference as a Freshman and New York Collegiate Baseball League (NYCBL) All-Star 2011

The biggest concerns facing youth today are:

Find a core group of friends to spend their time with

The biggest concerns facing Christian youth today are:

Defending their faith publically

Who is your athletic role model?

Matt Negaard - He is the second baseman on my college team, the Northwestern Red Raiders. He is the perfect example of what a Christian athlete looks like. He works harder than everyone on the team, his leadership qualities are second-to-none, and he has a Heart for God that is very rarely seen in today's society. He makes himself better every single day, and never takes a play off on the field. Off the field he leads team Bible studies, is an academic tutor, and a great friend. Even though he doesn't play in the Major Leagues, yet, he exemplifies the perfect, all around, Man of God.

Favorite Bible verse:

Romans 12:12 and 1 Corinthians 1:25

Favorite sport:

Baseball

Sport and position played:

Baseball – Left-Handed Pitcher

Favorite Pig Out Food:

Pizza Ranch Buffet

Favorite Music Groups:

Lecrae, Hillsong, and most country artists

Favorite Books:

Crazy Love by Francis Chan, Beyond Belief by Josh Hamilton, and Life is Yours to Win by Augie Garrido

Favorite Sports Teams:

Milwaukee Brewers and Green Bay Packers

Future goals:

Play baseball at the next level after graduating from Northwestern

Favorite Pastimes:

Hanging out with friends, riding my motorcycle

