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Minnesota Crookston Men's Basketball Signs Wisconsin-Native Dilling to NLI

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CROOKSTON, Minn. – The University of Minnesota Crookston men's basketball team announced the addition of [Josh Dilling](#) (G, 6-4 180, Oshkosh, Wis./Oshkosh North H.S.). Dilling is the eighth signee for the Golden Eagles. Dilling joins [Morgan Carter](#) (F/C, 6-7 215, Porthcawl, Wales/Hillsborough Community College), [Rafael Carton](#) (F, 6-7 230, Las Palmas de Gran Canaria, Canary Islands), [Ethan Channel](#) (G, 6-4 195, Beaverton, Ore./Portland Community College), [Georges Darwiche](#) (G, 6-1 188, Bucharest, Romania/Siena College), [Leonard Dixon](#) (G/F, 6-7 200, Damascus, Ore./Mount Hood Community College), [Joylen James](#) (G, 6-1 175, Apple Valley, Minn./Eastview H.S.) and [Hunter Lyman](#) (F/C, 6-8 215, West Fargo, N.D./West Fargo H.S.).

"I have been aware of Josh for quite a long time," Head Coach [Dan Weisse](#) said. "He is from my hometown but goes to the rival high school. I broke my 20-year ban on recruiting players at Oshkosh North it looks like," Weisse said jokingly. "Josh is a great kid that brings a big upside to us. He is one of the best guards in one of the best high school leagues in Wisconsin. He can really shoot it, he has a good handle, he has length, and he has a frame that can get bigger and stronger. He is a high character guy and I'm very excited to be able to coach him for the next four years."

"The University of Minnesota Crookston seemed like the right fit for me," Dilling said. "The size of the school and the community, and even the culture of campus life, made me realize this is the place I want to call home for the next four years. Although, due to the coronavirus, I was not able to physically experience the campus, I was able to envision how I will fit into the culture and thrive by connecting with members of the college. To be able to enroll in their outstanding business program, as well as play the sport I love seemed like a win-win combination for my college experience. Being coached and mentored under a dynamic leader that I feel I have such a strong connection with is a formula for success. Coach Weisse understands my background and upbringing since we both grew up in the same community. I have also done some research and have met some of my teammates and I am ready and excited to help enhance the strong basketball program they have developed. To say I am excited to be a Golden Eagle would be an understatement."

Dilling joins a backcourt that returns [Zach Westphal](#) (R-So., G, West Fargo, N.D.), [Tyrese Shines](#) (So., G, LaGrange, Ill.), [Brian Sitzmann](#) (R-Jr., G, Savage, Minn.), and [Quintin Winterfeldt](#) (Fr., G/F, Waupun, Wis.). Dilling joins fellow newcomers with Channel, Darwiche, and James.

Dilling, a Wisconsin-native, joins Winterfeldt as Wisconsin products on the Minnesota Crookston roster. Dilling is a versatile guard, with a strong outside shot, and a high IQ. Dilling comes from the same hometown as Head Coach [Dan Weisse](#), who competed at Oshkosh West High School before playing collegiately at University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

"I am a hardworking and dedicated person when it comes to life and the game of basketball," Dilling said. "Throughout my years of playing, I have become a true leader that wants to help others, but also bring success to the team. As my time at Minnesota Crookston goes on, I want to be a good representative and a true role model for the future Golden Eagles to come. I am bringing an 'I can' attitude to the University of Minnesota Crookston and am excited to build a relationship with my new teammates and my coaching staff."

Dilling joins a freshmen class that brings in Carton, James, and Lyman.

Minnesota Crookston is looking to build on their best three-year stretch in program history, as they have won 10 or more games in each of the last three seasons. The Golden Eagles had their best season in 2018-19 with a program-record 17 wins, and the program's first-ever trip to the Sanford Pentagon for the NSIC/Sanford Health quarterfinals after a win over nationally-renowned program Augustana University. The Golden Eagles have a strong core returning that they are looking to supplement in recruiting.

The student-athlete listed as having signed a National Letter of Intent or Offer of Admission to play men's basketball at the University of Minnesota Crookston have been verified by the Minnesota Crookston compliance office once they sign the National Letter of Intent or once the student-athlete has accepted an Offer of Admission for Minnesota Crookston.

[Josh Dilling](#) (G, 6-4 180, Oshkosh, Wis./Oshkosh North H.S.)

Dilling averaged 19.8 points, 5.4 rebounds, and 4.7 assists per game for Oshkosh North High School, as a senior. Dilling shot 39.5 percent from beyond the arc and 87.3 percent from the foul line during his senior season. He had 30 points in a win over Young Coggs Prep on 14-of-18 from the field. Dilling notched 28 points on 9-of-18 from the field in a win over Fond du Lac High School. He picked up 28 points on 10-of-16 from the field in a win over Kaukauna High School. Dilling notched 14.8 points per game as a junior for Oshkosh North High School. He shot 85.5 percent from the charity stripe, and 45.4 percent from behind the three-point line. He also averaged 2.7 rebounds and 4.9 assists per tilt. He was a First Team All-League selection. He helped lead the Spartans to a 13-11 mark during his senior season. Dilling is a two-time captain for Oshkosh North High School. He was a First Team All-Fox Valley Association pick as a senior. Dilling was selected as a Second Team All-Fox Valley Association selection during his junior season. He was an All-Area Honorable Mention pick during his senior slate.

[Josh Dilling](#) was born Sept. 8, 2001. He plans to major in business administration at Minnesota Crookston. Dilling is the son of Al and Mary Ann Dilling. His cousin Jim Dilling was the former head men's and women's track and field coach at Minnesota State University, Mankato. Jim Dilling competed in football and track and field at Minnesota State. [Josh Dilling's](#) brother-in-law Connor McGovern competes in the National Football League for the New York Jets. He used to play for the Denver Broncos and played college football at the University of Missouri. Dilling earned placement on the Highest Honor Roll. He has two sisters, Alex (30) and Devin (27), and a niece (Keegan) and nephew (Leo). He also has a golden retriever named Timber.

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