

CUTLINE: Celebrating the signing of the Letter of Intent for Ryan Bates are: (seated l-r) SSCC Men's Basketball Head Coach Blake Kibler, Ryan Bates, Fairfield High School Head Coach Everett Snyder; (standing l-r) father Scott Bates, mother Joy Bates, girlfriend Emily Stratton, and SSCC Men's Basketball Assistant Coach Jeremy Hatfield.

Bates signs Letter of Intent to play SSCC basketball

Fairfield High School standout Ryan Bates has signed a letter of intent to play basketball for Southern State Community College.

"We are really excited to have Ryan a part of our basketball program here at Southern State. He is not only a good basketball player, but a great student," said Blake Kibler, SSCC Men's Basketball Head Coach. "Ryan is a great rebounder, defender and will fit into the small forward position quite well. Ryan comes from a great program at Fairfield High School with Coach Snyder. It was also nice to hear that Ryan's parents are also Southern State alumni as well. Ryan has a lot of potential and we are excited to see what the future holds for him."

During his junior year, Bates was named all league and all district honorable mention; and during his senior year named all league and all district. Besides basketball, he also played soccer and baseball during his high school tenure.

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