



# LEADING WITH HUMILITY

2024 leading varsity scorer, Isaiah Allen, reflects on what it means to be a leader on and off the court.





In the electrifying world of high school athletics, one name emerged as a beacon of excellence, inspiring admiration both on and off the court. Meet Isaiah Allen, an unstoppable force on the Red Knight's basketball team, whose spirit and skill have etched his name into the school's history books. As the team captain, Isaiah shattered records and redefined what it means to be a leader, leaving an unforgettable mark on the court, his team, and his school.

Walking around the hallways of Milwaukee Lutheran, you can immediately spot Isaiah amidst the crowded halls. Standing at 6 feet 4 inches, he was the tallest player on the varsity roster this year, but it's the basketball seemingly glued to his hand that gives him away. As a career varsity athlete, Isaiah has spent the past four years working hard in and out of season to contribute to his team's success as well as his own legacy. Multiple workouts daily, AAU league, skills camps, and regularly shooting around with friends are a small part of what sets him apart when he steps out on the court.

In Isaiah's senior season, he secured his place in Red Knight history. On December 19, Isaiah scored his 1,000th point in a home game against Kettle Moraine Lutheran with a three-pointer at the end of the game. But he didn't stop there. He broke the Milwaukee Lutheran all-time scoring record on February 21 at Pewaukee High School when he scored his 1,307th point at the free throw line and ended his Red Knight Basketball career as the leading scorer in MLHS history with 1,376 points. He also holds the top-scoring total for one season this past year, with 584 points scored in his

senior year, and holds third place on the all-time rebounding list.

But there's so much more to Isaiah Allen than his achievements on the court.

Isaiah grew up with his parents and two younger brothers and started playing basketball when he was three. They occasionally went to church, but it was never a big part of Isaiah's life. Basketball became his place of peace. Isaiah was the only freshman who made the varsity team and became a captain sophomore year. Isaiah reflected that if he hadn't come to Milwaukee Lutheran, his ego and pride would have taken over. "Athletes get all this attention and acknowledgment, and when they don't have someone to give thanks to, they think it's all them and that they're the biggest person in the world," Isaiah said. "Having faith keeps you level and balanced, and that's a great thing."

Milwaukee Lutheran's consistent focus on Jesus began to rekindle Isaiah's relationship with Jesus shortly after freshman year began. Isaiah remembers the regular basketball devotionals, prayer before every game, weekly school chapels, countless encouraging teachers, and impactful religion classes. Those moments and the Godly leaders who invested in Isaiah made him want to lead from a place of humility, too. As the only returning senior to the varsity team, Isaiah felt the pressure to lead well. "It's hard to be a team



and collaborate with people who think they're better than everyone else... I wanted to lead by example and create a positive environment," Isaiah shared. "When I shadowed at MLHS, I got a shirt that said We Teach Truth. Share Jesus, Shape Lives. Develop Leaders, and I've really seen that focus the past four years, and it's really impacted my leadership." As Isaiah learned more about the humility Jesus expressed, he grew as a servant leader and in his impact on teammates and classmates. "Freshman year, I would've said that a leader is someone people look up to. But now I would say that leadership is doing what's right and showing others what's right rather than just telling them."

As Isaiah heads off to Northern Michigan University in the fall to play college basketball and pursue a business or finance degree, he is overwhelmingly grateful that Milwaukee Lutheran High School was a place where he could build a strong faith and be equipped as a leader. While he knows his faith will be tested throughout college and beyond, he feels equipped to handle future trials and hopes to be a light to his college teammates and friends.

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