

# **Jacob Figueiredo of Dartmouth's Bishop Stang High School to play football at NCAA Division 3 Fitchburg State University**

Bishop Stang Senior Jacob Figueiredo of New Bedford signed a Letter of Commitment to Fitchburg State University this week. The signing at Bishop Stang High School was attended by his parents, Doreen and Carl, brother, Corey, grandfather, Manuel, and coaches Dennis Golden, Stephen McGonigle and Joe Paulo. This coming Fall, Jacob will play NCAA Division III football at Fitchburg State University Falcons under Head Coach Scott Sperone.

Jacob is looking forward to playing ball for Fitchburg as well as studying Exercise Science. And while Coach Sperone is excited to be getting what he describes as a "physical runner with good agility" for this future running back, according to Stang Coach Dennis Golden, the Falcons will be getting much more from this player. "Jacob Figueiredo has been earnest in his efforts for four years of high school. He is a tough, hard-nosed player.



*Figueiredo with coaches Stephen McGonicle and Joe Paulo. Bishop Stang High School photo.*

He is unselfish, and he cares about team accomplishments. Jacob is a two-year starter for us at running back & on special teams. This year, he started at outside linebacker and did a tremendous job. He earned the designation of Catholic Central League All-Star this year. Fitchburg State is getting a tremendous football player and an even better young man. I have had the pleasure of seeing Jacob grow up at the YMCA, at the Boys & Girls Club, at South End (SEYAA) Baseball, at Whaler Youth Football, and at Our Lady of the Assumption Parish.

I had these opportunities even before getting to work with him at Stang. Jacob Figueiredo signifies all that is right with our young people. He is bright, he is positive, he is humble and he is respectful. Jacob gets it in school, in sports, and in life. We are thrilled for him and for his family."

The entire Figueiredo family expressed great pride in Jacob's accomplishments both on and off the field, with father Carl, BSHS Class of 75, saying "I am blessed to have my son follow

in my footsteps. I came to Bishop Stang for a great education and I left with friends for life. I wish that for my son as well”.



*Jacob Figueiredo at the signing. Bishop Stang High School photo.*

Jacob wished to especially thank his family for the opportunities they afforded him in getting to this point, and in enabling him to attend and play at Bishop Stang. Of his experience at Stang, Jacob said “my teammates are my brothers for life. We have always been by each others’ sides. I will never forget any one of them. We can laugh, we can be serious, we know how to motivate each other and lift each other up. The community and the teaching staff at Bishop Stang were kind, and it is a family-oriented environment. You really look forward to coming to school every day here.”

The Bishop Stang community wishes Jacob all the best in this next promising phase.