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Meet ROP student Austyn Willis

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As a student athlete at Barstow High School, Austyn enrolled in all the ROP Medical classes so that he could become more familiar with sports injuries. He was dedicated and put 100 percent into everything that he did in high school. After graduation, he was set to attend the University of California, Santa Barbara on a baseball scholarship where he was going to pursue a career in the medical field. Two days after graduating from high school, Austyn was selected in the 18th round as the 529th pick to play rookie ball for the Chicago Cubs and is now training in Mesa, Arizona.

Mrs. Yarber, his former ROP teacher asked "What if a career in baseball doesn't work out? What will you do then?" He replied, "I will go back to school and still pursue a degree in the medical field and become an emergency room nurse. All the training and hands on experience that I received from taking ROP medical classes was a deciding factor for me going into the medical field."

Mrs. Yarber describes Austyn as, "Someone who will do well in baseball or as a medical professional because he is hard working and determined to be a success in everything he does." Barstow is cheering for Austyn as he follows his dream to play major league baseball and to save lives in the medical field.

Austyn's ROP instruction will serve him well as a professional athlete and demonstrates how a student's interests brings relevance to career technical training. Batter up!



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