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With all of the success that the Seward County baseball program has had since the turn of the century, it is special when the Saints receive an announcement that has not happened in more than a decade, and that is exactly what happened on Tuesday when freshman catcher Brent Williams was named a First Team NJCAA All-American. Williams becomes the Saints first First Team All-American since Ryan Nelson earned the honor during the 2003 season.

Williams had a breakout 2014 for the Saints, hitting .415 with seven home runs and 69 RBIs.

He set an NJCAA Division I record with 37 doubles on the season, leading the nation by 13.

He finished fourth in the country with 95 hits as a freshman and his 69 RBIs ranked him in the top 10.

Williams had 28 multi-hit games in 2014 and a 23-game hit streak which included a 10 game multi-hit streak.

He was a First Team All-Region VI selection as well as a First Team All-Jayhawk West pick, and Williams was named the Jayhawk West Freshman of the Year.

He became the 20th NJCAA All-American in program history and the 19th in the past 21 seasons.

Williams is just the sixth First Team NJCAA All-American in Seward County history, joining a prestigious list including Ryan Nelson (2003), Cory Patton (2002), Chaz Eiguren (1997), Sean Eylar (1996), and Tim Forkner (1993).

Williams was the first Saints All-American since current Giants farmhand Kelby Tomlinson was an Honorable Mention All-American pick in 2010.