

Steven Heilenbach comes to Illinois Premier following an impressive career as a player and extensive experience as an instructor. He is in his 4th year with Baseball Institute as both a pitching and hitting instructor.

Heilenbach played his high school ball locally at Lyons Township High School, leading them to back-to-back state finals appearances, batting .360 and smashing 16 home runs for the 2011 State champions and 2012 State runners up. Heilenbach also dazzled on the mound, compiling over 100 innings pitched with a 13-3 record and a 1.72 ERA.

From there, he moved on to play collegiate baseball pitching for Illinois State University. Out of the gate Heilenbach played a role in the Redbirds 2013 MVC championship. As a freshman he had a 0.52 ERA and held opponent batters to a .185 batting average. Heilenbach continued his dominance and as a senior was elected to the Missouri Valley's second team All-Conference, posting a 5-4 record with a 3.30 ERA.

After his collegiate career, he played one professional year with the Windy City Thunderbolts, dominating his opponents while compiling a 0.96 ERA over 6 games. Unfortunately, his first and only season ended there, due to a broken hand. Fortunately, Steven has huge passion for, and knowledge of the game and his experience and leadership will go a long way toward educating and training future generations. Heilenbach is looking forward to his position as lead pitching instructor with Illinois Premier.