

**North Central's Matt Kelly transfers to Texas JUCO**

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Columbia Rock Bridge High School and North Central Missouri College product Matt Kelly is leaving the Pirates program after one season.

Kelly announced on his Facebook page last night that he is transferring to Panola College, a Division One junior college in Carthage, Texas, adding that he is hopeful that the exposure from a D-1 JUCO program helps get him a transfer to a D-1 NCAA program for the 2013-2014 season.

Kelly helped lead North Central to an 18-11 record in his only season at the Trenton JUCO, including a semifinal loss to Penn Valley in the Region 16 postseason tournament in March. He averaged 15 ½ points, four rebounds, and three assists per game for the Pirates.

North Central has begun to replenish its program with the signing of two players, thus far, in the 2012-2013 recruiting class. Keaton Duncan of Meadville signed earlier this month while Tyler Peterson of Savannah High School signed a week ago today.