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You can count Lincoln Way-West (New Lenox, Ill.) offensive lineman [Colin McGovern](#) as another Irish commit ready for February 6th to get here.

“I really can't wait to make it official and show Notre Dame that they're the one I'm set on,” said McGovern. “A few schools tried to get me to change my mind, but I didn't even entertain the idea or show any interest at all. I let them know, point blank, that I wasn't interested and I told them that if anything changed I might call, but right now I'm committed to Notre Dame and I plan on staying that way.”

The 6-foot-6, 300-pound trench warrior was named an Under-Armour All-American last year and was really looking forward to playing in the game in Orlando, but unfortunately a devastating knee injury he sustained in the playoffs would keep him from participating in the actual contest.

“The whole All-American event was well put together and for being such a young event it really was impressive,” he shared. “When you're there you get to see all the other big-name guys that were Under-Armour All-American athletes in the past and you also get to be out on the field with all the other guys that are going to be just as big, if not bigger in the college football world. It also gives you the opportunity to see what the next level's going to be like and that's really an

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eye-opener.

“Even though I wasn’t able to participate, which was a really big bummer, being able to stay a week in Florida wasn't too bad.”

The Lincoln Way-West standout plans to be healthy by this summer and he's ready to show the Irish faithful exactly what he's made him the player he is today.

“I'm not out to ‘toot my own horn’, but Notre Dame's getting a hard-working guy who'll put in 100-percent effort on every single play,” claimed McGovern confidently. “It doesn't matter if it's on the field during the game or in the weight room on every single rep, I'm always giving it my all.

“When I was younger I didn't take the game of football too seriously and I was ready to quit after my freshman year, but after realizing what I could possibly be if I set my heart and mind to it, I work my hardest to get to where I'm at now. That's also how it's going to be when I get to college and not to get ahead of myself, but if I get a chance to play in the NFL, I won't take that for granted either.”

McGovern's has already reached out to a few of the early enrollees to try and get a feel for what college life is like before it's his turn to enter into that world.

“I've actually been up to Notre Dame the last two weekends,” he admitted. “I was able to talk to Steve Elmer and Corey Robinson about what it's like to be up there. I'm not really sure if I'm happy that I didn't enroll early or not, but I'll admit it already seems cool to almost be in college.

“They told me that the transition from high school to college isn't too easy, especially at Notre Dame, but they said it's just a lot of reading right now. A'm sure if they're not used to it, they soon will be. All I know is that they really love it up there and I can't wait to join them.”

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Though it's always a challenge to step into the unknown and prepare for the next phase of your life, the highly touted offensive lineman definitely has no doubts that the Irish fans will definitely enjoy the class of 2013.

"I think we have a great group of guys coming in and none of us seem to be the 'troublemaker' sort," explained McGovern. "I think Notre Dame does a great job sorting out recruits like that. I would say in the social, educational and football aspect we have a great group of guys come in and we're going to make Notre Dame proud."