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## Steven Gentry Jr.

### Deer Park High School



A four-year varsity basketball player at point guard for the Deer Park Wildcats, senior Steven Gentry Jr. this season will be climbing in the school's all-time leader lists in scoring and steals, and currently is the school's all-time leader in career assists.

Steven already has an incredible high school memory to carry with him -- his sophomore year, he was a big part of the Wildcats' team that went an undefeated 29-0 and won the Ohio Div. III state championship, the first such title in school history.

He began this season with several double-digit scoring games, including 21 points-nine rebounds-four assists vs. Roosevelt (Gary, IN), 19 points-eight rebounds-five assists vs. Taylor, and 13 points-six assists vs. Summit Country Day.

His junior year, Steven averaged 17.5 points per game with 3.9 rebounds, 5.3 assists (tied for tops in the CHL) and 1.7 steals per game for the 16-8 Wildcats, who finished as Div. III sectional champs and district runners-up. He was named 1st team all-CHL, 2nd team all-city, 2nd team SWO District and honorable mention all-Ohio.

An academic honor roll student who is active in community service, his basketball club team is Apex. He plans to play at the next level but has not yet committed to a college. He also ran track for the Wildcats.

His favorite athlete is Kyrie Irving, favorite entertainment is basketball, favorite book is The Mockingbird, favorite movie is Rio and most-like-to-meet is Drake.



**NAME:** Steven Gentry Jr.  
**GRADUATING YEAR:** 2020  
**SCHOOL:** Deer Park High School  
**SPORT:** Basketball  
**BIRTHDATE:** 10/10/2001  
**PARENTS:** Steven Gentry Sr. & Shonda Hill  
**HEIGHT:** 6  
**INFLUENCE:** "My mom."  
**FUTURE GOAL:** Graduate high school/college business major

"The key is not the will to win, everybody has that. Steve has the will to prepare to win; he elevates everybody on our team and challenges them to be great."

- Steve Gentry, Basketball Coach

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