

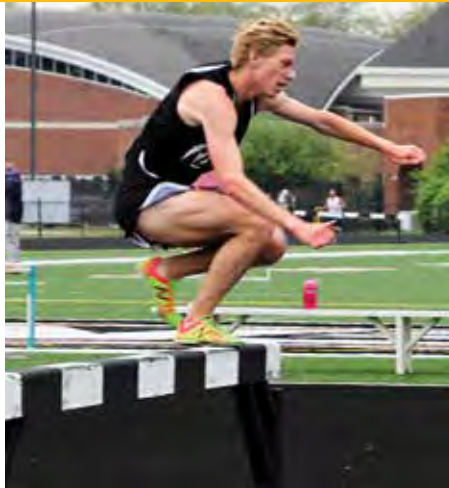
ATHLETICS



Spartan Athletics

The athletic fields are their own classroom at Manchester University, where the lessons learned include teamwork, leadership and on-the-spot decision making. While Manchester's approach to athletics puts an equal emphasis on both the "student" and "athlete," academics are always a priority, on and off the playing field.

Manchester student-athletes compete in 10 men's and 10 women's sports as part of the Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference (HCAC) in NCAA Division III. The competition is fierce, but tenacity and grit drive our players across finish lines, around bases, into goals and, when the buzzer goes off, to victory celebrations with their teammates, coaches and fans. Spartan athletes are in it to win it for sure.



Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference

Manchester also offers multiple intramural opportunities for those who love to play but aren't ready to suit up for intercollegiate competition. And if you're otherwise inclined, participating as a fan puts you at the true heart of Spartan athletics.

- ▶ Anderson University
- ▶ Bluffton University
- ▶ Defiance College
- ▶ Earlham College
- ▶ Franklin College
- ▶ Hanover College
- ▶ Manchester University
- ▶ Mount St. Joseph University
- ▶ Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology
- ▶ Transylvania University





Fall Sports

Football

- Back-to-back seasons with a D3Football.com All-American, 2017, 2018
- Three straight seasons with a Campbell Trophy Semifinalist, 2017-2019
- Claimed annual Bronze Ball game against conference rival Anderson in nine straight seasons
- Placed at least one team member on the National Football Foundations' Hampshire Society academic-award list each of the last seven years, 2013-2019

Women's Golf

- Six top-five conference tournament finishes since 2010
- 2014 HCAC Championships host
- Four-time HCAC champions

Men's and Women's Cross Country

Men's

- Captured seven of last 10 HCAC team titles
- Five HCAC individual champions since 2009
- Four NCAA Division III national meet berths since 2009
- Registered at least one all-USTFCCCA Great Lakes Region honoree from 2008-2017

Women's

- Part of conference "Triple Crown" in 2015-16 – won cross country, indoor and outdoor track and field titles
- Captured eight of last 10 HCAC team titles
- Three HCAC individual champions since 2015
- Three of the last six HCAC Freshman of the Year accolades
- Six straight seasons with at least one all-USTFCCCA Great Lakes Region honoree, 2014-2019
- Three all-USTFCCCA academic team awards, 2016-2018



Men's and Women's Soccer

Men's

- 2003 HCAC champions
- 13 HCAC postseason tournament berths since 1998
- Three HCAC Coach and Player of the Year Awards

Women's

- 10-time HCAC tournament Final Four participants
- Two-time league tournament champions, 2003, 2004
- Seven straight years of five or more All-HCAC academic honors, 2013-2019

Women's Tennis

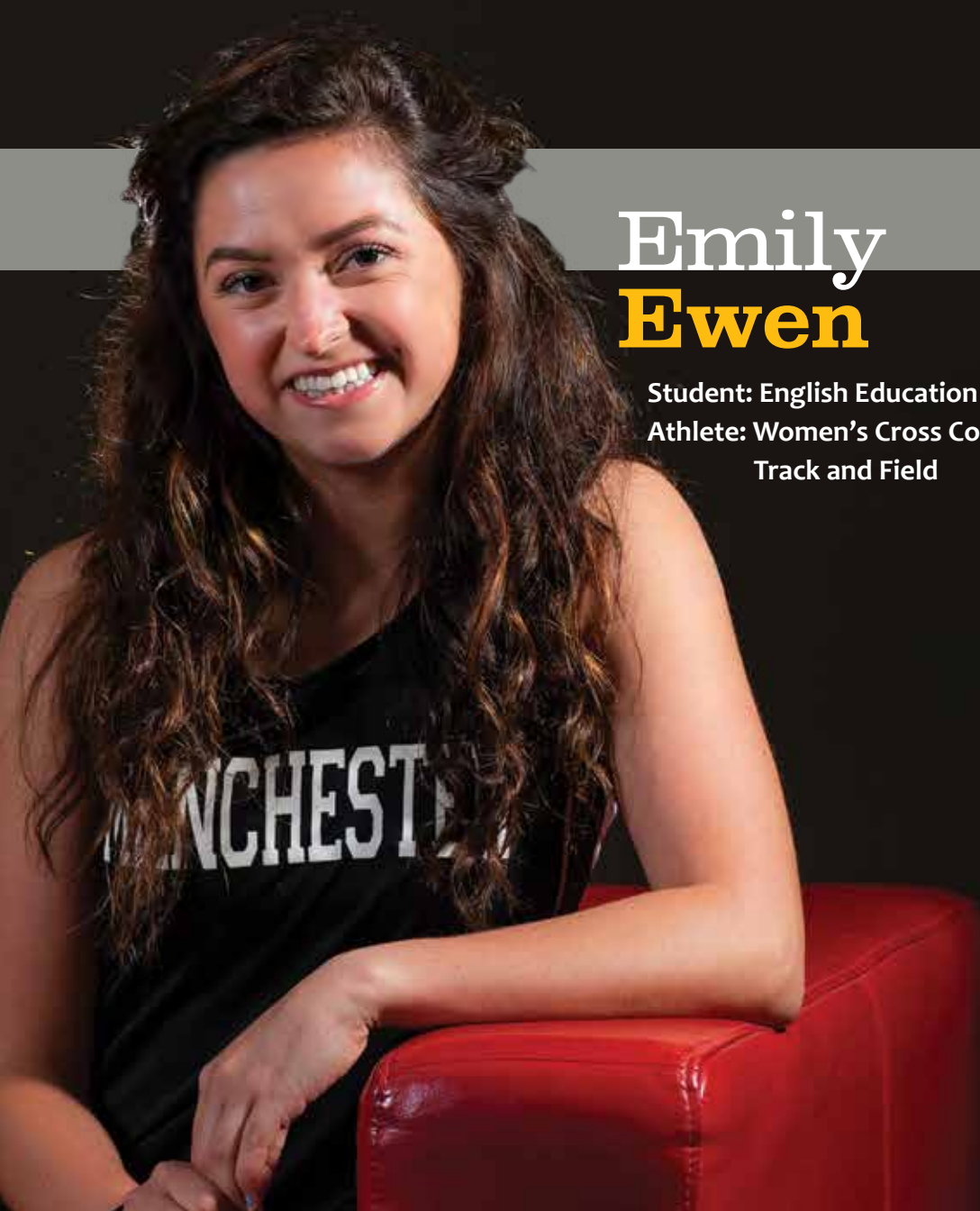
- Eight straight conference postseason tournament appearances, 2010-2017
- Eight successive seasons of at least one first team All-Conference honoree, 2010-2017
- Six-time HCAC team champions
- 2018 HCAC MVP – Erin Cordill

Cheerleading

Manchester University's cheerleading program regularly brings in a squad of 10-15 members to get the home crowd excited! We cheer at all of the football and men's and women's basketball home events.

Volleyball

- 13 conference tournament berths since 1998
- 2016 team tied wins record (18)
- 2016 team recorded first winning season and conference tournament victory since 2008
- Have had at least one athlete named first team All-Conference in five straight years, 2015-19



Emily Ewen

Student: English Education

**Athlete: Women's Cross Country
Track and Field**

Feeling wanted brought Emily Ewen to Manchester University. She's never felt anything different since.

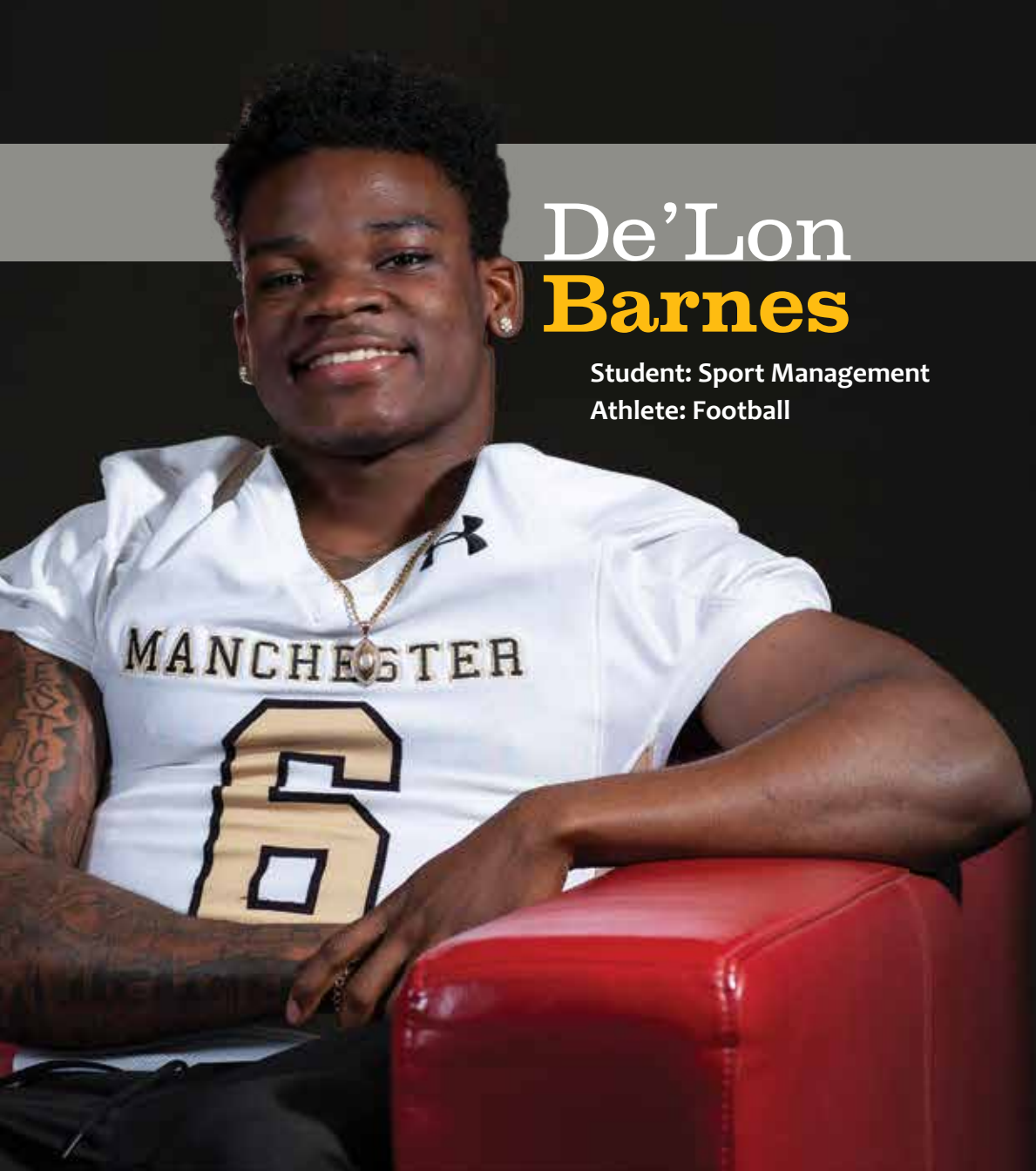
A senior cross country and track athlete from Bourbon, Ind., Emily wasn't sure she wanted to run in college. But Manchester's coaches convinced her otherwise, and showed her she had a home in Manchester's supportive, tight-knit community.

"I wasn't sure what I wanted to do, where I wanted to go," Emily says. "But they were very persistent and they were really invested when talking to me."

Once on campus, she was hooked.

"The campus itself has really kept me here, because of the friendliness and size of it," says Emily, an English education major. "It's cool how people can put their differences aside to meet the common goal to succeed."

"We're here for a reason, and it's more beneficial to do that together."



De'Lon Barnes

Student: Sport Management
Athlete: Football

De'Lon Barnes traveled 2,000 miles to find everything he'd ever sought.

A place to play football. A place to build a future. A place to become the person of ability and conviction that is a Manchester University hallmark.

"I think the best part about playing a sport here is the opportunity to create a culture and to stand for something bigger than just myself," says De'Lon, a linebacker from South Central Los Angeles.

Manchester found De'Lon, a sports management major, at a football camp in California. What De'Lon found at Manchester was, he says, a "blessing."

"I'd say my best experience has been the relationships I've built," he says. "The relationships I built here I know will last a lifetime, and I'm blessed to have built them. I wouldn't be the man I am today without them."

Winter Sports

Men's and Women's Basketball

Men's

- Five NCAA Div. III postseason tournament appearances; national runners-up, 1995
- Four-time HCAC tournament champions; three-time ICAC tournament champions
- Five-time HCAC champions; three-time ICAC champions

Women's

- Three NCAA Div. III postseason tournament berths, 2006-2008
- Three-time conference tournament champions, 2006-2008
- Two-time HCAC champions

Men's and Women's Indoor Track & Field

Men's

- Eight top five finishes in conference championships
- Seven individual HCAC event champions
- HCAC first and second team awards, 2016-2020

Women's

- Part of conference "Triple Crown" in 2015-2016 – won cross country, indoor and outdoor track and field titles.
- 29 HCAC event champions
- Two NCAA Division III All-American honors, Bridgette Rowe, 2014-2015
- 2018 & 2020 HCAC track MVP – Hannah Wappes

Men's and Women's Swimming & Diving

- Five NCAA Division III Central Region Diving Championship berths since 2016
- Two Ohio Athletic Conference individual champions, Ally Roskos, one-meter diving, 2016, 2017
- Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference individual champion, Jordan Spearman, three-meter diving, 2019
- Women's team earned Collegiate Swimming & Diving Coaches Association of America Scholar All-America honors in 2019

Wrestling

- Four NCAA Division III top 10 team finishes
- 21 All-Americans
- 31 National Wrestling Coaches Association Scholar-Athlete honors







Katie Blystone

Student: Pre-Pharmacy

Athlete: Women's Swimming

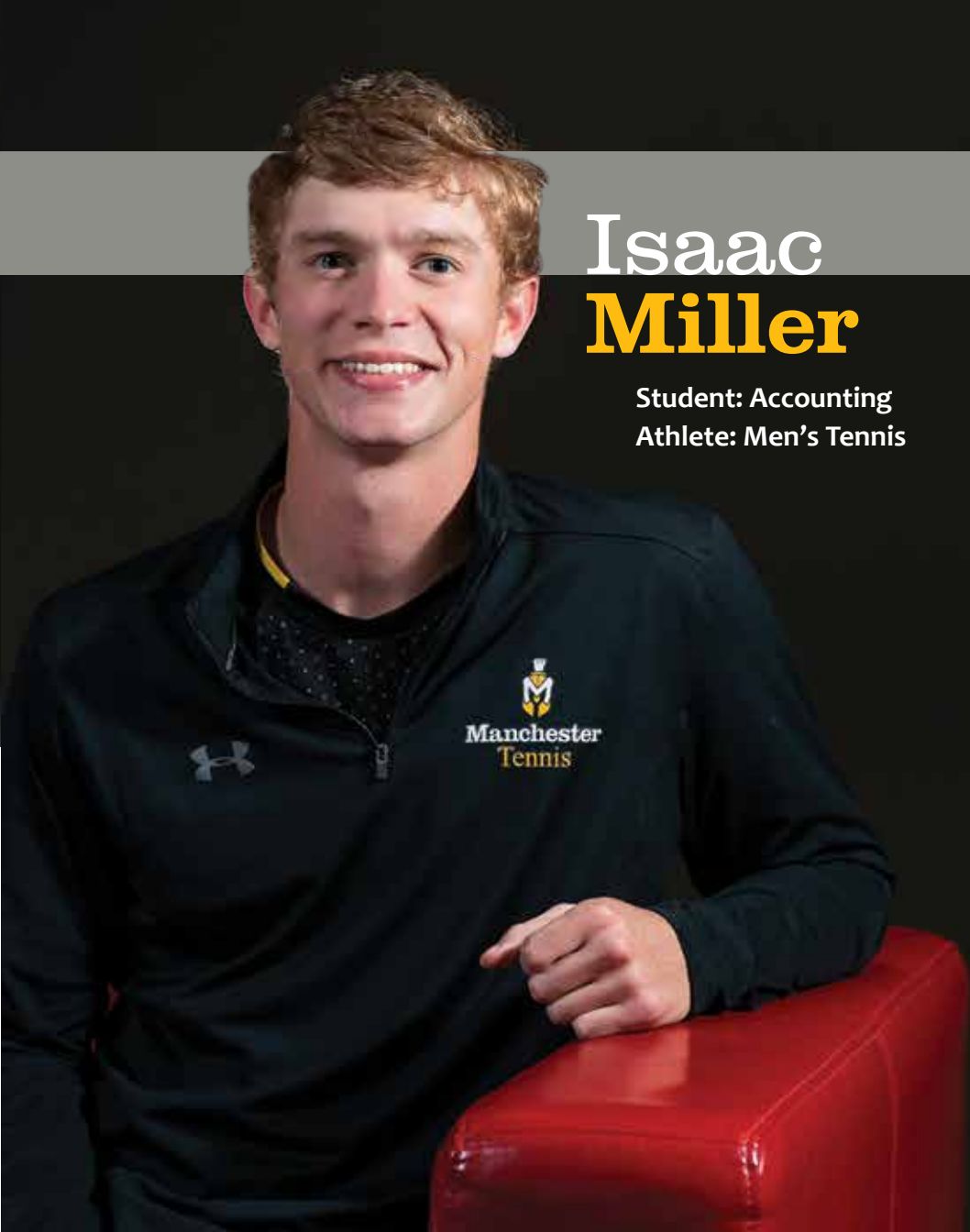
Katie Blystone never thought she'd swim again. And she never thought she'd do it while pursuing a demanding and rewarding college curriculum.

Manchester University made both come true.

Coming from sprawling Carmel (Ind.) High School, she wasn't sure how she'd adjust to life at a small college in a small community. But she found a home at MU as both an athlete and a student in Manchester's stellar Pre-Pharmacy Program.

"Everyone here is very friendly and very helpful, and the professors work with me one-on-one and accommodate my schedule since I am a student-athlete," Katie says. "When I learned I could swim in college, that was a real pull to come to Manchester."

For Katie, small turned out to be more than big enough.



Isaac Miller

Student: Accounting
Athlete: Men's Tennis

It was reputation that brought Isaac Miller to Manchester University. It is fellowship that ties him to it by the heartstrings.

An academic All-State tennis player at Fairfield High School, Isaac came to MU for its acclaimed Accounting Program. But if the small class sizes, superb instruction and personal attention from instructors were everything for which Isaac could have hoped, what kept the tennis racquet in his hand, and makes him a Spartan for life, is the special bond student-athletes so often tend to find at MU.

“I’ve definitely made some great friends through it, and great teammates as well,” says Isaac, who’s also a resident assistant and a Community Outreach Committee member. “Getting to know my teammates and being competitive with them – working with them, but also having fun – has been great.”



Softball

- NCAA Division III National Tournament berth, 2001
- 2018 HCAC Most Valuable Player/ NFAA Division III All-American – Lauren Ladwig
- 13 HCAC postseason tournament appearances since 2000
- HCAC champions, 2013

Spring Sports

Baseball

- NCAA Division III College World Series appearances, 2004, 2013
- Six NCAA Division III national tournament berths
- 20 HCAC postseason tournament berths in last 23 seasons
- 12 All-American honors since 2002

Men's and Women's Outdoor Track & Field

Women's

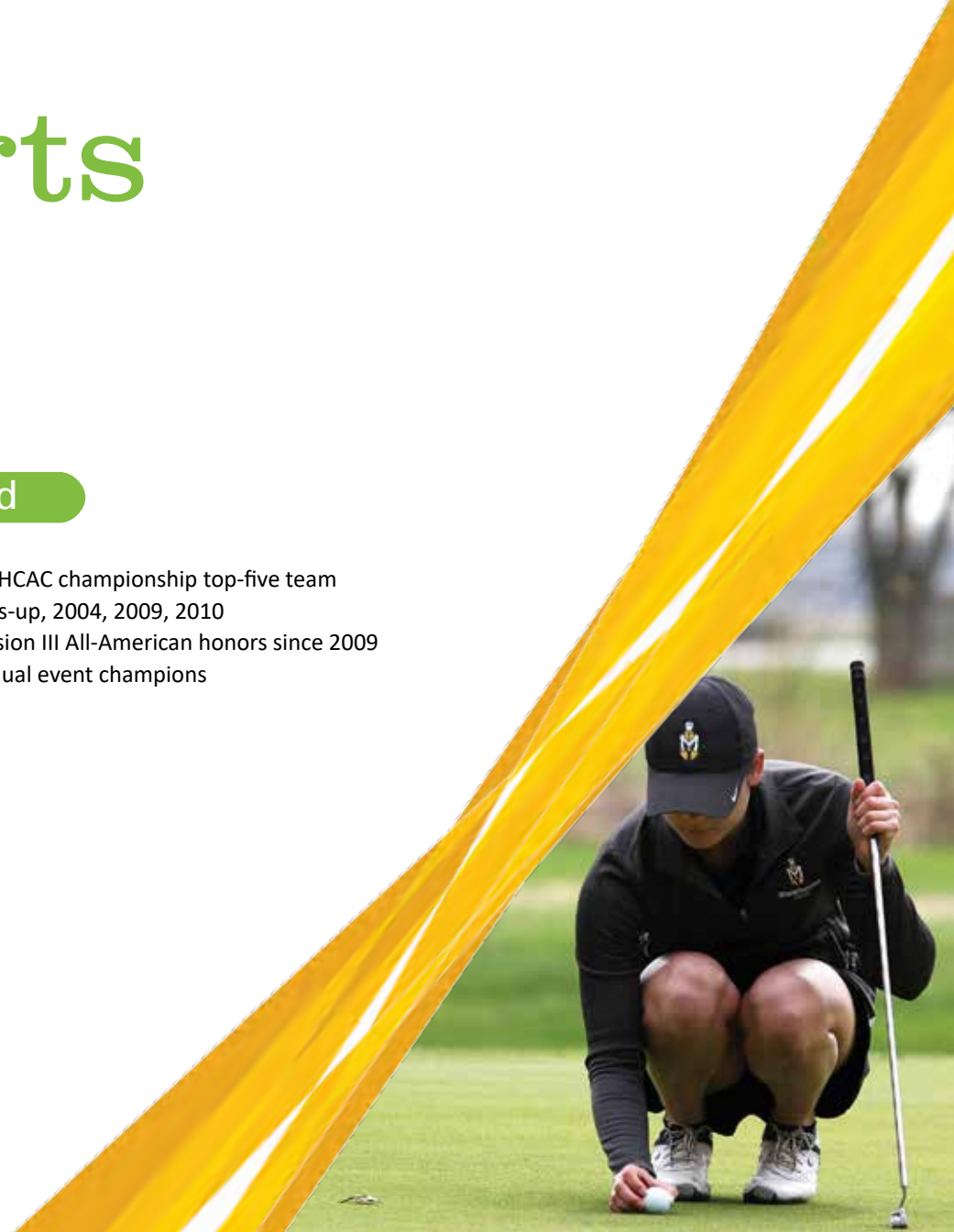
- Part of conference "Triple Crown" in 2015-16 – won cross country, indoor and outdoor track and field titles
- Four NCAA All-Americans in the last nine years
- Four HCAC team titles in the last 11 years, 2009, 2015, 2016, 2017
- 2018 HCAC track MVP – Hannah Wappes

Men's

- 21 consecutive HCAC championship top-five team finishes; runners-up, 2004, 2009, 2010
- Four NCAA Division III All-American honors since 2009
- 38 HCAC individual event champions

Men's Tennis

- Seven HCAC postseason tournament appearances since 2007
- 27 All-HCAC awards





Haley Farris

Student: Athletic Training
Athlete: Women's Basketball

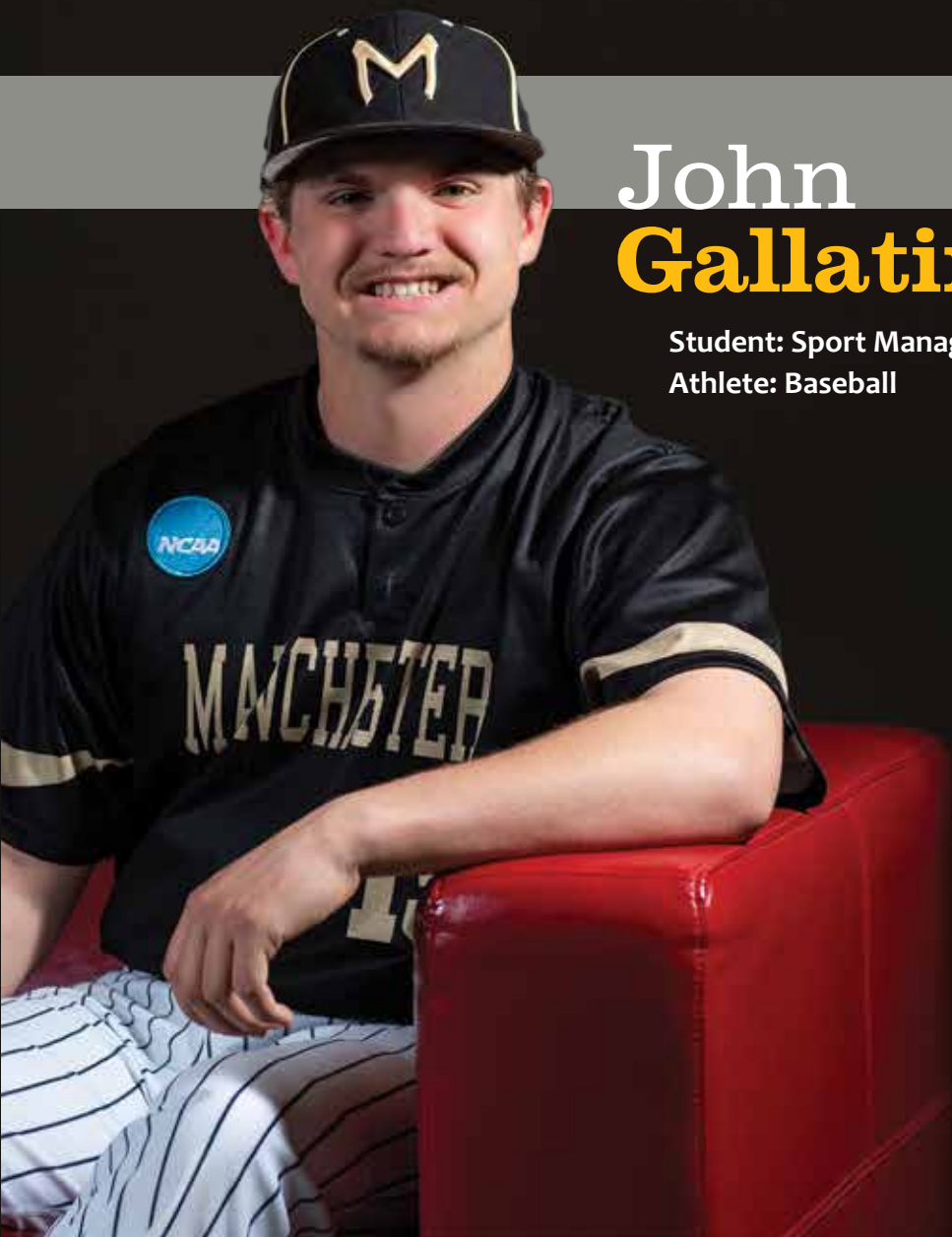
If home is where the heart is, Haley Farris counts herself lucky indeed.

Her heart has two residences: her hometown of Sharpsville, Ind., and Manchester University.

A guard on the MU women's basketball team and an athletic training major, Haley's investment in Manchester is total – she plays varsity basketball, she serves on the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee, and she's a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Students Today/Alumni Tomorrow, the Athletic Training Club and Spartan Ambassadors.

“I'm from a really, really small town, so coming here, I knew it was home. On my visit it felt like home,” Haley says. “This is such a community here. I even consider coming back as an employee someday.”

“That would be really cool if I could accomplish that because I love this place. And I do consider it home.”



John Gallatin

Student: Sport Management & Finance
Athlete: Baseball

It wasn't the size of the school that surprised Manchester baseball player John Gallatin. It was the size of its passion.

"I knew this was a smaller school coming here, so I didn't have very high expectations (in terms of support)," says John, a sport management and finance major from Muncie, Ind. "I was surprised by how many people go to athletic events – not just baseball, but everything."

Getting behind its athletic teams is a Manchester tradition, because athletics have deep roots at MU. John finds that support, and his own place as an outfielder in Manchester's outstanding baseball program, an integral part of the typically rich Manchester experience.

"Getting to know the guys, getting to hang out ... it's like a second family," he says. "And it's an experience most people don't get to have."

How can I become a Spartan athlete?

Ready to find out what it takes to compete? Start with these two easy steps.

1. Visit www.muspartans.com/be_a_spartan and fill out a recruit form.
2. Schedule a campus visit at visit.manchester.edu, or call our Admissions Office.

Any other questions? Contact the Admissions Office at 800-852-3648 or admitinfo@manchester.edu.



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