

Scholarship Gala



DEVIN GASKINS '19

"My reason for choosing C of I was the opportunity I was given to compete in both of the sports I love while knowing that I was going to be given all of the necessary tools to realize my dream of becoming a physician."

"I was fortunate to be born to two extremely hardworking parents. My parents had me young, and they both came from families that did not have much money. In order to establish a good life for me, they knew that they'd have to attend college. In order to do so, they both joined the military so that they could afford going back to school to earn their degrees. For years, my parents worked hard so that I could pursue all of my passions without fear of not being talented enough or unable to afford them."

"The reason I appreciate C of I is that the school and its community share the same goal as my parents, which is to help me achieve success without being hindered by lack of opportunity or finances. My academic scholarship as well as my athletic scholarships have allowed me to attend the College. The professors, coaches, and administrators I've had the pleasure of meeting have given me the tools required to be a competitive applicant for medical schools. The efforts of our donors as well as those working at the College have helped me monumentally on my quest to become a doctor, and for that I am incredibly grateful."

▲ **Major:** Biology **Minors:** Pre-Health Professions: Pre-Med, Psychology, Environmental Humanities

▲ **Hometown:** Meridian, Idaho

▲ **Interests:** Ecology Research in Dr. Anna Himler's lab studying endosymbionts in aphids on sagebrush, Internal Transporter for St. Luke's Hospital, Simplot Hall Resident Assistant, Sprinter and Team Captain Men's Track & Field Team, Defensive back on football team, AVID Tutor at Vallivue Middle School, Volunteer at Keystone Hospice, Student-Athlete Advisory Committee member

"Devin is the whole package as a person: driven and intelligent but retaining his humanity and willingness to learn. As a scholar-athlete Devin personifies commitment, resilience, and reliability. Devin knows how to work hard to achieve his goals. At the same time, he is one of the nicest, most genuine students I've met. He brings genuine compassion and humanity with his drive for excellence."

-Anna Himler, Biology Assistant Professor