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Matt Horn '12 and the University of South Dakota's Alexa Duling are the 2013 Walter Byers Scholars.

They will each receive a renewable \$24,000 post-graduate scholarship.



ROCK HILL, S.C. — The National Collegiate Athletic Association has selected former Winthrop University soccer player Matt Horn '12 as one of the two 2013 Walter Byers Scholars. Horn and University of South Dakota track and field star Alexa Duling will each receive a renewable \$24,000 post-graduate scholarship.

Horn earned degrees from Winthrop in biology and chemistry. He is now in his first year of medical school at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, near his hometown of Mooresville.

Matt Horn

While at Winthrop, Horn distinguished himself in the academic, athletic and service areas. Some highlights include:

- Two-year men's soccer team captain
- Top 10 finalist for the 2011 Lowe's Senior CLASS Award
- Capital One First Team Academic All-America member
- NSCAA Second Team Academic All-South member
- 2010 Big South Conference Student-Athlete of the Year
- Three-year president of Winthrop's Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC)
- Under his leadership SAAC received the Big South Conference's Kallander Cup for best community service project for three years in a row
- NCAA Division I National SAAC representative for the Big South Conference
- Alternative Spring Break participant

Horn told the NCAA that his experience as a student-athlete prepared him for the high-intensity of medical school. He hopes to specialize in orthopedic surgery or family medicine, according to the release.

"I'm really passionate about medical school and being a doctor in the future," he told the NCAA. "I always thought the scholarship was a terrific opportunity."

The scholarship recognizes outstanding academic achievement and potential for future success and is awarded each year to one male and one female student-athlete. Nominees must be a graduating senior or enrolled in graduate study at an NCAA member institution and have attained an undergraduate GPA of at least 3.5, played on a varsity team, demonstrated character and leadership and participated in community service.

Read more about Horn's time at Winthrop in his My Winthrop Experience profile.

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