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Former Men's Soccer Team Captain Wins NCAA Walter Byers Scholarship

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Quick Facts

- 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.



Matt Horn

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.

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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