



# Caitlin Wassermann

**High school:** SCEGGS Darlinghurst

**Hometown:** Sydney, Australia

**Majors:** B.S. Allied Health Technology with a Sports Medicine Concentration

**Activities:** Field Hockey Team

**Internships:** Worked for McNairy Library, Game Management Staff, and Athletic Training as a Student Assistant

**Post-grad plans:** I am likely starting by Masters here at Millersville, or I might move back to Australia (preferably near the beach) and further my education there.



“I have a great respect for all our international students, but especially for our international student-athletes & Caitlin Wasserman is a model “STUDENT-ATHLETE.” She is as fierce with her academics and courses as she is on the field hockey field. Her ability to manage herself, her studies, and the demands of being a member of our field hockey program is a testament to her and the pride she has in being a member of our team. As one of only two Australians here at Millersville, Caitlin’s approach to her sport is so professional and her pride in representing her country and our program is what makes her special! I am so proud of her growth here with us, it takes a lot to travel ½ way around the world to study and play a sport. I love all that makes Caitlin her. Her contributions to our team and Millersville do not go unnoticed. I know she will be leaving Millersville with a more worldly outlook thanks to her time here!”

– Coach Shelly Behrens  
Head Field Hockey Coach

## Why Millersville?

I loved the appearance of the school and the field hockey program originally but throughout the application process I loved the attitudes of the people as they are always willing to help. I also loved how there are swans on campus, and I thought it was so cool.

## Are you where you thought you’d be when you first came to campus?

I am not exactly where I thought I would be when I first came to the USA and then after transferring to Millersville. However, over my time here I have learnt that throughout life interests change and evolve. Originally, I thought I would be furthering my studies in a medical field but now I have found interests that are more suiting in other fields. Millersville has exposed me to a number of events helping me develop these new interests.

**Who helped you get to where you are now?**

My family back home in Australia have substantially contributed to getting me where I am today. Without them I wouldn't have been able to take part in many of the experiences I have throughout my life and time here at Millersville. My friends including the ones that I have developed here have also contributed greatly helping me as it can be tough at times living so far away from home. I am forever grateful to these people in my life.

**Peak experience?**

My peak experience would have to be my first season playing for the Millersville field hockey team after transferring in 2022. During this season we played a home game against Bloomsburg University in sleeting rain which was incredibly cool as this is not something that I have experienced before. That season we also finished 2nd in the conference, going into overtime in the final game against East Stroudsburg University.

**What will you miss the most?**

I will miss all the people that I have met along the way however, I hope that they can one day come visit and experience Australia. My teammates have also been very pivotal to my time here so I will miss them greatly as well and I can't wait to see and hear what each of them individually go onto doing.

**What surprised you?**

A large amount surprised me when I first came to the states. I didn't realize how different the Australian culture is compared to the American culture. There are some similarities between them but the differences in my opinion are much greater. Over my time I also got to meet a large number of other internationals from different countries, where I could learn about their countries and cultures as well. The main thing that surprised me about Pennsylvania is that it does get quite cold here, and the fact that school gets cancelled when it snows too much. As I am from Sydney Australia, the site of snow is rare and experiencing snow days is even less likely to happen so to experience this was very cool and surprising.

**Which one(s) of the EPPiIC values of Millersville do you most identify with? Or which of the values do you think best describes your time here at Millersville?**

Compassion and Inclusion as throughout my time here at Millersville I have never experienced anyone being exclusive towards me and everyone is so understanding of everyone's situations no matter if they can empathize with you.

**Advice for the Class of 2028?**

Millersville has lots of opportunities for you to explore, make sure you take advantage of it all! You only live this time in your life once so make the most of it, travel and spend time with your friends. Time really does fly!

