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Gina Grier

Class: Senior

Major: Economics with a double minor in finance and government/political affairs.

Hometown: Douglassville, Pa.

What made you want to attend Millersville University?

I made several college visits throughout high school and Millersville was the only university that made me feel like they valued my attendance. Millersville had everything I was looking for in a university. It was important to me that I would receive a great education and that I would not feel like "a number" in the classroom. Millersville University is also close to home and has a beautiful campus with a lot of activities to offer.

Do you currently hold any on-campus jobs?

I work at the Millersville University Fitness Center as a student manager. Working on campus has been a way for me to meet new people.

Are you involved in any clubs or organizations on-campus?

I am a member of the Millersville women's soccer team. Being part of a team is something that I value immensely. My team is what I like to consider my family here at Millersville. If I ever have a problem, I know that I can talk to any one of my teammates or coaches. Although it is hard work to balance school and sports, the athletic department encourages student-athletes to strive for success not only on the field but in the classroom as well.

I am also a member of the Civic and Community Engagement and Research Project (CCERP). This past summer we took a trip to Washington, D.C., where a small group of select students had the opportunity to meet influential people, such as former Congressman Robert Walker. The trip aims to help students understand the elements that help shape public policy. CCERP has helped my career development and leadership skills. CCERP members also have opportunities to get involved with campus events such as voter registration drives and Constitution Week.

What are you hoping to do with your degree?

Post-graduation, I hope to receive a job opportunity in the business or financial field that will assist me in paying for a master's degree. I am looking into graduate schools to possibly receive a master's



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degree in finance.

What made you want to pursue your current major?

I pursued my current major because when I originally came to Millersville I wanted to go to law school and economics majors statistically have the highest scores on the Law School Admission Test (LSAT). Economics majors also score high on the *Graduate Management Admission Test* (GMAT) but I have not entirely ruled out law school.

What is the most rewarding aspect of your major?

The most rewarding aspect of my major is that it has given me such a wide range of knowledge that will help me become successful. Knowing that an economics degree overlaps with many different career fields (e.g., business, finance and politics) gives me the security of finding a job after graduation.

What is the best piece of advice you've received?

The best piece of advice I have ever received is to always look at the big picture. It is easy to get overwhelmed with school, work and sports but it is essential to not dwell on one test, one class or one problem in your life. Work hard and rationalize every situation and continue to take the steps required to reach your goal. Keep your eye on the prize but always remember to have fun because college is over before you know it!

Do you have a favorite class and/or professor?

All of the economics professors I have had at Millersville are willing to help students outside of class and want each of their students to succeed. Economics can be challenging at times but the department as a whole really cares about its students and is always looking for new ways to make lectures interesting and related to current events.

My favorite professor at Millersville is Dr. Sandra McPherson. I have enjoyed all the classes I have taken with her: Introduction to Macroeconomics, Applied Statistics and Intermediate Macroeconomics. I recently received an internship position offer with the help of Dr. McPherson because she gave me a great recommendation.

Have you completed an internship?

This spring I am working in the procurement office at Clark Associates, Inc., in Lancaster. I am lucky to have found a paid position that will allow me to utilize my skills I have learned at Millersville.

How has Millersville helped you to succeed?

Millersville has helped me succeed because I have been given the tools to create a future for myself. The professors I have had at Millersville were always willing to help me outside of class. If I ever had a problem with a class, I have always had a friend, teammate, teacher or coach that was there to help. Along the way of providing me with a great education, Millersville University has created opportunities for me to play soccer, accept an internship position and hopefully a career after graduation.



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