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## Athlete of the Week



**Name:** Emily Collins  
**Sport:** Basketball and Soccer  
**Major:** Undecided  
**Year:** Sophomore  
**Age:** 19



Photos by Kathy Villagomez

**Q:** Who inspires you?

**A:** All of the coaches I've had. They have all taught me so much and they push me to be better every day I work with them.

**Q:** What is the most challenging thing about being a two-sport athlete?

**A:** Never getting a break. I started soccer in August and now I'm in basketball season until February or March.

**Q:** Which sport is harder, basketball or soccer?

**A:** I don't think one is harder than the other. They both involve a lot of running. Soccer requires more endurance and basketball is more sprinting down the court.

**Q:** What plans do you have after

**COD?**

**A:** To transfer to a four-year school and hopefully play either basketball or soccer.

**Q:** Do you have any words of advice for younger players?

**A:** Practice is what makes good teams, so work your hardest in practice and let that carry over into games.

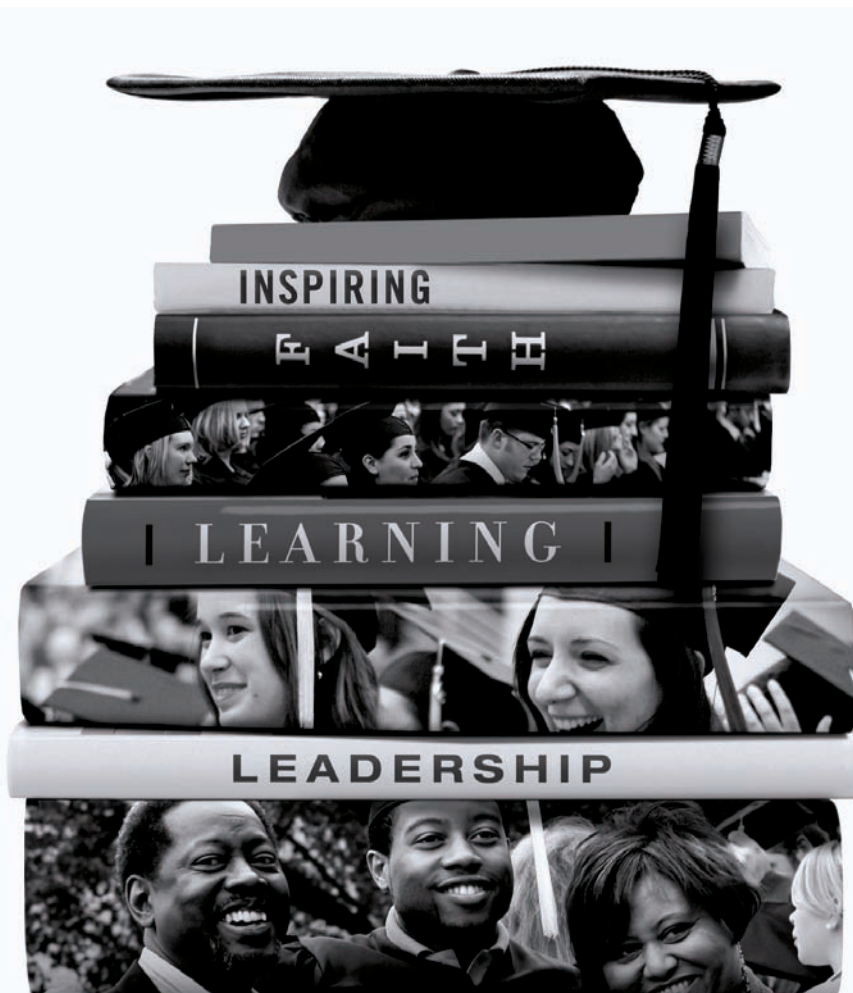
**Q:** Is there any quote you try and live by?

**A:** Pain is temporary, pride is forever. [Also] Pain is weakness leaving your body.

**Q:** Do you prepare any differently for a game in basketball or soccer?

**A:** Not at all. I go into every game the same. I try not to think about it too much and play my game.

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