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Regis University

Thank you.

Tonight, we honor the student athletes of Regis University. We do that because what you do for our community is hard, not easy, but you all get it done. Here are a few examples of your accomplishments:

In the classroom -

- 3.37 Fall GPA
- 63 Student Athletes named to RMAC all academic teams
- 2 Academic All-Americans
- NCAA President's Award for Academic Excellence
- Academic Success Rating for 2013-14 is 91% - where the NCAA average is 71%

On the field -

- 6 All-Americans
- 15 All-Region Honors
- 1 South-Central Region Player of the Year
- 3 All-RMAC Performers
- 1 RMAC Championship—Women's 2014 Lacrosse
- 31 Student Athletes named to All-RMAC teams
- 1 NCAA Tournament Appearances for Volleyball

You embody what is at the heart of our community, and I am truly grateful for all that you have done - and continue to do.

I want to highlight two of your fellow athletes. These two outstanding seniors are great examples of what it means to be a Regis student athlete.

Forward Martin Maybin was selected in February to continue his playing career for the Colorado Springs Switchbacks Football Club. The Switchbacks played their season opener this past weekend, March 28, in Austin, Texas against the Aztex. Maybin earned a starting position becoming the first Ranger soccer player to start for a professional team. Although, the Switchbacks lost 2-0, Maybin played in all 90 minutes of the match.



It would be an understatement to say that Maybin's leadership on the field and presence on the ball will not be missed but the Switchbacks gained one of Regis' most decorated players. He was a six-time All-America selection, a Daktronics South Central Region Player of the Year, a Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference Player of the Year, was a six-time South Central All-Region First Team selection, and was a repeat All-RMAC First Team pick (2012, 2013, 2014).

The Northern Ireland native now sits alone atop the Regis record books after breaking two records in his final season. On October 1, Maybin not only scored the game-winning goal in double overtime to lift the Rangers over Colorado Christian but broke his first record. He became the all-time leading goal scorer, breaking the old record at 45, and now holds it with 53 goals scored. Just a couple days later on October 3, Maybin took down another record and became the all-time leader in points scored. The old record stood at 118 and he now owns it with 134 points.

And - Erica Von Stein, a four year member of the women's basketball program, "recruited" Regis knowing where she wanted to continue her playing career. After a year and a half of emails, calls, and sending of game film, Coach Raunig made the trip to Trafalgar, Indiana to see Erica play. The rest was history; but as each recruit who enters into college with big hopes and dreams, you are never truly certain how they will respond, react, or fit in.

Erica is the type of player who takes everything to heart, after a freshman year of sitting back and learning the ropes and the system to, by the end of her sophomore year, contributing on the court. She was beginning to become one of the team's strongest leaders.

With one final year of college basketball to play and things not getting off to the start that Erica had hoped, being the natural leader she is, expressed to her teammates how much this final season meant to her. The team came together, playing for each other, to pull out wins at Black Hills State, beat Pueblo on senior night, and take down CCU on a buzzer-beater.

As her senior year came to a close, Erica is able to say she has no regrets and left it all out on the court going down in her teammates and coaches eyes as one of the toughest, most dedicated, loyal, and determined individuals.

Each of you has a great story to tell, and while I don't have time tonight to tell all of these stories, I do want to again thank you for all you do for Regis. I am so very proud to be a Ranger myself!