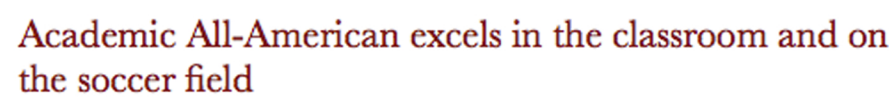


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Become a Bearcat



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In her senior year, the midfielder was named Offensive Player of the Year within the Northwest Conference and First Team Capital One Academic All-America for NCAA Division III. Only 12 players across the country were chosen for the latter honor, based on their athletic and scholastic prowess.

On the academic side, Skelly has twice received the Martha Springer scholarship for her leadership and success in the biology field.

She has worked in Professor Jason Duncan's lab through Willamette's Science Collaborative Research Program, studying genetic mutations in fruit flies and attempting to learn why and in which genes the anomalies occurred.

By attending Willamette, Skelly says she was able to challenge herself and discover her true potential.

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Skelly has made her mark in the classroom and on the soccer field while at Willamette. A biology major, she's maintaining a 3.9 grade point average and is intent on pursuing a career in either clinical or research genetics.

"Being named an Academic All-American came as a real shock to me," Skelly says, adding the announcement was mutually exciting and humbling. "It's a very big honor, not only for me, but for my team. We all work together, day in and day out, and any awards I receive are a reflection of that."

"Stephanie is one of the most talented players I have had the privilege of coaching. It has been so rewarding watching her develop and grow into an outstanding athlete, student and person," Arthur says. "Stephanie is the total package. She leaves a great legacy behind, and has set a new standard for Bearcat Soccer."

The summer program is made available to select undergraduates, giving them the opportunity to work directly with faculty on science research projects. For her work, Skelly studied genetic mutations in fruit flies and attempted to learn why and in which genes the anomalies occurred.

Self Discovery

"She displays a level of maturity and clarity in thought not often found in someone of her age," Duncan says. "What is truly admirable is how she seamlessly integrates her academic success with her pursuit of excellence in athletics. Stephanie works tirelessly at both."

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