



# WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A "SCHOLAR-BALLER®" – STUDENT NARRATIVES



- "I feel good to know that I am a part of something that will eventually blow up. I really think it shows people on the outside how much work student-athletes put into their academics. It is also a personal honor to be recognized for something other than ball." ~ **Arizona State University Student and Member of Football Team**
- "It is an honor to be part of such a movement, emphasizing what we as student-athletes came to college to do: better ourselves." ~ **FAMU Biology & Pre-Med Major and Member of Football Team**
- "It feels great to be recognized for academic success and to be a part of a program that stresses the student part of student-athlete." ~ **Portland State University Biology Major and Member of Football Team**
- "Football players usually never get noticed for what they do in the classroom, but after the Scholar-Baller patches came out, people started to notice it." ~ **Arizona State University Student and Member of Football Team**
- "I feel honored to be able to display that I am a scholar-baller, and to express to the younger athletes that it is not only about on the field activity but also off the field." ~ **FAMU Criminal Justice Major and Member of Football Team**
- "I take pride and honor that I perform better academically each term. I also take pride in wearing the Scholar-Baller patch during competition." ~ **Portland State University Health Science & Business Major and Member of Football Team**
- "I feel proud to be awarded for my academic work." ~ **University of Central Florida Hospitality Management Major and Member of Men's Basketball Team**
- "It was a true honor to wear the Scholar-Baller patch during the Valero Alamo Bowl. This patch showed my teammates that I am a hard worker. It also shows the coaches, competitors and fans that I excel on and off the field. Also, the patch gave me a special swagger about myself that I was not only representing the University of Arizona, but every kid who lives in a tough situation and has a hard life growing up and is trying to do the right thing. I wanted to thank the Scholar-Baller program and committee for recognizing my accomplishments and hard work I have put in over the past years. Winning this award has opened up new doors to my life and my career." ~ **University of Arizona Interdisciplinary Studies Major and Member of Football Team**

