

# best *in class*

Yarimar Rosa was recruited by virtually every elite volleyball program in the country. She wanted a university that would allow her to flourish, both on the court and in the classroom. Today the junior is No. 1 in the country in a key volleyball statistic and studying in one of the top international business programs in the country. Says Yari, “I think I made a great decision.”

## *Athlete*

**What she loves about volleyball:**

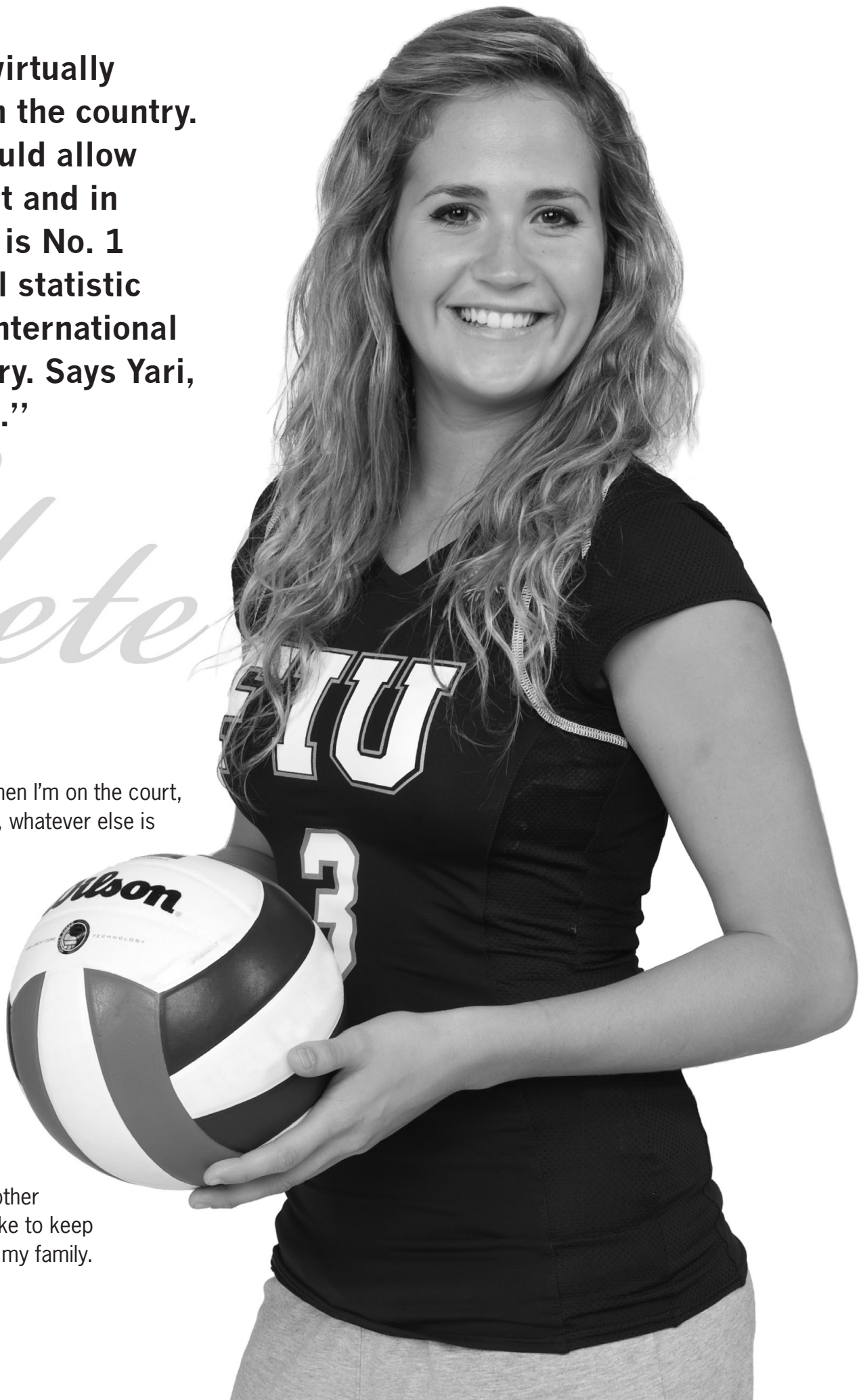
I've been playing volleyball since I was 5 years old. When I'm on the court, I don't think about anything else. The stress of school, whatever else is going on in my life – I forget about it completely when I'm playing. I love it. It makes me feel happy.

**Life as a scholar-athlete:**

There's a lot of traveling at the college level, and you miss classes during the season because of it. I've become much more focused because I don't have much free time. When I've been able to achieve both things with success, I feel great.

**Her dream:**

My dream is to adopt children and give them a home and family. I would love to do something like that for other people. By the time I'm 30, I hope to be married. I'd like to keep playing volleyball – even while I'm working – and have my family. That would be great.



Yarimar Rosa, 20, junior  
FIU major: International Business  
Hometown: Vega Baja, Puerto Rico  
If she weren't playing volleyball, Yari says she'd be dancing jazz.

*“I visited universities in California, Kentucky and Texas. When I visited FIU, I knew this was the place for me. I felt at home.”*