

best *in class*

When FIU volleyball player Ines Medved made the decision to leave Croatia for her university education, she didn't want to go somewhere that would make her feel "like a foreigner." That's why she chose FIU.

Athlete

What she loves about volleyball:

The teamwork. It's a fun sport. When I play volleyball, I experience the full range of emotions.

The life of a scholar-athlete:

The real challenge is learning to organize your time. If you don't do that well, this life is not for you! I was valedictorian at my high school in Croatia. I'm not sure of my exact GPA at FIU, but I know it's higher than a 3.8. I'm pushing here, too.

What I like most about FIU:

I like the fact that there are people here who represent so many cultures, religions and races. I had never been exposed to that before coming here. It's made me more open-minded and communicative. I feel like I'm a better person because of it.

My dream:

My only dream is to feel happy and comfortable with myself and the people who surround me. I hope to have a good and happy life.



Ines Medved, 19, sophomore
FIU Major: Finance and International Business
From Zagreb, Croatia. Unlike many of her generation, Medved is not a huge fan of television. "I'd much rather spend my free time outdoors."

"There is an emphasis that is placed on being truly international. FIU has relationships with universities all around the world. The professors want everyone to learn about my side of the world, too, not just the United States."