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UVA PRESTIGIOUS CROWLEY SCHOLARSHIP
AWARDED JOINTLY TO MEN'S LACROSSE NOAH
CHIZMAR AND WOMEN'S TRACK MARLEE
MORGAN

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CHARLOTTESVILLE – University of Virginia Men's Lacrosse midfielder Noah Chizmar and Women's Track sprinter Marlee Morgan have been named co-recipients of the prestigious T. Rodney Crowley Scholarship for 2024-2025.

Awarded to accomplished students who demonstrate leadership, sportsmanship, character, and integrity, the Crowley Scholarship provides the equivalent of full in-state tuition for the recipient's undergraduate fourth year.

Chizmar, who hails from Baltimore, is a third-year in the McIntire School of Commerce, with a concentration in Management and a minor in IT. He is a Dean's List student and has been named to the ACC Athletics Academic Honor Roll every semester since enrolling at the University.

During his time at UVA, Chizmar has been a stalwart defensive midfielder and was named a Preseason All-American by USA Lacrosse Magazine and Inside Lacrosse. He has a strong record of community involvement at the University and in the Charlottesville area. Within the Athletics Department he is a member of the Student Athletes Advisory Committee. Additionally, he participates in the Citizen Leader and Sports Ethics Community Impact Fellowship program which helps empower student-athletes to address issues including the strain of balancing competitive sports pressures with academic responsibilities and social and emotional well-being. Noah works in the Charlottesville community as an Ambassador with the Yellow Door Foundation which prepares apartments for children and families undergoing life-threatening illnesses.

Chizmar graduated from St. Paul's School in Baltimore, Maryland, where he served as student body president.

Men's Lacrosse Coach Lars Tiffany commented: "We all face obstacles and Noah goes straight at them. Noah is a man who leads himself and others up the mountain, using his voice of reason with his peers while being an astute listener. He is selfless with a tremendous sense of respect for others; he is a dedicated friend, a peerless teammate, and a budding leader. I could think of no one better than Noah to carry on the exceptional torch of the Crowley legacy."

Morgan is third-year in the McIntire School of Commerce, with a concentration in Marketing and Management. She is a McIntire Diverse, Equity, Inclusive, Belonging Intern and assists in developing programs that engage the McIntire student body. As a UVA Commerce Cohort Mentor, she helps first-year students facilitate trusting relationships through clear communication and appropriate boundaries. She graduated from Westbury High School in Houston, Texas.

Morgan's story is one of determination and perseverance. She spent her first two years at Virginia as team manager of the Track and Field team, never losing sight of her goal to become a member of the team. By her third year, her grit, determination, and hard work turned dream to reality, and she is now one of the top four fastest members of the sprint-team group. Her service as team manager proved so inspiring that she received the first ever Marlee Morgan Service Award, created last year by UVA Department of Athletics as an annual award recognizing a student-manager who serves as an inspiration to others because of their perseverance, commitment, and work ethic.

LaRon Bennett, UVA's Sprints & Hurdles coach says "The inspiration and integrity she has infused into our team has been truly remarkable. It is said that the true character of a person is seen when nobody is looking. It has been a true privilege to play a small role in her life. I can think of no other person that would be honored to receive this scholarship."

One of the University's most prestigious undergraduate awards, The T. Rodney Crowley Jr. Memorial Scholarship was established in 1991 to honor that rising fourth-year student who best exemplifies the qualities and characteristics of its namesake. Remembered as the consummate student, athlete, coach and friend, Crowley played varsity tennis each of his four years at Virginia and captained the team before competing professionally. After taking his degree from the College of Arts & Sciences in 1980, he coached UVA Women's Tennis to a 15-9 season and state championship in 1981. Crowley was a member of Zeta Psi fraternity, the Z Society and T.I.L.K.A. He died of brain cancer in 1991.

Nominations for the Crowley Scholarship were submitted early in the Spring semester. Finalists were interviewed by a committee of Crowley Scholarship Trustees, which

consists of University alumni (including friends and family of Rodney), several of whom are past winners of the award.

For further information, go to: <https://crowleyscholarship.com/>

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