

KATHRYN DULL



A high school and college athlete with sports at the center of her world, Kathryn has shifted into a new phase of her life with her MLA studies at TCU where she is focusing on philosophy, literature and writing: “I find myself fascinated by the study of philosophy, exploring life’s ‘bigger questions,’ even if there isn’t one definitive answer. I love sifting through new perspectives and sitting with uncertainty about ideas and unfamiliar concepts, turning them over in my mind. I’m in a constant pursuit of learning.”

Born into a family of athletes – football players, swimmers, cross country runners, and more – Kathryn was playing sports from the time she could walk. She knew she wanted to play softball the first time she picked up a ball, and her academic career has gone hand in hand with athletics. The importance of a college degree was instilled in her from the beginning, with her parents and siblings (father John Dull, TCU linebacker, '90; sister Carolyn (Caddie) Ann Rietig, TCU swimmer, '19; and brother-in-law Kristoff Rietig, TCU baseball, '19) promising her that sports are temporary while an education is forever.

Kathryn played college softball as a utility player and designated hitter for Southwestern University, where she was ALL-SCAC Honorable Mention and on the SCAC Academic Honor Roll. She graduated with a BA in business and a double minor in exercise sports studies and economics and served in a leadership capacity in Zeta sorority. Through her athletics career, she gained the ability to confront challenges and developed people skills to work successfully with a varied group of people toward a common goal. Kathryn’s capstone project on the concession delivery business, “Conundrum in Concession Stands,” was presented at Southwestern University’s Capstone Conference in 2022. While Kathryn is completing her MLA degree at TCU, she also works as a Graduate Assistant for TCU Athletics Ticket Operations for the women’s soccer team, also assisting with marketing support and gameday operations across TCU sports and providing customer service to fans and ticketholders.

“Coming from a liberal arts undergrad program, I have a love for learning across a wide range of subjects. TCU’s MLA program gives me the opportunity to continue to learn and explore my interests in philosophy and religion. I have also chosen to push myself in new directions with creative writing and literature courses to expand my skill set as I head into the next phase of my career.”

Growing up in Houston as the middle child of three sisters, Kathryn learned at an early age how to play the role of mediator in a competitive yet loving family. She attributes her grit, strong work ethic, and ability to handle whatever life throws her way to her close-knit,

hardworking family. When not playing or watching sports, Kathryn can be found fishing, enjoying the outdoors (especially on the Texas coast), listening to small Texas country bands, and adding to her vinyl record collection.

Post-graduation, Kathryn will start a new position as a National Accounts Director/Softball for Dallas-based TCA, a sports apparel and equipment distribution company.