

Alexa Strong: The Millersville Student You Can't Fore-Get

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Millersville University is a school that seeks to provide its students with an astounding education and college experience. Located in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, Millersville University's numerous programs cater to thousands of students every year. Students come to Millersville from all over the country and various parts of the world seeking a great college experience. Every student who steps foot on this campus has a unique story to tell, Alexa Strong is one of them.

Alexa is from Indiana, Pennsylvania, home to Indiana University of Pennsylvania (IUP), a school she didn't even think about attending before applying to Millersville. She is currently a senior at Millersville University, where she is seeking her bachelor's degree in public relations along with a minor in marketing. Alexa's extracurricular activities include being part of the Women's Golf Team at Millersville. Strong mentions that she has been part of the golf team since her freshman year but has been playing the sport her entire life.

Her impressive golf career extends back to her days in high school, where she was the number one player on her team for four years. However, her love for the sport dates back to her childhood. "I've been playing since I was four years old, it has always been my life," says Strong. Strong credits her passion for the sport to not only her coaches but her father as well. From a very young



Photo Courtesy of Alexa Strong

age, Strong would accompany her father to the Indiana Country Club where she would watch him play.

Strong recalls her father allowing her to take a few shots when the golf courses were less occupied. "He would tell me that if I made the shot, I would be rewarded with chocolate cake," Strong adds.

This incentive eventually became the reason Strong would continue to go with her father to the country club. As time progressed, the staff at the Indiana Country Club began to notice her golf skills improving and the pieces of cake growing.

Strong realized that she was getting recognition for something she enjoyed doing. The recogni-

tion just added more of a reason to keep playing. Strong played for her high schools' golf team where her coach was a Millersville alum and encouraged her to apply to Millersville University.

Golfing has allowed Strong to expand her horizons and travel to play. Her travels have allowed her to play against some of the greatest players her age around the world. While playing for the Millersville Women's Golf Team, Strong has been able to compete in multiple tournaments and competitions.

When she isn't playing for Millersville University, Strong joins her father in playing golf in Arizona where she is recognized and praised for her accomplishments.

The sport has brought her and her father closer over the years. She recognizes the love and passion her father has for the sport and appreciates that she can share it with him. Her lifelong dream is to go play with her father in St. Andrews, Scotland. Golf has been a major part of Alexa's life and she doesn't see herself letting it go anytime soon, she says, "I really see myself playing it until I grow old if my heart gives out on a golf course well that's just my way of going."