

Andrew Emberton Signs Scholarship with Victory University

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Another product of the Macon County High School Track & Cross Country program has signed a scholarship to continue to compete in college. Andrew Emberton has signed a full scholarship to run both track and cross country with Victory University.

Victory University is a four year liberal-arts Christian university located in Memphis. Formally known as Crichton College, in 2010 the Board of Governors recommended changing the name to Victory. Having competed under the name of the Saints prior to 1985, the Crusaders till 1989, as the Cougars till 1996, as the Cardinals till 2005, they now call themselves the Eagles. They now compete in the National Christian College Athletic Association (NCCAA) in the Mid-East division.

Andrew is the son of Kerry and Susan Emberton. "Gabe," as he was known to some of his running buddies started when he was in 7th grade. "I saw people running and thought they were enjoying it so I thought I would give it a try." Andrew plans on concentrating on a pre-med major while in school. He will be receiving a full board and tuition scholarship at Victory.

Andrew started his high school athletic career in cross country. Andrew will be the 13th athlete that Coach Glen Gattis has sent to college to compete in track or cross country on scholarship. Coach Gattis said, "Andrew will be so hard to replace due to his outstanding leadership skills. He consistently set a good example for younger runners to emulate." Coach Gattis highlighted the importance of that quality, as it helps to perpetuate excellence and competition, for the program to be able to compete at a high level.

Coach Scott McKee is the head Mens and Womens Track and Cross Country Coach at Victory University. "We were not only drawn to Andrew due to his strong distance running ability, but also because of his strong academic record as well." Coach McKee and Andrew will be part of something special as next year will be the inaugural season for track and cross country at Victory. In their first season, Coach McKee indicated that they will be competing mostly in TN, MS, AL, KY, and MO with their championships being held in the Mid-West. All members of the fall 2012 VU Eagle Cross Country team will be first year competitors.

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Andrew's most memorable moment was finishing 12th at the State Cross Country Meet his junior year. Times and competitors change from year to year in running sports, but anytime you are recognized in a state competition, it is special. And the course at the Steeple Chase in Nashville is no walk in the park either.

So congratulations to Andrew Emberton! We wish him the best of luck in college and know that his running will definitely take him somewhere.