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Jacolby Maxwell
Monmouth College
ACI General Scholarship



Jacolby Maxwell is a student athlete. He is a wide receiver on the [Monmouth College](#) football team. And he wants to carry that experience forward after college for a possible career in sports management or coaching.

From Romeoville, Illinois, Maxwell transferred to Monmouth after one year at Ohio Dominican University. He wanted to be closer to home, and Monmouth was attractive. "I wanted to be able to play football and get a good education, and I wanted a school with smaller class sizes," he says. Plus, the kinesiology program at Monmouth College offered the flexibility and classes he wanted.

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Maxwell will begin his senior year this fall. Majoring in wellness administration, he sees many career possibilities, such as coaching or working as an athletic director. "I was a physical education major," Maxwell says. "Wellness administration is a broader field. If I want to coach, I can do that. Or, if I want to be an athletic director, I can do that."

Ideally, Maxwell wants to be a high school coach. "I like sports. I would love to be a high school coach, coaching high school football and basketball. The coaches have a huge impact on players' lives," he says.

Helping Maxwell achieve his career goals is an ACI General Scholarship, awarded to him by Monmouth College. "It was pretty sweet," Maxwell says, explaining that his mother, Vanessa, pays for him to attend college herself, not easy given other family responsibilities. Maxwell is the youngest of three children, plus two younger cousins and his grandmother live with the family.

"Almost all of my mother's income goes to getting them food, taking care of them. My mom has three to four people dependent on her," he says.

The ACI scholarship made a big difference, Maxwell says. "It means a lot because that's money she doesn't have to pay," he says. "As soon as she found out, she called me, and she was as joyful as can be. It meant a lot because that's money that can go to something else."

In addition to attending school and playing football at Monmouth College, Maxwell is part of Campus Outreach, an interdenominational organization at the college that leads students in Bible study and fellowship.