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Ronnie Davis
Benedictine University
CIC/UPS Scholarship



Ronnie Davis is a long way from his home in Orlando, Florida. A freshman at [Benedictine University](#), Lisle, Illinois, Davis has his sights set on a career in accounting, his major. "I'm pretty good with numbers," he says. "I like numbers, and I like a challenge. So, I felt like that was a nice challenge to go for." After college, Davis hopes to return to the Orlando area, get valuable experience working for an accounting firm and eventually, open his own accounting firm.

One reason he chose Benedictine was the opportunity to play football as an outside linebacker for the Eagles. "I devote at least six days out of seven to football, studying, watching film, being around the guys, weightlifting, everything," he says. "It's a way of life for me."

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Another reason he chose Benedictine was the CIC/UPS Scholarship through ACI. That meant leaving his family – not an easy choice, he says -- so he could pursue his dreams. "I come from a single-parent home. I have five other siblings. It was like, 'I need everything I can get in a scholarship.' I related to the scholarship so that's what made it easier for me to put my heart and

soul into everything to make sure I got that scholarship," says Davis, who says his family is a strong support for him.

The CIC/UPS Scholarship made a big difference, making it possible for Davis to pay tuition bills so that he could register for new classes. "The scholarship lifted the hold, so I could register for my classes, and fulfill the rest of my classes here at Benedictine," he says. Without it, Davis says he would have had to take out another loan.

Davis is grateful for the donors who made the scholarship possible. "College is a burden. But with the donor's help, it makes it easier for us. They're helping us to do what we want to do, that we dream of doing. So, I would like to thank them," he says.