

CHRISTIAN IS A REAL PANTHER!



Meet this week's [#RealPanther](#), Christian Ilunga-Matthiesen. Like many of our students, Christian does it all without complaint. He's a track star, excellent student and a leader on campus. His schedule is full, but he doesn't seem to mind.

Originally from Hamburg, Germany, Christian chose EIU because he wanted a school that offered him opportunities in both sports and academics, and his professors describe Christian as one of the most talented undergraduate students they've ever encountered.

Originally, Christian discovered EIU after attending the IHSA track meet on campus as a high school foreign exchange student living in St. Charles, IL. After keeping in touch with EIU's track coach, he decided to attend EIU after finishing high school in Germany.

Now a senior economics and political science student, Christian is nearing the end of his EIU career and plans pursue a career in international relations. (Speaking three languages won't hurt - Christian speaks French, German, and English.)

After an internship last summer with the German government's offices in South Africa, he is weighing graduate school options in Europe, focusing on international relations.

We couldn't be happier to call Christian a Real Panther!

Christian, you are EIU!