

CHRISTINA GROLNIC
Carlisle Hall of Fame Biography
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Christina was a 1996 graduate of Carlisle High School, and was in the top 10% of her graduating class. During her time as an Indian, she played number one singles and number one doubles for the Varsity tennis team. Throughout her career at Carlisle, she accumulated a record of 79-18, and led her team to the first SWBL Tennis Championship by a girl's tennis team at Carlisle High School. Christina also fought her way to 1st place in the SWBL for number one doubles her freshman year, 2nd place in the SWBL for number one singles her sophomore year, and 1st place in the SWBL for number one singles her junior year and her senior year. In addition to being named the Dayton Daily News Player of the Week her senior year, Christina was also given the Most Valuable Player Award. Her last two seasons as an Indian also ended with her qualification into the Ohio State Tennis Tournament and being named to the All Dayton Area Tennis Team for number one singles.

Christina was the first female athlete from Carlisle to receive a full athletic scholarship to a Division One College. This scholarship gave her the opportunity to continue her tennis career at Eastern Michigan University where she played both singles and doubles and was a four-year letter winner with a winning career singles and doubles overall record of 123-90. In sophomore year, her victory in the Mid-American Conference Championships led her team to the first ever Mid-American Conference Championship by any Eastern Michigan women's tennis team. Also during her four years at Eastern Michigan University, Christina was a scholar athlete and was named to the Athletic Directors Honor Roll. Christina finished her career at Eastern Michigan University graduating Cum laude with a degree in Public Relations and English.

After graduating in 2000, Christina worked at the United States Open in Flushing, NY and interned for Sports Illustrated and the New York Rangers in New York City. Shortly thereafter she served as the Communications Coordinator for the United States Tennis Association where she was editor-in-chief of their "2000 Year in Review" yearbook. Christina then went back to school at Sacred Heart University in Connecticut where she received her Master's Degree in teaching. She taught high school English for 10 years, and she has been teaching college English for 3 years. She lives in Vandalia, OH with her husband, Brent, and their 4 children, Connor (10 years), Olivia (8 years), Payton (6 years), and Graham (4 years).