

I stopped over on my way back to Texas, after spending the Christmas break in Ontario with my family, and I was just blown away.”

It wasn't just the city's friendly nature that won him over. Santiago, who grew up playing a variety of sports, was particularly impressed with what the university had to offer. The exceptional facilities, coaching and team culture were more than enough to get him into a Dinos jersey.

Today, Santiago is a fourth-year Haskayne School of Business student and guard with the Dinos men's basketball team. Like all student-athletes, he's had to perfect the art of balancing two demanding pursuits: athletics and academics.

Fortunately for Santiago and his fellow Dinos, the Sixth Man Club has their backs. Formed in 2001, ***the Sixth Man Club*** is a group of dedicated alumni and community members who support the men's basketball program by way of mentorship, fundraising and community outreach. It's one of just several groups of Dinos alumni who have banded together to support current athletes on their former teams.



really busy themselves, they always make time for us.”

Just as the Sixth Man Club supports student-athletes, the club itself is backed by a generous community of donors and volunteers. “Our men's basketball program is only as successful as the resources provided through the Sixth Man Club and its donors,” says ***head coach Dan Vanhooren (right)***. Resources for recruitment and retention, mentorship, sport science, equipment, assistant coaching, travel, scholarships and more — all of which enrich the student-athlete experience and help prepare them for life after university — are made possible through philanthropic gifts.

“The experiences we provide are the key to the lifelong relationships created with the university,” adds Vanhooren.

“Dinos are not just the athletes and the sports we play, but who we are for generations. This can only be accomplished through the generosity of former Dinos and community supporters who believe in the value of developing future leaders from all our programs.”

