

# SPORT CHANGES LIFE.™



**VICTORY  
SCHOLAR™**

# INSPIRING CHANGE

Sport Changes Life aims to raise the aspiration of young people on both sides of the Atlantic.

We are committed to changing the lives of young people through sport. This ethos of helping young people live better lives, broadening both their opportunities and aspirations is something which is shared by all of our partners. It is with this support and passion we are able to develop a strategy that will help young people achieve their dreams and goals on the island of Ireland and across the United States of America.

**Gareth Maguire, Deirdre Brennan and  
Mark Marais**

Founders, Sport Changes Life



# CATALYST FOR CHANGE

Sport Changes Life brings sport and education together in youth development programs that inspire young people to create a better future for themselves.

Our Victory Program's offer unique and empowering opportunities for deserving NCAA student athletes to extend their education to post graduate level whilst helping us deliver innovative and inspirational youth development programs. These programs motivate and inspire young people living in local communities to look to a brighter future. Our Scholar's and Intern's also get the opportunity to continue to play their sport they love.

Our last academic intake (2024/25) had seen our Sport Changes Life family welcome 2 Victory Interns to our program, spreading our mission across Northern Ireland.

With our Victory alumni network, boasting 189 student-athletes, our Sport Changes Life family continues to grow allowing us to help continue to mentor and support more young people across the island of Ireland.



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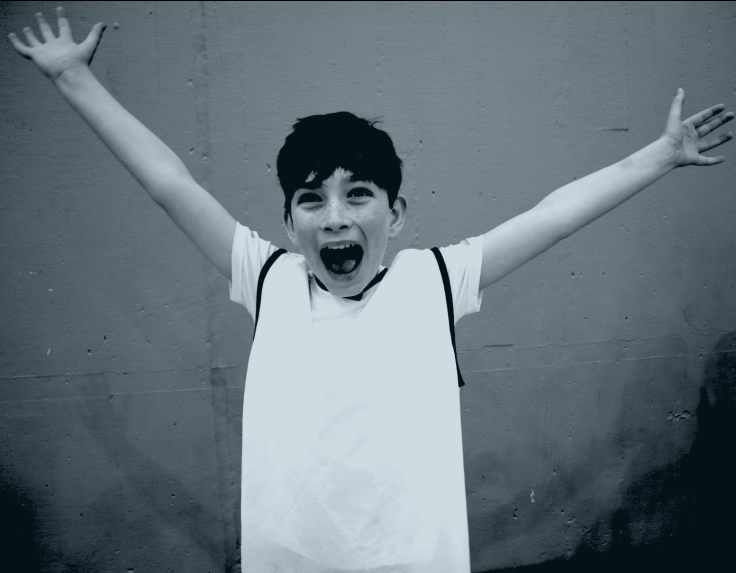
Sport Changes Life offer two unique opportunities to student athletes - **Victory Scholar & Victory Intern.**

A **Victory Scholar** will study for a Masters whilst continuing to play and develop basketball at all levels, and work in the wider community by mentoring young people.

A **Victory Intern** will not study, but will continue to play basketball and mentor youth through the programs offered by Sport Changes Life and its partners.

Sport Changes Life carefully selects in each program with the belief that they will become America's future leaders, developing a global view of the world. We believe you will develop strong leadership skills, character and business acumen through this valuable and multi-faceted opportunity. The Victory Program will ultimately create numerous ambassadors for Northern Ireland and Ireland throughout the United States.

The Victory Program is demanding but very rewarding. You will live in Northern Ireland for 8-10 months becoming actively involved in their academic and sporting community. You will embody the values and principles of dedication, commitment, integrity, hard work and respect which are needed to work with young people in the areas that Sport Changes Life work in. You will have the opportunity to positively influence so many by sharing your experiences to touch the lives of young people.





**FUTURE**



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## Victory Scholar Benefits\*



Masters  
Qualification



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# VICTORY SCHOLAR™

## Our Story

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Since 2007, 189 alumni have transitioned into employment in the US within 6 months of graduating with their Masters education



### Education

To date, 97% of our Victory Scholars have successfully graduated from their Masters programs in Northern Ireland and Ireland



### Community Outreach and Schools programs

Our Scholars work annually with thousands of young people. Our target is to keep impacting as many young people as possible through sport.



### Impact on anti-social behaviour

Research by the Police Service of Northern Ireland has reported that our work led to a significant reduction in anti social behaviour (72%) in Glengormley, as well as enhanced relationships between young people and neighbourhood police. Never underestimate the impact you can have on a young person.



### Sport

Our Victory Scholars have led their university and community club teams to several national championships as both coaches and players. They have won numerous individual All Star and MVP accolades as well as academic awards.

# VICTORY INTERN

The Sport Changes Life Foundation, also offer opportunities within our Victory Intern program. This is an alternative opportunity to the Victory Scholar Program, offering a unique opportunity for student athletes to combine their passion for basketball by playing overseas, but also with a commitment to community service and giving back through sport. Based in Northern Ireland, this program allows participants to:

- *Play Competitive Basketball* - Play professionally with Ulster University basketball team and compete at a high level within Irish basketball.
- *Become a Role Model* - Work as a Victory Intern with Sport Changes Life, delivering programs for young people and older adults in schools and communities.
- *Gain Valuable Experience* - Develop leadership, communication, and teamwork skills while making a positive impact on the lives of others.

This program still provides a chance to experience a different culture, develop professionally, on and off the court and leave a lasting legacy in Northern Ireland. This program does not offer the Master's degree.

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# APPLY NOW

**To apply for the Victory Scholar/Intern Program please go to [sportchangeslife.com](http://sportchangeslife.com).**

Click on 'Programs' along the top of the page and on the drop down menu, click 'The Victory Scholar Program'. From here you will see an overview on the program and an option to click 'Become a Scholar'?


## **Minimum GPA - 3.0**

*Note - SCL are still accepting applications from those who have already earned a Master's qualification, post senior year.*

Alternatively you can request a soft copy application pack from our Program Manager via [info@sportchangeslife.com](mailto:info@sportchangeslife.com). Feel free to reach out with any questions or queries you may have.

## **Program Manager**

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