



MONTGOMERY SOCCER INC TRAVEL PROGRAM

Coach Bios



MSI TRAVEL PROGRAM

COACH BIOS


MOUNIR ABOURAYA – U9 BOYS GOLD AND U11 BOYS GOLD


Work Experience

- Coaching at MSI since 2022
 - 2017 Girls & 2018 Boys Head Coach
 - SOK Program Lead Coach
 - Assisted with 2016 Boys
 - I also play for the MSI First Team, maintaining an active role in competitive environment alongside my coaching responsibilities.
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Experience

I bring seven years of coaching experience across multiple clubs and age groups. Before joining MSI, I coached with Maryland Rush Montgomery, working with several teams in competitive development environments.

 **As a player**, I competed at high-level clubs in the area, including Potomac and Maryland United, and spent a year in Spain with Getafe's academy, part of La Liga. I graduated from Aquinas American School in Madrid, Spain in 2022.

 **CERTIFICATION:** USSF B License – UEFA B License.

 **PERSONAL:** Favorite Team Manchester United



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COACH BIOS

MIGUEL ALARCON – U11 BOYS SILVER AND U13 BOYS SILVER

Work Experience

- Grassroots and working on D license
 - 7 years coaching travel soccer U9-U16
 - Won tournaments with both my 2015 teams
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PERSONAL:

- Played since I was 3, played professionally in Bolivia after high school
 - Favorite Team Argentina / Arsenal
 - Ran my first marathon
 - Favorite Quote: "You may not know now but later you will"
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NASSIM ABOUCHI – U10 BOYS GOLD AND U12 BOYS GOLD

Work Experience

- Current Teams: 2017 Boys, 2015 boys, Men's First Team
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CERTIFICATION: USSF B License – UEFA B License.

PERSONAL:

- Favorite Team: Arsenal
 - Favorite Quote: "If you don't believe you can do it, then you have no chance at all"- Arsene Wenger
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COACH BIOS

JUSTIN BARNES – U8 BOYS GOLD AND U9 BOYS SILVER

Work Experience

- Playing experience club soccer at sac (8 years)
 - Howard cc
 - MSI PRO (UPSL)
 - Coaching experience 4 plus years of coaching travel (worked with u16, u13, U11, & U8 boys)
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CERTIFICATION: USSF C

JESSE BALSAMO – U10 GIRLS GOLD AND U14 GIRLS GOLD

Work Experience

- Additional Coaching – Good Counsel HS Varsity Girls assistant 2015–present
 - Current teams: 2013 Girls Gold 2011 Boys Gold
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CERTIFICATION: USSF C



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COACH BIOS

PAUL BASH – U15 GIRLS SILVER

Work Experience

- Played through college in England
- Coached at several levels; Rec, MSI Classic, Travel. Previous clubs include FCGB & ROSA Legends, ages U13 thru U19. Predominantly girls.

Favorite Quote

"For solemnity flows out of men naturally; but laughter is a leap. It is easy to be heavy; hard to be light." – GK Chesterton

CERTIFICATION: Current: USSF 'C' License – Commence USSF 'B' License in July '26

PERSONAL: Favorite Team: Liverpool FC & Slough FC. In the last few years; was OBG House Soccer Commissioner (for way too long), hiked Torres Del Paine in Chile & finally fulfilled the promise to my girls to bring them to Anfield.



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COACH BIOS

AJ BOWNAS – U14 BOYS SILVER

Work Experience

- 20 years coaching club soccer; everything from Rec – Travel, Kindergarten – Adult, teams – clinics, – and everything in between.
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Experience

- Swindon Town FC Youth
 - England U15 Academy finalist* (* ask me about my Frank Lampard story)
 - Player-coach British Tigers, Washington DC
 - Lots of other amateur teams and still playing in NVSL Over 40s league
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Favorite quote, Two! Both from inventive statesmen:

“By failing to prepare, you are preparing to fail” – Benjamin Franklin.
Set yourself up for success by spending time to be ready for the task.

“I have not failed. I've just found 10,000 ways that won't work” – Thomas Edison.
Be persistent, be resilient, and treat everything as a learning opportunity.

CERTIFICATION:

- USSF C License
 - English FA Coaching Certificate
 - Level 1 Performance Analyst
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 **PERSONAL:** Favorite Team Manchester City FC. Spent three years at the University of Manchester watching City regularly – the worst three years in the club's history!



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COACH BIOS

NIA COLLINS – U12 GIRLS SILVER



Work Experience

- Coaching at MSI since September 2025 as an assistant coach for the 2015 Girls Gold, the 2013 Boys Gold, and the 2014 Boys Gold
 - Coached at an Academy High School in NC,
 - Coached at DC Way Academy U8 and U13 girls
 - Assistant coach currently for the U8 and U9 girls Gold travel teams
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Experience

- I played collegiate soccer at Daytona state College (2 years), USC Aiken (1 year) and at Shaw University (1 year). I graduated from Shaw University May 2024 with my Bachelors of Science degree in Athletic Training. I'm currently at Howard University getting my Doctoral Degree in Occupational Therapy and will graduate May 2027. I'm originally from Orlando, Florida. I've been playing soccer my whole life and even now for fun.
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CERTIFICATION: Grassroots license (D License in progress: Summer 2025)



PERSONAL: Favorite team: Orlando Pride; Favorite Player: Sydeny Leroux



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COACH BIOS

ANDRÉ DI-REUMANTE “COACH DRE” – U8 GIRLS GOLD AND U11 GIRLS SILVER

Work Experience

- Played Division 2 soccer and semi-pro
 - Lead and assisted with classic teams for the last 5 years.
 - Assistant coach currently for the U8 and U9 girls Gold travel teams
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Experience

- The last 5 years I've been working on myself as a player and coach. Taking in as much as I can working under high level coaches at MSI. In recent years I've been able to work with hundreds of youth players through MSI programs like clinics, recess, and summer camps.
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CERTIFICATION: Grassroots license

PERSONAL: Favorite team: Barcelona



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COACH BIOS

KWAME DICKSON – U18 BOYS GOLD

Work Experience

- MSI, ESYDA, Gaithersburg High Varsity Soccer, Paint Branch Junior Varsity, etc
 - Won presidents cup, won McClean cup, won mid Atlantic cup all in 2025
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Playing experience

- Alianza de Lima, MSC Scorpions, Gaithersburg Varsity Soccer
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Education

- Towson University, Exercise Science
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Favorite quote

“Hard work beat talent when talent doesn’t want to work hard”

 **CERTIFICATION:** USSF National C license

 **PERSONAL:** Favorite team: Chelsea FC



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COACH BIOS


BOB GAC – U15 BOYS GOLD

Work Experience

- Coach Gac is the current head coach of the 2012 MSI Gold Boys team. Under his leadership over the past two years, the team has consistently competed at the top of their EDP division and secured multiple tournament championships. This success has propelled the team into the top tier of the Maryland state rankings.
- Bob brings over a decade of coaching experience, having previously led U8 through U19 girls' teams with Laurel Soccer Club and MSI, as well as U8–U12 MSI Classic boys' teams.

Coaching Philosophy

His coaching philosophy is built on developing strong technical fundamentals, particularly a refined first touch—while promoting fast-paced play, intelligent decision-making, and tactical awareness. Central to his approach is setting clear expectations for each player and fostering a culture of accountability. Through frequent, open, honest communication with both players and parents, Bob ensures that every athlete understands their role, receives constructive feedback, and is supported in their individual development both on and off the field.

 **CERTIFICATION:** U.S. Soccer Grassroots License and is actively pursuing his D License to continue advancing his coaching education and expertise.

PERSONAL:

- Favorite team: FC Barcelona
- Favorite quote: *“Everyone has a plan until they get punched in the mouth.”* – Mike Tyson

 **Playing experience:** Played travel soccer and high school soccer, & club soccer at George Mason University

 **Education:** Bachelor's degree – George Mason University & Master's degree – University of Denver



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COACH BIOS

HUGH HATFIELD – U17 BOYS GOLD

Work Experience

- 1989–1991: MSI Co-Ed U10
- 1994–1996: MSI Boys U10
- 2006–2010: Frederick Soccer Club (FSC)
- 2010–2023: FC Frederick
- 2017–2023: St. John’s Catholic Prep
- 2023–Present: MSI

Personal Background

- Lived in Frederick, MD for the past 32 years
- Grew up in Montgomery County

Education

- Fernwood Elementary School
- North Bethesda Junior High School
- Walter Johnson High School (Class of 1981)

Certification

- Advanced Regional Diploma (2007)
- U.S. Youth E License (2008)
- National Youth Coaching License (2012)
- Youth Level 2 Diploma (2012)
- National D License (2013)
- Goalkeeper Level 1 Diploma (2014)
- Advanced National Diploma (2017)
- Special Topics Diploma – Finishing & Goalkeeping (2020)
- Professional Development Certificate (2017)
- Advanced Youth Coaching Certificate (2017)
- Building Team Culture Certificate (2017)
- Technical Development of Competitive Player Certificate (2017)
- NFHS/Coaches Professional Development Certificate (2018)
- Currently Coach Credentialing Program & USSF C License Course



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COACH BIOS

EDVIN HERNANDEZ – U13 BOYS GOLD AND U12 BOYS GREEN

Work Experience

- JV Boys Soccer Team – Our Lady of Good Counsel High School (Olney, Maryland)
- JV Girls Soccer Team – Richard Montgomery (RM) High School (Rockville, Maryland)
- MSI 2013 Boys Gold (Current)
- MSI 2013 Boys Green (Current)

Playing experience

- MSC Knights

Education

- University of Maryland, College Park



CERTIFICATION: USSF C License



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COACH BIOS


ERICA KLEIN – U16 GIRLS SILVER

Work Experience

- Walt Whitman High School – Varsity Girls Coach (March 2025 – present)
- Montgomery College – Assistant Women’s Coach (February 2023 – December 2024)
- Flint Hill High School – Head Varsity Coach (June 2022 – January 2025)
- Academy of the Holy Cross – Assistant Varsity Coach (2020–2021)
- Walt Whitman High School – Head JV Coach (June 2016 – May 2022)
- Bullis School – Assistant JV Coach (2014–2016)
- Bethesda Soccer Club (January 2021 – August 2022)
- Maryland Rush Montgomery (August 2019 – June 2023)
- Arrington Training and Development (September 2015 – July 2023)
- MSI 2011 Girls Silver (current)
- MSI 2005/2006 Girls Gold – Head Coach (President’s Cup Champions, 4 players recruited for college soccer)
- MSI 2008 Girls Silver – Head Coach (past team)
- MSI 2011 Girls Gold – Assistant Coach (past team)
- MSI Women’s First Team – Head Coach (spring 2024–winter 2026)

Playing experience

Played for Bethesda Soccer Club. Graduated from The Bullis School: four-year varsity starter and All-ISL selectee. Was recruited to play at Trinity College in Hartford, Connecticut, following a successful high school and club career.

 **CERTIFICATION:** USSF National B License, USC Premier Diploma, Washington Spirit Female Coach Mentorship Program Participant 2024–2025, Currently registered for the UEFA C&B Licenses through the DFB July 2026

PERSONAL:

- Favorite team: Washington Spirit and Chelsea Women’s
- Favorite Coach: Emma Hayes followed closely by Sarina Weigman
- Favorite Quote: *“Courage doesn’t always roar. Sometimes courage is the quiet voice at the end of the day saying, ‘I will try again tomorrow.’”* – Mary Anne Radmacher



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COACH BIOS

GARY MALEBRANCHE – U12 GIRLS GOLD AND U13 GIRLS GOLD

Work Experience

- Coaching experience from U9 to College level (boys & girls)
- Coached teams across all age groups (U9–U19)

College & Professional Roles

- Former NCAA D1 Coach – George Washington University
- Former Academy Coach – Washington Spirit (NWSL)

Director Roles

- Director of Operations – Pinecrest GA
- Director of College Placement – Albion SC LV GA & Pinecrest GA
- Director of Video Analysis – Albion SC LV GA
- Director of Technical Development – SYA/FCV ECNL

Elite Programs & Identification

- Talent ID Staff Coach – Girls Academy (Southwest & Mountain West)
- College ID Staff Coach: Stanford University & University of Miami

Player Development

- Developed players who advanced to: NWSL, European professional leagues, U.S. Youth National Teams, NCAA D1–D3 programs

 **Playing Experience:** Former professional player – A.C. Fiorentina (Italy)

Certification & Licenses:

- USSF “A” License
- USC Premier Diploma
- USSF National Youth License
- USSF Grassroots Courses
- A.C. Milan Coaching Certification
- USC Goalkeeper Diploma Level 1 & 2
- Coerver Diploma
- Award: Virginia Youth Soccer Association – Girls Coach of the Year (2020)
- Award: Virginia High School League – North Region Coach of the Year (2011)

PERSONAL:

- Favorite Quote: “The reason most people fail is because they give up what they want most for what they want now.”




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COACH BIOS

ANTHONY MYERS – U13 BOYS GREEN

Work Experience

- Head Coach – Future Travel U8 Boys Silver (MSI)
 - Assistant Coach – Travel U10 Boys Gold (MSI)
 - Over 1 year coaching at MSI
 - Former Coach – Rockville Soccer Club
 - Led U11 team to: Columbus Day Tournament Champions & Bethesda Tournament Semifinalists
 - Guided teams to multiple Mid-Atlantic tournament titles
 - U10 Finalist finish
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 **Playing Experience:** Played at the highest level in Jamaica & competed in high-level leagues across the United States

 **Certification:** Coaching License: Currently pursuing U.S. Soccer Grassroots C License

Coaching Philosophy

His philosophy centers on holistic player development, combining technical skill, decision-making, and game intelligence within a positive and challenging environment. He believes that while individual brilliance can win games, true success comes from teamwork, discipline, and a shared commitment to improvement.

PERSONAL:

- Leadership background as Safety & Training Instructor
- Favorite Quote: “Individual brilliance brings trophies, but team effort brings championships.”
- Favorite Teams: Arsenal F.C. | Brazil National Team | France National Team



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COACH BIOS

KYLE NEELY – U10 BOYS SILVER AND U12 BOYS SILVER

Work Experience

- 2.5 years coaching at MSI
- Current teams: 2017 Silver & 2015 Green
- 9 years as an Elementary Physical Education Teacher

 **Playing Experience:** Played travel soccer with SAC growing up & Played intramural soccer in college

 **Certification:** Coaching License: USSF D License & Enrolling in USSF C License (upcoming)

PERSONAL:

- Favorite Quote: “Work hard, play hard”
- Favorite Team: Real Madrid
- Earned a Doctorate in Educational Leadership

DENNIS SCHARDT – U17 GIRLS GOLD

Work Experience

- Current Team: MSI 2009 and 2010 Girls Gold
- PSA, MRM
- Walt Whitman High School Boy's Jv/Varsity Soccer
- Maret Girl's Varsity Soccer School
- MC Women's Program Assistant Coach
- ATD Soccer/Fitness Trainer

 **Playing Experience:** Walt Whitman High School, MC Men's Program, BSA, Onley Soccer Club and St. Andrews University

 **Certification:** Coaching License: USSF National C



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COACH BIOS

ANDREW RULLOW – U14 BOYS GOLD AND U8 BOYS SILVER



Work Experience

- Current Team: MSI 2012 Boys Silver
 - FC Alliance, WV
 - Maryland Rush Montgomery
 - The McClean school
 - Academy of The Holy Cross
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Playing Experience: West Virginia University, University of Charleston WV, Trinidad and Tobago U15, U17, and U20 National Team



Certification: Coaching License: USSF D



Education

- West Virginia University – Bachelors in Sports Management



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COACH BIOS

YOURI ST JEAN – U17 GIRLS SILVER



Work Experience

- Current Team: MSI 2010 Silver
 - ATD
 - Maryland Rush Montgomery
 - The McClean school
 - Academy of The Holy Cross
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Playing Experience: Salisbury University club team, Motorik fc, DMV rangers



Certification: Coaching License: USSF D



Education

- Montgomery College Associates in Art. University of Maryland Global campus - current



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COACH BIOS


KAYLEY SULLIVAN – U9 GIRLS GOLD AND U15 GIRLS GOLD

Work Experience

- Currently assisting at the U19 USYNT Camp
 - NCAA DI Assistant Coach: Stanford (previously PAC-12), UNLV (Mountain West), University of Miami (ACC), George Washington University (Atlantic 10)
 - DA/GA Head Coach, ECNL Staff
 - 9v9 & 11v11 Teams in DPL/EDP/USYS NL/NPL
 - Recreation and Pre-Travel Programs Director (U4-U8), GA Advisory Panel National Co-Chair
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Playing Experience:

- George Washington University (NCAA Div. I)
 - WPSL, Futsal ProAm, Beach
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 **CERTIFICATION:** Coaching License: USSF A Senior License, USYS National Youth, TOVO TI

 **PERSONAL:** Favorite Team: Washington Spirit



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COACH BIOS


LANCE VAN WINTER – U18 GIRLS GOLD

Work Experience

- Coached MSI Rec, Classic, and Travel teams
 - 7 years on MSI Board
 - President of Seneca Soccer
 - Led transition to Maryland Rush Montgomery
 - Whitman Boys Coach – 5 years
 - Academy of the Holy Cross – 2 years
 - Coached MSI teams: 2015 Boys, 2008 Girls, 2009 Boys
 - Director of Coaching
 - Co-leads High School Prep Program
 - Organizer of Soccerfest
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Playing Experience:

- Played MSI growing up
 - Played at Whitman
 - Played at University of South Carolina
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 **CERTIFICATION:** Coaching License: UEFA C License (completed in Berlin)
& Advanced National Goalkeeper License



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COACH BIOS

TRAVIS WOODRUFF – U16 GIRLS GOLD

Work Experience

- BCC HS Girls Varsity Coach (2025 State Finalist, 2025 Regional Champions,)
 - BCC HS Girls Varsity Coach (2025 State Finalist, 2025 Regional Champions,)
 - Former Wheaton HS Girls Varsity Coach (2023 Regional Champions)
 - MSI women's First Team Coach
 - 18 years coaching in MoCo, including U9-U19
 - Former Coach Potomac Soccer Club
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 **CERTIFICATION:** USSF B, USC Premier Diploma

PERSONAL:

- Favorite Team: USWNT
- Favorite Quote: " Next Play"



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COACH BIOS

SCOTT WOODGATE – U11 GIRLS GOLD

Work Experience

- 2026–Present: Head Coach, MSI U11 Gold, Girls
 - 2023–2026: Head Coach, MSI 2012 Gold, Girls, USYS National League
 - 2022–Present: Assistant Coach, Richard Montgomery High School, Girls Varsity
 - 2019–2020: Assistant Coach, Richard Montgomery High School, Girls Junior Varsity
 - 2018: Volunteer Coach, U10 Rockingham County Soccer, Boys Recreational
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Experience

Playing Experience: 24+ years playing various levels: MSI Player 3rd–12th grade, club/intramural soccer to present
Coaching Experience: 8+ years

What have you done in the past 5 years:

- Led MSI 2012G Gold to 2025 MSYSA President Cup Champions & 3 league promotions to USYS National League over 3 years
 - Supported Richard Montgomery HS Soccer to 1 Regional and 2 Divisional Titles
 - Earned United Soccer Coaches' 'The Women Game' Diploma
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CERTIFICATION: Coaching License: USSF C

PERSONAL: Favorite Teams: Washington Spirit & Manchester United

COACHING PHILOSOPHY:

Establish a community-based team that is centered on respect, self-accountability, empowerment and autonomy; developing individuals first and players second, assisting them in becoming a well rounded member of society. The playing environment focuses on discovery, allowing each player to learn through their own experiences and in-game decision making. All players are challenged to have a growth mindset, always finding new opportunities to improve. The team aims to meet our objectives by being punctual, responsible, organized, and prepared to realize our full potential.