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JAMES J. BARANELLO

SDA AND GA EXECUTIVE
DIRECTOR

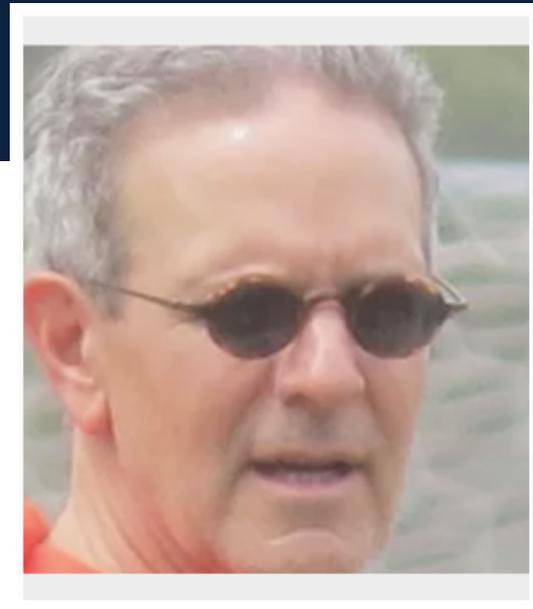
Dear SDA Members:

I hope this message finds you and your families well.

As Executive and GA Director, I want to take a moment to thank each and every one of you - players, parents, coaches, managers and volunteers - for your continued support, passion and commitment to our club.

Over the past season we have made great strides both on and off the field. From our youngest development players to our competitive academy teams, the progress we have seen is inspiring.

We have strengthened our programs, enhanced the coaching staff and continued to build a positive environment for all. Here are some of the highlights from the past year:



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- **A National Championship** - The 2009 Girls brought our club its first National Championship. A massive accomplishment when you consider the level of competition and the number of quality clubs and teams that participate. A huge shout out to Head Coach Brooke Barbuto, Assistant Coach Tommy Tanner and the 2009 girls whose hard work, dedication and commitment made it possible.
- **Acceptance to the MLS Next Academy** – We have just started our inaugural season in the MLS Next Academy, a top national platform for boys. The addition of this academy will strengthen the development of our boys and teams and offer competitive opportunities in the same way the Girl’s Academy has done for our girls.
- **Syracuse United** – This year also saw the addition of the Syracuse United Soccer Club to our family. We welcome those families to SDA Nation. The addition of those quality players, boys and girls, strengthens our player pool and at the same time provides the players with development opportunities not otherwise available.

Looking ahead, we have exciting plans in store. We will be expanding opportunities for player development, improving facilities and working hard to create an experience and environment that helps each and every player to reach their goals. One of our goals is to build an artificial turf field in the near future.

As we start our fourth season in the Girls Academy and our first in the MLS Next Academy, we are mindful of the sacrifice our families make to participate in our club and the associated competitive platforms and we are extremely thankful.

Thank you again for being part of our soccer family.

James J. Baranello
SDA Director and GA Director





CRUSH IT AT SDA

Know a passionate soccer player eager to expand their game or a family who wants to learn about the world of SDA?

Share your SDA experience with them and encourage them to reach out to us. Have them email us at syracuseda@gmail.com for an in-depth exploration of what SDA has to offer.

Your involvement could make a positive difference in their soccer journey.



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KAYLEE LOCKWOOD

BUFFALO STATE UNIVERSITY

For as long as she can remember, soccer has been part of Kaylee Lockwood's life. From her early days in the mini shooters clinic to Northstars, then Liverpool Youth Soccer League, and now eight seasons with Syracuse Development Academy, the game has shaped who she is both on and off the field.

"One of my favorite things about playing with SDA is all of the travel we get to do," Kaylee shared. "I get to play in a lot of different tournaments and places, which is really fun and has given me great exposure. I also love my teammates and I will be friends with them forever."

Through her years at SDA, Kaylee has developed more than just her skills as a player. She's learned from coaches who played her position, gained valuable insight into the finer details of the game, and built a foundation of perseverance and leadership that she plans to carry into college.

"My goal is to earn a starting spot early in my collegiate career and earn honors in my conference," she said. "I want to have an impact as early as I can by fitting my team's needs and executing what's asked of me."

KAYLEE LOCKWOOD



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Off the field, Kaylee's ambitions are equally inspiring. She hopes to earn a Master's Degree in Childhood Education and become an elementary school teacher.

Her determination is a constant theme in her journey. "On the busiest days I still make soccer a priority because I know it'll only help me in the end," she explained. "I try to be the best role model I can be for my team, and I believe that strong leadership helps us all reach higher standards."

As she takes the next step in her soccer journey, SDA celebrates Kaylee's commitment and the dedication, heart, and leadership she's brought to the program.



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MADISON TIMMONS

HEIDELBERG UNIVERSITY

For Madison Timmons, soccer has always been more than just a sport—it's been a constant through years of change, travel, and growth. As a military child who has lived and played in Texas, Tennessee, and Ohio, Madison learned early how to adapt to new environments and coaching styles. When she moved to Northern New York, her coach at Eastern Elite Academy connected her with Syracuse Development Academy — a move that would shape her future on and off the field.

“SDA has a place for everyone,” Madison shared. “Regardless of your commitment

level or talent, SDA can help you develop your game. I was able to play at both the GA and GA2 levels, and because I was a multisport athlete, I'll now have the opportunity to compete in both soccer and track at Heidelberg.” Playing at both levels gave Madison a unique perspective on SDA's flexibility and depth. “The GA2 level had less of a commitment but still a high level of play,” she explained. “We trained two days a week instead of three, which gave me the balance I needed. This season, as I prepare for college, I'll be training with the 08GA team to improve my speed of play.”

MADISON TIMMONS



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Madison also credits the SDA coaching staff for their support during the recruiting process. “Coach Joe Zingaro and Coach Pao were amazing,” she said. “They emphasized communicating with college coaches and were always available for guidance. I used to CC them on every email I sent, and they’d give me great feedback on next steps.”

Looking back, some of Madison’s favorite memories revolve around the friendships and team culture. “The relationships are what I’ll miss most,” she said. “Spending weekends both on and off the field with the best talent in Syracuse, the team dinners, and even the post-game shopping trips — those are moments I’ll never forget.”

Competing at the GA level taught Madison the importance of precision and composure. “Your first touch is critical—it sets the tone for the entire play,” she explained. “Playing at that pace helped me make quicker, smarter decisions under pressure and strengthened my time management skills balancing academics, practices, and travel.”



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EMMA HILL

AMHERST COLLEGE

From her first moments with SDA, Emma Hill has grown into a leader on and off the field — a player whose passion, perseverance, and positivity have defined her journey.

“I’ve had so many highlights throughout my experience,” she says. “The friendships and relationships I’ve created with teammates and players, both younger and older, are definitely the most memorable. I’ve loved traveling with the team to new places, competing in fun games at practice where everyone wants to win but is still laughing the whole time, and of course beating Coach Pao at his own challenges!”

Emma credits SDA for her growth as both a player and a person. “I’ve become stronger physically, technically, and mentally. I’ve learned to face adversity, to compete with joy, to be a great teammate, and to bring what I’ve learned on the field into other parts of my life.”

EMMA HILL



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Serving as SDA's Girls Academy Advisory Panel representative for three years, she found a way to blend soccer, service, and community — something she'll carry forward into college. "I know the college game will be tough, but SDA has prepared me to step in confidently, ready to compete and keep learning."

Looking ahead, Emma has big goals with the Amherst Mammoths. "I want to help Amherst win four more NESCAC Championships and hopefully a national title! Off the field, I plan to study English or Biology and prepare for life after college."

Emma's soccer story began at age three in Columbus, Ohio. After returning to Syracuse, she played for several local clubs before joining SDA in fifth grade. Over the years, she's been coached by Jim, Janine, Bill, Pao, and Brooke — each shaping her development and love for the game.

Now an outside back inspired by the US Women's National Team and supported by her family every step of the way, Emma is ready for her next chapter — following in her father's footsteps as a proud Amherst Mammoth.

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SDA STORMS THE UNITED KINGDOM!





SDA 2012 GA Girls Take England by Storm!

The SDA 2012 GA Girls — joined by one 2011 and two 2013 players — took their game overseas for an unforgettable soccer trip to England! It was an adventure packed with competition, culture, and plenty of laughs both on and off the field. The team participated in three top-tier training sessions with English Premier League Academy coaches. The sessions sharpened their skills, strengthened teamwork, and offered valuable insights into the English style of play. The highlight for many came during their friendly matches against local teams — the girls went an impressive 3-0 on their first international stage, scoring 14 goals and allowing only 2, with two shutouts!

Off the pitch, the group soaked up the full English experience — touring the iconic stadiums of Liverpool, Manchester United, and Chelsea, and even catching live Premier League action at Liverpool and Chelsea men’s matches. They also explored Wrexham, Chester, Manchester, Stratford-upon-Avon (Shakespeare’s birthplace), and of course London. The girls stood outside Buckingham Palace, rode the London Eye, and even visited the club where the Beatles first performed.

It was the perfect blend of travel, training, and teamwork — a trip that created lasting memories and lifelong friendships.

Coach Brian:

“It was truly the trip of a lifetime, packed with so many highlights. Two moments really stood out:

Watching the girls impress coaches from Manchester United, Chelsea, and England’s national youth programs with their skill and intensity.

Seeing the level of play they reached in their final match on Day 9 — after days full of sightseeing, walking, and nonstop activity. It was amazing.”

Cora Goetz #99:

“Going to England for our soccer trip was the best experience ever! We played strong local teams that pushed me to work even harder. I loved exploring and seeing famous places like the Tower Bridge and Buckingham Palace. My favorite part was training with top-level English coaches at their facilities!”



Jenna Lawlee #1 (GK):

“I would highly recommend this trip to any player or family. The mix of soccer and sightseeing is the perfect balance! The schedule has something for everyone.”

Addy Vinci #52:

“The trip helped me bond with my team and explore so many new places. Playing games overseas showed me different styles of soccer and new talent from around the world. Training with English coaches gave me new perspectives and techniques — I learned so much and had the best time!”



THE THEATRE OF DREAMS





SDA TOOK OVER WILLIAM SMITH SOCCER!!!



THE JOURNEY CONTINUES! OUR SDA ALUM AT WILLIAM SMITH HAD SOME LOUD SUPPORT THIS WEEK, WITH CURRENT SDA PLAYERS IN THE STANDS. WALKOUTS WITH THE TEAM, FETCHING BALLS, CHEERING THEIR HEARTS OUT, A 2-1 WIN, AUTOGRAPHS, AND A BIG TEAM CHEER TO WRAP IT ALL UP.



BUILDING THE FOUNDATION FOR THE FUTURE WITH COACH BO

The SDA Juniors program is where young players begin their soccer journey with Syracuse Development Academy. Designed and managed by Coach Bo Jelovac, SDA Juniors focuses on developing well-rounded athletes through fun, competitive, and skill-focused training sessions.

At its core, the program teaches speed, agility, foot skills, dribbling, finishing, and creative moves. Each session is designed to strengthen technical ability, coordination, and confidence — while maintaining the joy and excitement that makes players love the game.

SDA JUNIORS



EVERY SDA JUNIORS SESSION COMBINES INSTRUCTION, REPETITION, AND SMALL-SIDED PLAY. PLAYERS ARE GROUPED BY BIRTH YEAR TO ENSURE AN AGE-APPROPRIATE AND SUPPORTIVE ENVIRONMENT THAT HELPS THEM THRIVE.

COACH BO: "I'M SO EXCITED TO KICK OFF THE SECOND YEAR OF OUR SDA JUNIORS PROGRAM! MY GOAL IS TO MAKE THIS A FUN, SAFE, AND SUPPORTIVE PLACE WHERE EVERY PLAYER CAN LEARN, GROW, AND GAIN THE SKILLS THEY NEED TO KEEP MOVING FORWARD IN THE SDA CLUB PROGRAM. I CAN'T WAIT TO SEE ALL THE PROGRESS AND SMILES THIS SEASON!"

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DRIBBLING
FINISHING MOVES**





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NOV 5, 12, 19
DEC 3, 10, 17

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JAN 7, 14, 21, 28
FEB 4, 11

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MAR 4, 11, 18, 25
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INDOOR TRAINING OFFICIALLY BEGINS CLUBWIDE NOV. 3RD FOR ALL OUR SDA TEAMS

BETHESDA GIRLS AND BOYS WEEKEND SHOWCASE

[HTTPS://PREMIERCUP.BETHESDASOCCERTOURNAMENTS.COM/](https://premiercup.bethesdasoccer.com/)



BOYS 2011, 2010, 2009, 2008/07 MLS NEXT AD TEAM TO ATTEND MLS NEXT FEST

[HTTPS://WWW.THESPORTSTIMELINE.COM/MLS-NEXT-FEST-DECEMBER-2025/](https://www.thesportstimeline.com/mls-next-fest-december-2025/)



GIRLS 2009 GA ATTENDING GA SHOWCASE IN CA

