

College Recruiting Information

Forward Development



WCUSC Alumni College Placement



We have a proud history of our players moving on from our club teams and finding a home at the next level. NCAA D1, D2, D3 and NAIA soccer programs



Brief History of Placement



Kevin Avila
University
of Mt Olive



Ben Cohen
Queens University



Ty Narron
Cape Fear



William Ochoa
Munoz
Gardner Webb



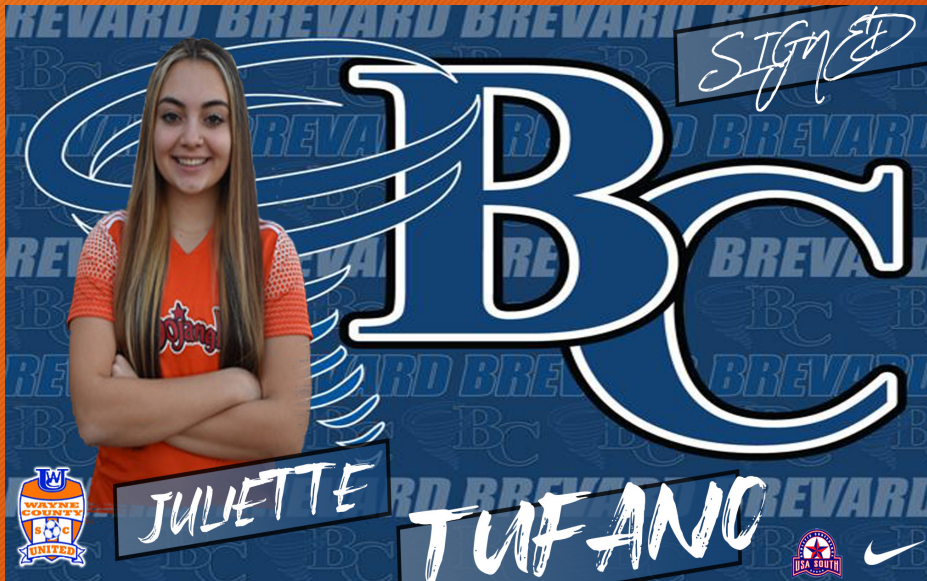
Coe Jordan
Guilford College



Christian Anderson
Wake Tech

Many more players have gone on to play at the college level. WCUSC has also had numerous players turn down athletic scholarships to focus on academics

Brief History Of Placement



Juliette Tufano
Brevard College



Cassidy Sauls
Louisburg College

College Divisions



NCAA Divisions are separated by the size and philosophy of the school. If college soccer is your path, there is a place for you!

NCAA D1: 205 programs - max 9.9 athletic scholarships

NCAA D2: 214 programs - max 9 athletic scholarships

NCAA D3: 415 programs - N/A



Other Divisions:

NAIA: 188 programs - max 12 athletic scholarships

NJCAA Div 1: 141 programs - max 18 athletic scholarships

NJCAA Div 2: 77 programs - N/A





College Recruiting Terms

Prospective Student Athlete - PSA

A prospective student athlete is a student who has started 9th grade of high school

Unofficial Visit

- Any visit by you and your parents to a college campus paid for by you or your parents. The only expense you may receive from the college is admission into a home athletics contest. You can make as many unofficial visits as you want and may make them at any time. The only time you can't talk with a coach is during the dead period.
- Coaches and Athletic Departments can't participate in unofficial visits until September 1st of athlete's junior year in high school

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Official Visit

- Any visit to a college campus by you and your parent paid for by the college. The college may pay or some of the following expenses:
 - Transportation to and from the college
 - Room and meals (3 per day) while you are visiting
 - Admissions to home athletic contests
- NCAA allows 5 official visits (max. of 1 per college) for D1 schools and unlimited official visits for D2, D3 and NAIA schools.

College Recruiting Terms



National Letter of Intent/ Letter of Commitment

- The National Letter of Intent (NLI) is used to indicate a student athlete is committing to participate at a National Collegiate Athletic Association colleges and universities in the United States

Eligibility Center

- The NCAA Eligibility Center certifies whether prospective college athletes are eligible to play sports at NCAA D1 or D2 institutions. It does this by reviewing the student athletes academic record, SAT or ACT scores and amateur status to ensure everything conforms to NCAA guidelines.

Starting Your Recruitment Journey



Key areas to focus on as you begin your search for the right college program:

- Academics
- Soccer opportunities
- Size of the school and community
- Location to home
- Cost of attendance



Recruiting Timeline

Freshman Year

- Strong Academically
- Your GPA Begins

Sophomore Year

- Make a list of 20 schools if interest
- Contact coaches at those schools
- By NCAA rules, coaches can't contact you until June 15th after Sophomore Year
- Attend Showcases
- Attend ID Camps

Junior Year

- Narrow your list to 10-15 schools
- Take unofficial or official visits
- Meet coaching staff
- Attend matches
- Schedule SAT / ACT test
- Register for the NCAA Eligibility Center

Senior Year

- Narrow list to 5 schools
- Take unofficial and official visits
- Re-take Sat / Act Test if needed
- Apply to the schools



Template for Emailing Coaches

Dear [Coach's Name],

My name is [Your Name], I am part of the class of [Your Graduating Class] at [Your High School] in [Your Hometown and State]. I am interested in [The Name of The University] and learning more about your program.

[Include information here about the research you did into their program]

I play [List your position and the name of your team]. Some of my best accomplishments to date are [list your top two or three best times, awards or recognitions]. I have attached a highlight tape, if you have any problems opening it, please let me know. Please feel free to contact my coach(s) and club Director of Coaching. [List the email and phone number for your high school and/or club team coach]. Here is my schedule:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Name of Event</u>	<u>My Team Name</u>
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[List your GPA and test scores here if you have taken them]. [Talk about what you like about the academic reputations of the school].

I will be following up this email with a phone call. I look forward to hearing back from you and learning more about your program.

Sincerely,

[Your Name]

[Email]

[Phone]

[Address]

Create A Soccer Resume



Name

Position

Graduation year

Team Name

Jersey #

Picture

High School

GPA

SAT/ACT

Academic Achievements

Soccer Coach - contact info

High School Soccer Achievements - All region, all state etc

Club Experience

Club Name

Coach - contact info

Tournaments wins, League placements

ODP

References - Club DOC, High School Athletic Director

Social Media



What you post on social media is important and can go against you.

Points to remember

- Your social media profiles will be looked at by coaches and is often the first interaction they have with you
- Your social media reflects your character. Don't let a post cost you scholarship money.
- Think before you post as nothing you post is private.
- Post clips of you training, practicing, soccer related



High School Freshman and Sophomore



In your freshman and sophomore years of high school, you may:

- Receive brochures for camps
- Receive questionnaires from college coaches
- Call coaches but may not receive calls from coaches

As A High School Junior



In your Junior year of high school, you may:

- Receive recruiting materials and information from coaches beginning June 15th
- Call Coaches
- Receive calls from coaches beginning June 15th
- Have electronic correspondence beginning June 15th
- Take unlimited unofficial visits beginning September 1st
- Take official visits beginning September 1st
 - 1 official visit per college
 - a maximum of five visits to D1 schools
 - unlimited visits to D2, D3 and NAIA schools

As A High School Senior



As a high school senior, you may:

- Receive information from coaches
- Call or be called by coaches
- Have electronic correspondence with the coach
- Have off-campus contact (no more than 3 times)
- Take unlimited unofficial visits
- Take 1 visit per college, a maximum of five visits to D1 schools
- Unlimited visits to D2, D3 and NAIA schools

Good To Know Points



Division 2 schools do not have any rules for the number of evaluations permitted per student athlete.

- College coaches can't contact the prospective player on competition or practice days until the event or practice is over.
- During a contact period, coaches can only make one visit to a high school per week

Division 3 schools are the only schools with out a set recruiting calendar.

- D3 coaches can contact and recruit high school players without dead periods, contact periods and quiet periods.



Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Should I attend ID Camps?

A: Yes, but choose wisely. They can be a great opportunity to visit a campus, talk to staff and be evaluated by coaches. Day camps are more beneficial than overnight camps.

Q: Should I speak to my club about my college search?

A: Yes! Please talk to your club and Director of Coaching and keep them informed about your college search. They will be some of your best resources.

Q: Do I have to register with the NCAA Eligibility Center?

A: Yes, if you want to play NCAA D1 or D2

Q: Do I need to use a recruiting service?

A: No, unless you personally know the person that is promoting you personally, it is not worth the money.

WCUSC Want To Help!



As you go along your college recruiting journey, everyone at Wayne County United Soccer Club is here to help...

Please contact our Director of Coaching Steve Ellis
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