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East Hudson Academy Head Coach, David McCollum

A native of Ireland, David has been involved in soccer for most of his life. He played through college and on a club team in Germany in the third and fourth divisions where he also took his first coaching license. He has been coaching in this area since 1992, primarily with the Bedford and Yorktown clubs, and was also involved with the League Select program from 1994-96. From 1999-2004, David was the Head Coach of the Yorktown Spirit. During this time, the team won 4 consecutive State Cup Championships (U15-U18), played successfully in the Region 1 Director's League, and participated in many of the premier tournaments in the country, while consistently being ranked among the top 20 teams in the nation. Many of the players on that squad have gone on to major Division 1 college programs. Coach David has also been a member of the State Coaching staff since 1999, serving as Head Coach for the Boys program in almost every age group from the young players starting their State ODP careers to the oldest boys preparing to move on to play in college. He currently holds a USSF National B license.

Boys/Girls 1999- Coach Paul Gannon

Paul is a 1976 graduate of SUNY Cortland where he received his BS in Public Health Administration. While there, he competed for the varsity soccer program & was selected as team co-captain his senior year. He received his MS degree in Recreation Administration, also from SUNY Cortland, while at the same time filling the graduate assistant soccer coaching position. Immediately upon graduation, Paul was hired as the full time men's assistant soccer coach at the United States Military Academy, West Point, a position he held for approximately 17 years. Along the way he received his USSF "C" license, NSCAA National & Advanced National coaching diplomas. After leaving the men's program, Paul accepted a full teaching position within the Department of Physical Education, also at U.S.M.A. To keep his hand in collegiate coaching, Paul accepted the volunteer assistant women's soccer coaching position for 3 years. In all, Paul is

currently in his 27th year of service as coach, instructor/coach, and instructor at the Military Academy.

Outside the Academy, Paul has coached the girl's Eastern NYS Olympic Development girl's soccer program, the Empire State Games women's open soccer, the Newburgh Free Academy girl's varsity soccer, and has an untold amount of clinic/camp experience. He has also presented various soccer topics at several NYS-AHPERD conventions, and Eastern District Association-AAHPERD conventions. This is his first year coaching within the East Hudson Youth Soccer Academy program.

Boys 1998 – Coach Jim Purdy

Jim has been coaching youth soccer in the area for over twenty years and is in his ninth year coaching Academy/League Select teams. He has coached both boys and girls teams in the Academy program. Jim has coached league travel teams from developmental through U19's. He holds both a NSCAA National Diploma as well as a USSF National License. In addition, Jim has coached four East Hudson League Champions (2 boys/2 girls) and his teams have also been awarded several Sportsmanship Awards. In 2005, he was honored by East Hudson as the Boys Travel Coach of the Year.

Coach Jim's soccer philosophy is centered on being a teacher to the young player so they may have the technical skills on which to build and develop. Jim's goals for his players are to be dedicated to the sport, establish new friendships and above all have fun playing this wonderful game. Jim and his wife have had four children play in the EHYSL, with their youngest currently playing in the program.

Girls 1998 – Coach Rick Seipp

Rick grew up in Dutchess County, where he and his wife are currently raising a son and two daughters. Coach Seipp played 4 years at the Varsity Level at John Jay High School and captained the team his senior year. He played at Mt. St. Mary College of Newburgh and held the single season scoring record. Coach Seipp earned a USSF 'B' License and a NSCAA Advanced National Diploma. He is also a certified USSF referee. Rick has coached the boys' and girls' varsity teams at Our Lady of Lourdes High School for 10 years, winning four sectional titles. When not coaching the Academy players, Coach Seipp can often be found coaching his own young children.

Girls 1998 – Coach Cori Witkiewicz

Cori Witkiewicz was a four year letter winner and a captain for Our Lady of Lourdes High School, earning All League Honors in '99, '00, and '02. In 2002, she earned All Section honors, League MVP, and the school's first sectional title. During her collegiate career at SUNY Potsdam, Cori was a four year starter and a captain both her

junior and senior year, earning SUNYAC All-Conference 2nd Team recognition. After graduating, Cori went on to become the Assistant Women's Soccer Coach at the school during the 2007 season. Cori received her USSF National "D" License and trains teams in the local area, along with coaching at the Bard College Summer Soccer Camp and the Hudson Valley Soccer School. Coach Cori also teaches mathematics at Our Lady of Lourdes HS, where she is the Girl's JV Soccer Coach.

Boys 1997 - Coach Dan Carillo

Dan Carillo is in his second year on the East Hudson Academy coaching staff. He is the Head Women's Soccer Coach at Nyack College, an NCAA Division 2 institution, and has held this position since 2004. Prior to this appointment, Carillo was an Assistant Men's Soccer Coach at Nyack College for six years. He coached the boys' varsity high school soccer team at Chapel Field High School for two years. Dan has been associated with a number of youth and travel teams of all ages from a variety of clubs including Monroe United SC, Washingtonville SC, Ramapo Valley SC, Pine Bush Colts and Town of Wallkill SC. He has been a staff member for a number of summer camp programs and is currently the Director of the Nyack College Soccer Camp. Coach Carillo holds an NSCAA National Diploma and a USSF D license.

Boys 1997 – Coach Joe Carillo

Coach Carillo, a native New Yorker, has been coaching youth soccer since 1983. He currently holds a USSF "C" license. Joe has been an ODP coach from 2003 to the present. He has coached in the EHYSL Academy for the past two years, and has been the Head Coach at Pine Bush H.S. since 1992. Joe is also the Director of Coaching for the Town of Wallkill S.C. Joe is the proud grandfather of three granddaughters currently playing in the East Hudson Academy program.

Girls 1997 - Coach Wayne Lafreniere

Wayne is in his 25th year of coaching. He has been part of the East Hudson coaching staff for an impressive 15 years. Coach Lafreniere was a State ODP coach for 2 years, and part of the Yorktown Soccer Club as the club's head coach and clinician for 6 years. In addition, he was a travel team coach for 19 years. Wayne is a holder of a USSF "C" License.

Girls 1997 - Coach Christopher Calimano

Coach Calimano began coaching 11 years ago as the JV girls' coach for Roy C. Ketcham High School. During this time, he has also served as the boys' JV coach and as an assistance coach for the boys' varsity team. Currently, he is the head coach of

the girls' varsity program at Roy C. Ketcham. Coach Calimano holds NSCAA certificates in Flank Play, Formations and Small Sided Games, as well as a NYS Coaching certificate.

Soccer is positive activity that teaches participants about courage, communication and focus. As a youth coach, Chris strives to create a learning environment that is both fun and rewarding.

Boys 1996 - Coach Keith Walker

This is Keith Walker's 5th season coaching with the Academy. He has a USSF National C License, NSCAA State Goalkeeping Diploma and is a USSF Certified Referee. He is the Director of Coaching and Education for Highland United Soccer Club. Keith is the coach of the Highland Hornets U19 Girls. He has coached the Hornets for 9 years, winning two East Hudson and two Westchester league titles. Last spring the Hornets won the U18 Eastern New York State Premier league title. Not only does he coach his own Highland team, but he also finds the time to train other local club teams.

In the past, Keith was a State ODP Coach 2004-2006 on the girl's side. He also was a High School Varsity Girls soccer coach for 7 years, with Highland and New Paltz. During his time at the scholastic level his teams advanced to the State Final Four, won one Regional, five Sectional and three League championships. Keith also coached Varsity Boys track for New Paltz, winning 2 Sectional titles. Keith was offered the job as head coach of the SUNY Ulster women's soccer team. Keith's leadership and guidance led the Ulster women's team to the regional semi-finals in 2008.

Keith coaches with the philosophy of teaching his players to be thinkers on the field. Teaching the tactics of the game is what he enjoys most. He encourages his players to take chances and enjoy themselves while they are playing. He always wants the game to be played in a way that it is fun for his players and is a pleasure for the spectators and himself to watch.

Boys 1996 – Coach Keith Stetler

Keith Stetler has been coaching youth soccer for 20 years. Having been raised in Dutchess County, Keith is a graduate of Arlington HS, where he played for George Tarantini. He went on to play at Ulster Community College under George Vizvary. Keith has coached in the East Hudson Academy for 5 years. Coach Stetler has spent time on the Eastern NY North State ODP. He presently coaches the Boys Varsity team at Our Lady of Lourdes HS.

Keith holds a USSF National C License as well as a State Goalkeeper Diploma from NSCAA. The Stetlers have a teenage daughter and son who have played in the Academy program.

Girls 1996 – Coach Gary Montalto

Gary is a graduate of SUNY Cortland and Western Connecticut State College. He has been coaching and training soccer players, both boys and girls for the past 35 years. His longest tenure has been with the Arlington High School Boys Varsity team in which he has accumulated over 500 victories and directed 5 separate teams to the New York State Finals, of which 3 of those teams won the State Championship. In 2006, Gary was selected as the National Boys High School Coach of the Year by the NSCAA.

Some of the other soccer positions held by Coach Montalto have been the Arlington High School Varsity Girls Coach for 11 years, State Boys ODP Coach for 4 years, East Hudson Academy for 2 years and Travel Coach for various time periods with the LaGrange Soccer Club and the Town of Poughkeepsie Soccer Club. Gary holds a USSF "C" license and a National Diploma from the NSCAA. He has also been a clinician at numerous soccer events. Coach Mont's positive approach to his players and the game has been a life lesson to many.

Girls 1996 – Coach Kieran McIlvenny

Kieran, a native of Ireland, has been coaching and playing soccer in the United States since 1986. From 1992-2005 he was the Director of Soccer Operations for Rye Youth Soccer, and from 1995-1998 he was the Boys Varsity Soccer Coach At Rye Country Day School. He joined the East Hudson coaching staff in 2002 as a Head Coach and has remained in that role since then. In 2004, he was invited to be a staff member of the State ODP Program and remained in that program until 2007 when Gary Montalto, Arlington Boys Varsity Coach, and Kieran formed the New York Soccer Academy. Kieran has played competitive soccer for most of his life, and holds both a USSF "B" license and the KNVB(Dutch Soccer Federation) Advanced Diploma. He is currently the Girls Varsity Coach at Arlington HS, leading the girls to a sharing of the Section 1 title in 2008.

With his calm sideline demeanor, Coach Kieran believes that sportsmanship is one of the most important aspects of the game. The McIlvennys have three children, two of whom play in the EHYSL.

Boys 1995 – Coach Robert Seipp

Coach Seipp earned a USSF 'A' License and an NSCAA Advanced National Diploma. He has coached in the State Olympic Development Program (ODP) on Long Island and in the Eastern Upstate Program. Coach Seipp was the Women's Open Empire State Coach for five years at the Empire State Games, and a Division 1 College Head Coach at Iona for two years ('94, '95). He also coached the East Fishkill Strikers

to back - to - back State Cup Titles in '96 and '97. Coach Seipp is currently the coach of the John Jay High School Boys' Varsity team. Rob enjoys coaching at the high school where he played soccer. John Jay won the Class 'A' State Title in 2000 and six Sectional Titles under him. Rob and his wife are the parents of two young sons who eagerly await their turn to play soccer!

Girls 1995 – Coach Mary Darcy Schanz

Mary grew up playing soccer in the East Hudson Youth Soccer League. She began in Beacon's intramural program, moved on to the Town of Poughkeepsie Soccer Club's travel program, along with playing in the East Hudson Select program as a teenager. Mary and her friends helped establish the Our Lady of Lourdes HS soccer program during her senior year, under the support and guidance of Brian Giorgis. She captained the team, received MVP honors and a Scholastic Athlete award. She went on to play four years at LeMoyne College, NCAA Div. II, co-captaining her senior year.

Presently a 2nd year Academy coach and a GU11 travel coach, Mary has coached at the intramural and travel levels in LaGrange, Shrub Oak and Wappingers Falls. She has worked as a coach and counselor at area soccer camps/clinics since she was in high school. She co-chairs the Goals for Hope Women's Soccer Tournament to raise support, awareness, and money for the Miles of Hope Breast Cancer Foundation. Coach Mary feels it is important for young soccer players to develop their technical skills so that they become confident team players, while enjoying the camaraderie and passion of being part of a team. She and her husband have three children currently playing in the EHYSL, with two playing for the Academy. Mary holds an NSCAA National Diploma.

Girls 1995 - Coach Aidan Topley

Coach Aidan is originally from Ashford, Kent, England. He moved to the U.S.A as a Professional, full time soccer trainer in New Jersey, working for United Soccer Academy from 2003-2006. In 2005 he moved to Dutchess County. Currently he holds a U.E.F.A B pt 1 license and U.S.S.F 'F' License.

Playing soccer since the age of 6, Aidan played for his high school, winning a County Championship Cup in 1999 and 2 division titles in 1997, 2001, and was also the top goal scorer 2 seasons in a row, 2000/2001-2001/2002. In addition, he played for many amateur men's teams in the 'Kent county and District league', winning 2 championships with the Wye Wanderers F.C, and 1 league cup. Also in 2004 he made his first appearance for his local semi-pro club, the Ashford Town Football Club Reserves team, who played in the 'Go Travel Kent League – 2nd Div', only playing several times before he returned to the states to continue his coaching education and school opportunities.

Coach Aidan has been coaching soccer for 8 years. Before moving to the US, he was the assistant manager of Ashford Town U-18's soccer team. He would lead the

training sessions and warm ups prior to games, helping in the team selection, and advising the head coach on game day.

Aidan now coaches local teams in Lagrange, Hyde Park, Wappingers Falls, and even Northern New Jersey. At present, he is a full time student at Dutchess Community College, enrolled as an 'Exercise, Science and Wellness' major, on his way to becoming a gym teacher.

Boys 1994 – Coach Helmut Gspurning

A native of Austria, Helmut has been involved with soccer his entire life. He has played for Blau-Weiss Gottschee Club, NY where he was captain during his senior year and helped lead the team to the New York State Championship finals. He also was his High School's team captain for four years, and helped the team win two State Championships. Helmut went on to play soccer in College at Ulster CC for George Vizvary. Since then, Helmut has coached and trained boys and girls teams ranging from ages 5-19. Currently, he is a 2nd year East Hudson Academy coach. Coach Helmut presently holds a USSF National D license and a NSCAA National Diploma. He and his wife have two daughters who play for the East Hudson Academy.

Girls 93/94 - Coach Andrea Humphreys

Andrea began playing competitive soccer at a young age, and continued all throughout her school years. She was captain of her varsity team at Clarkstown HS North. Andrea went on to play for four years on the women's team at the University of Scranton, NCAA div. III (MAC champs). After college, she returned to Clarkstown HS as the girls JV soccer coach for several years. Presently, Andrea is the girls' JV soccer coach at John Jay HS, in East Fishkill, and is also the girls' modified coach at Van Wyck JHS. Additionally, she is the coach of an EHYSL BU14 premier level team. Andrea holds an NSCAA National Diploma, a USSF License, and NYSPHSAA certification. She is a middle school teacher in the Wappingers School District. Andrea and her husband have four children, who have played soccer for various EHYSL teams.

Coach Andrea believes in developing the whole player, and strives to prepare young athletes physically and mentally to compete in the game she loves! Andrea aims to help players improve their technical abilities, while also increasing their overall fitness level. She believes it is important for players to develop confidence in themselves, and to recognize their contributions to their team. Yet above all, Andrea believes it is critical to always exhibit good sportsmanship!

Boys 1993 - Coach Adriano Torriani

Adriano is a native of Montevideo, Uruguay, where he played soccer his whole life until moving to the USA. He currently plays in men's leagues in the East Hudson

area. He has been training many different teams in Rye, East Fishkill, LaGrange and Yorktown, NY for the past 7 years. He also works for camps and clinics in the area. Adriano has been the head coach for Boys Select/ODP for 14, 15 and 16 year olds since 2003 in Westchester and 2004 in East Hudson. Coach Adriano holds a USSF "D" state license, NSCAA National Diploma, Dutch National Coaching Diploma and Advanced Diploma., Coach Adriano's youthful approach to the game captures the attention of his players, with mutual respect being shared. He and his wife are raising two young daughters, with his oldest about ready to begin her team soccer playing years!

Boys 1993 – Coach Sean Murphy

This is Sean Murphy's 1st season as an assistant coach with the Academy. He has a NSCAA State, Regional, and National Diploma. He is also a member of the MHSOA. Sean has trained teams of various ages and both genders for several club programs. He has worked with the Poughkeepsie Soccer Club, Lagrange Soccer Club, F.C. Westchester, and Middlepath F.C. Sean is graduate of John Jay High School, Marist College, and Western Connecticut University.

Boys 1991/1992 - Coach Adam Ritter

A native of the Hudson Valley and a product of local youth programs, Coach Ritter's playing days started with the LaGrange Soccer Club, East Fishkill Soccer Club, and East Hudson Select teams where he won numerous league championships and regional tournaments. A graduate of Arlington High School in 2000, he was a member of the varsity boy's soccer team for three years where he won league, sectional, and state (1999) titles. He would continue at the Division 1 level where he had the opportunity to play for Marist College's first Men Soccer MAAC Conference Championship team and experienced the NCAA Tournament first hand. Coach Ritter would later graduate from Marist in 2004 with a Bachelor of Arts in Communications, Dean's List Honors, and being named to the All-MAAC Academic Team. Before joining the East Hudson Academy coaching staff, Adam Ritter had coached soccer for the last four years at Our Lady of Lourdes High School, and this was his first year at Arlington High School. Adam has been part of two sectional championship programs.

Coach Ritter's philosophy about the game of soccer isn't about being the biggest, fastest, or strongest player on the ball. It's (more) about understanding how to communicate, move, and anticipate play off the ball (after all there is *only* one ball for 22 players to share at any given moment in the game). In addition to his soccer background, Coach Ritter has extensive experience working in higher education, which allows him to be knowledgeable about the college selection and recruiting processes. Coach Ritter currently holds the USSF National D Coaching License.

BOYS 1991/1992 Coach Brian Fitzgerald

This is the first year that Coach Brian Fitzgerald will be at the helm for the East Hudson Academy. Fitzgerald is accompanied by co-coach and former teammate, Adam Ritter, and together they will look to resume their commitment to excellence for the East Hudson program.

In the fall of 2007, Coach Fitzgerald was named the head coach of the Varsity B soccer program at Arlington High School. Fitzgerald is thrilled to be coaching where he captained the Admirals squad under Coach Gary Montalto during his own senior year. In his collegiate career, Fitz varsity lettered at Iona in three sports: track '98-00, soccer '00-'01, and rugby '01-'03. He currently plays semi-professional rugby for the reigning US national champion New York Athletic Rugby Football Club and soccer for locally found Germania Football Club. Brian is currently working on his M.S. in Mathematics at Iona College.

Coach Fitzgerald's philosophy is "Just as players need to thirst for knowledge of the game, the same hunger is imperative for a coach to succeed at their craft. Being a product of the Lagrange Soccer Club, East Hudson select program, and the Arlington School District teams has instilled within me the desire not only to constantly learn more about the game of soccer, but also the desire to pass that knowledge along to the youth with the same passion. I have thoroughly enjoyed my experiences coaching thus far, and eagerly look forward to coaching for the Academy."