



VSA Announce the Addition of New Staff to Enhance Player Development and Support System

(Haymarket, VA) VSA is excited to announce the addition of new staff to enhance our player development and support system. Joining the club will be Chris Higgins, Inty Arteaga, Kyle Lewis, Alex Render, and Caleb Brock.

“We are excited to welcome Chris, Inty, Kyle, Alex, and Caleb. All of them come to the club at different stages in their careers but they all share the same enthusiasm to improve what we are currently doing to help the club grow in our collective goals of having the very best player and coach development program at all levels for our members” Matt Lacey, VSA Executive Director.

Chris Higgins will join the club as the Director of College Recruitment and will oversee VSA’s college recruitment program for both boys and girls. He will work alongside the VDA ECNL Directors in streamlining the best processes and practices for all players. Chris is joining VSA after a successful period as a Head College Coach at Wilson College (D3).

Inty Arteaga will be joining VSA to add his expertise to our U13-U14 age groups as they transition to 11v11. Inty will work closely with our Technical Directors and Head’s of Player Development to support and oversee the growth of coaching and player development in these key age groups. Inty is a UEFA A License.

Kyle Lewis, Alex Render, and Caleb Brock will be joining the club to work within our Zone 1 program. Each will be responsible for helping assist with the development of players and coaches working alongside our current Technical Director (Nick Foglesong) and Assistant Directors of Coaching (Mike DiNuzzio and Jov Hall)

Inty Arteaga | UEFA A License, USSF B Licence, UEFA B Licence & MS Sports Coaching.

U13 RL Head Coach & U14 RL Head Coach.

Inty comes to VSA from West Virginia Soccer (MLS Next) where he held the title of Director of Coaching. Inty was responsible for creating short and long term player development plans along with building the club’s game model, style of play, curriculum & philosophy.

Inty has also worked with DC United’s U23 program as an assistant coach where he implemented the club methodology and assisted with practices and games through club curriculum, style of play, periodization along with in depth scouting reports.

Inty has also worked at the college level assisting Catholic University Women’s Soccer team - NCAA III, where he led weekly team training, film breakdown and analysis along with individual player feedback.

Chris Higgins - VSA Director of College Recruitment.

U16 RL Head Coach & U15 RL Head Coach.

(College Bio) During his first season with Wilson College, Higgins had Wilson in contention for a postseason bid in the CSAC Championship tournament and tied with the team who earned the final spot.





In addition to that he coached two all-conference players as well as an Academic All-District selection. In his second season at the helm, he had two all-conference players, two Academic All-District selections, and a United East Senior Scholar Athlete Award winner. The team also had surpassed multiple team records including most goals in a season, least goals against in a season, most goals in a game, and most shots in a season. In his third season, the Phoenix saw the most success in program history, Academically, they had five Academic All-District selections. During the regular season they were able to compete and win the most games in program history. They also clinched the team's first ever United East playoff berth where they knocked off the #5 seed as the #12 seed.

Higgins was a standout goalkeeper for North Carolina Wesleyan University, where he helped the team win back-to-back USA South regular season championships and an appearance in the NCAA tournament in 2017.

Caleb Brock - Director of Player Development Zone 1 - U9-U10

Caleb Brock has been involved with VSA since he was six years old, starting in our VSA Futures program and continuing all the way up until he graduated from Patriot High School. While playing with VSA as a U16, he was an active coach with our U5-U8 programs.

After Caleb finished his VSA playing career, he attended college at Bridgewater in Southern VA, where he graduated with a degree in Business Administration and a minor in Leadership. We are honored to have Caleb returning and giving back to the club's next generation of players!

Alex Render - Director of Player Development Zone 1 - U11-U12

Alex Render, originally from Hull, England, has had a lustrous playing career through several high level academies. Alex came through the youth academies at Hull City and Sheffield Wednesday before spending time with Chesterfield FC's first team as a professional.

He continued his playing career in the U.S. playing collegiate soccer at Limestone University and Division 1 program Old Dominion University. Alex was the captain for both successful college programs. We are thrilled to bring Alex in with this extensive experience in the game along with the passion he will bring to our Zone 1 Players.

Kyle Lewis - Senior Staff Member Zone 1 - U9-U12

Kyle grew up locally in Centreville Virginia playing the entirety of his youth career around the area and graduating from Centreville high school. Along with playing club and high school, Kyle was a part of the Virginia State ODP team.

Kyle continued his playing career at Randolph College and VCU before beginning his coaching career at SYA just prior to the club's merger to form Virginia Valor FC, where he has been an instrumental part of their younger teams and programs.

