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## Welcome

To our New York Elite Alleycats FC Families and Staff,

Spring soccer has arrived, which means windy, sometimes chilly, sometimes sunny, sometimes rainy fields (occasionally all in one game), with players running the pitch in short sleeves and parents on the sidelines in puffers and hats. While we may be more than halfway through the 2023-24 season, we still have a lot of soccer ahead of us, and our teams have hit the ground running. As our youth academy players wrapped up their fall league seasons and jumped into winter indoor play, our high schoolers embarked on a series of tournaments along the east coast, from Lake Placid down to Florida. NYE AFC has been invited to more prestigious events and tournaments with each year, including The Best of the East Cup, IMG Academy, Jefferson Cup, FC Europa Turf Cup, and Potomac, a testament to our teams' successes and strength.

We recognize the engine that drives these accomplishments: the talent and work ethic of our players. This year, NYE AFC has five Section 2 Players of the Year, nine All State athletes, a League MVP and an All American. Our seniors are committing to colleges to study and play, and our youngest players are putting in the work every day to grow into the players who will become our next All State athletes.

On the home front, we will be unveiling a new look to our club's website this spring. Our aim is to highlight what makes NYE AFC special: the players, the coaching, hard work on the field, and team camaraderie. As always, communication is essential to our club. Please continue to reach out to your son's coach, to me, Jon Bain, and Deb Rouse with any questions, and please continue to send along snapshots and clips of your team's highlights so we can all celebrate with you. We wish our teams a great and healthy season!

Allison Reichman  
Director of Communications

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# Club Updates

## Thinking about College?

Coach Matt Esposito, NYEAFc's College Placement Coordinator, has begun working with our sophomore, junior and senior teams as a resource to help guide their journey to college athletics. For our younger players who are looking ahead, here are some things to keep in mind:

**9th grade:** Research, Research, Research. Begin searching for colleges that offer programs of interest, appealing location, are the ideal size and offers the level of competitive play you are seeking. Utilize campus video tours or go visit as a family. Develop good study habits to keep your grades up.

**10th grade:** Work on creating a highlight reel. Keep it simple and no longer than 5-8 min. Include an intro screen with your basic information (name, graduation year, position, GPA, height & weight, what team you play for, and contact information). This should include a variety of plays that demonstrate your range as a player. Visit colleges when you are traveling for tournaments. Attend an ID camp between your sophomore and junior years.

**11th grade:** Begin emailing coaches at colleges you are interested in and invite them to watch you play. Update your highlight reel as you develop and mature as a player. Stay on top of your tournament schedule and share that information with college coaches.

**12th grade:** Stay in contact with colleges you are most interested in. Get your college applications in on time. Once you have committed, work on staying healthy and match fit.

## Website Update

The club is pleased to announce a redesign of its homepage. The new homepage aims to show the heart of our club: our players and coaches, teamwork and team spirit. We are always seeking new photos for inclusion. If you take high resolution sports photography of your team and have photos to share, please send images to Allison Reichman at

[nyeafc.director@gmail.com](mailto:nyeafc.director@gmail.com).

# Alumni News



Joseph DiPreta, a junior at SUNY New Paltz, was named to the first team in the SUNYAC Conference.



[Congratulations to Finlay Oliver](#), recent NYEAFCA alum, on his successful first season at Stony Brook University and for being a part of the starting line up.



Goalkeeper Greg Monroe, NY Elite Alum, signed his first professional contract with Hartford Athletic.

# In the News



CONGRATULATIONS TO NYE AFC'S OWEN EVERETT, 2005 NAL, WHO FINISHED UP HIS PREMIER SEASON PLAYING IN THE USL2 LEAGUE THIS SUMMER. OWEN WAS THE ONLY HIGH SCHOOL PLAYER FROM THE CAPITAL DISTRICT SELECTED FOR A USL2 TEAM IN THE NORTHEAST DIVISION, AND THE YOUNGEST PLAYING IN HIS REGIONAL DIVISION. USL2 IS A SEMI-PROFESSIONAL SOCCER LEAGUE COMPRISED OF PRIMARILY COLLEGIATE PLAYERS SEEKING PATHWAY TO THE MLS. OWEN HAD A SUCCESSFUL SEASON, SCORING GOALS AND STARTING IN SEVERAL GAMES, BEST OF LUCK TO OWEN IN HIS SENIOR YEAR AND IN HIS FINAL CLUB SEASON WITH NYE AFC!

Glens Falls' Ayden Grieve a key part of Black Bears' soccer success

2007 RAL player Rece Dyer helped his Mechanicville team add to their lead over Greenville:

## Ryan Farr

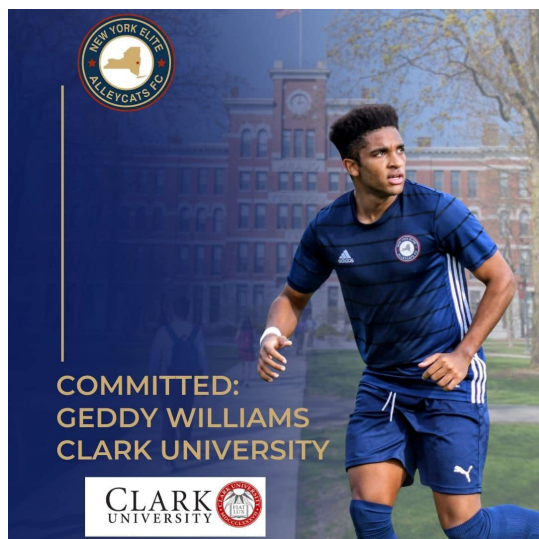


Jim Franco/Times Union

The star striker, who was named the Times Union's Large School Player of the Year in 2022, is one of four players from New York to earn preseason All-American consideration. He registered a point in every game he played as a junior, finishing with 20 goals and 11 assists.

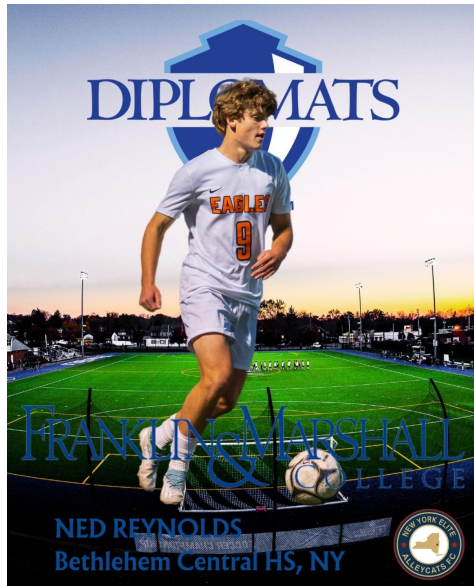


2005 NYE AFC forward Ryan Farr was named a [High School All-American for 2023](#). A senior at Saratoga Springs High School, Ryan plays on NYE AFC's U18/19 NAL team. Ryan traveled to Anaheim, California for a ceremony hosted by United Soccer Coaches in January. Congratulations to Ryan on this incredible achievement and honor!



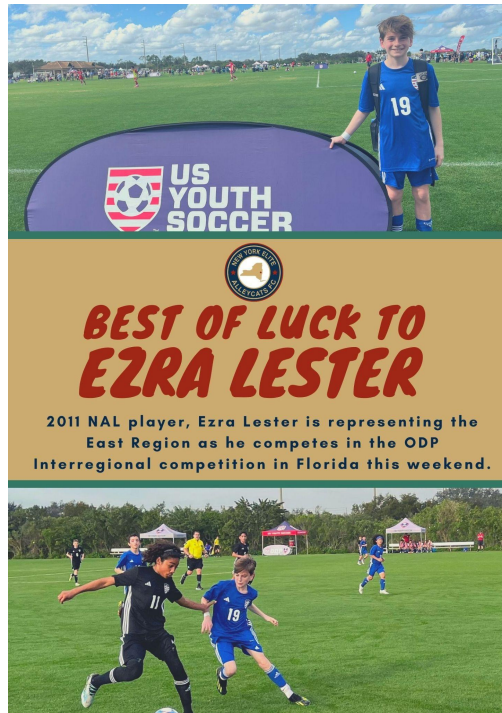
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GEDDY WILLIAMS  
CLARK UNIVERSITY

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NYEAFc congratulates Ned Reynolds (2006 NAL) on his commitment to play soccer and study at Franklin & Marshall College next year! Ned, a senior at Bethlehem Central High School, shares, "I am very proud to announce my commitment to Franklin & Marshall Men's Soccer. I would like to thank my friends, family and coaches for their support. I am very excited to spend my next 4 years as a Diplomat." Way to go, Ned!

2006 NAL forward Marcello Michel was [featured in Sunday's Times Union](#) for his strong performance in the school season's match between Bethlehem Central and Guilderland. Also interviewed and commended is 2006 NAL defender and Bethlehem captain Brian Filarecki. Great work and congratulations!



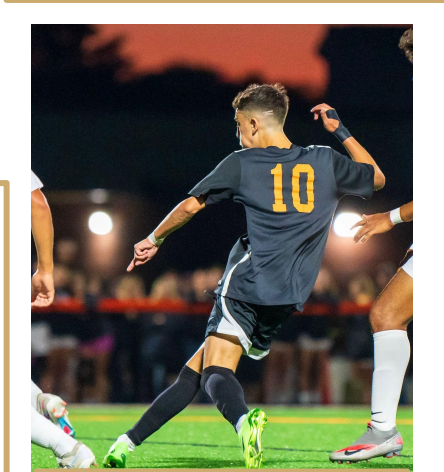
NYEAFc congratulates 2012 players Miles Little, Hunter O'Hearn, Andrew Young, Emerson Manders, and Roy Li for participating in ODP.

We also congratulate 2010 player Ian Rubenstein on his participation in ODP. Ian will travel to Spain this summer to play with his ODP team!

[Anders Hage \(2009 NYEAFc NAL\)](#) helps secure home opener for Niskayuna.



Emerson Manders (2012) won first place in the LaSalle Institute 6th Grade Science Fair with his project "Does Air Pressure Affect The Distance a Soccer Ball Travels?" Emerson and his partner tested their hypothesis and collected their data at Afrim's Sport Park. Well done!



Marcello Michel transferred to Combine Academy in North Carolina and is playing in the UPSL league this spring. Good luck 'Cello!



## Ben Van Valkenburg

As one of 11 juniors on last year's team, Van Valkenburg earned Suburban Council and Class AA Goalie of the Year honors as he allowed just five goals in 16 games for the Section II Class AA finalist.

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TEAM: Saratoga Springs CLASS: Senior SEE MORE: [2022-23 Soccer All-Star](#)



COMMITTED:  
AYDEN GRIEVE  
AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL COLLEGE



Congratulations to NYEAF C 2005 RAL goalkeeper Ayden Grieve. Ayden has committed to American International College and will play Division 2 soccer and study Athletic Leadership and Administration. Ayden is a senior at Glens Falls High and has set multiple school records including most shutouts in a season with 11. NYEAF C wishes Ayden the best of luck!

## [NYEAF C's Dan Lindemann Named a Top Five College Soccer Coach](#)

Inside College Soccer named Coach Dan Lindemann as one of the five best college soccer coaches according to student athletes. Coach Lindemann is especially honored by this distinction as it was player driven: "I have been very fortunate to be able to coach so many players over the years. To be recognized by many of those players from our time together is very gratifying." Coach Lindemann is in his thirteenth season as Assistant Coach of women's soccer at Siena College and is NYEAF C's 2011 NAL coach this year. Congratulations!

[Congratulations to Brandon DaCosta for being named MaxPreps Player of the Week for Sept 11-17.](#) Brandon was also a Times Union Player of the Week and set a new large school Section 2 record for most goals in a season—40!

[News Channel 13 features NYEAF C players Oliver Reichman \(Bethlehem\), Marcello Michel \(Bethlehem\), Ryan Farr \(Saratoga\), Ben VanValkenberg \(Saratoga\) and Xavier Ruscio \(Saratoga\).](#)



# Club News

## League Schedules and Results

Search for your favorite NYE AFC team to see their spring league results at the links below:

- ★ [CDYSL](#)
- ★ [National Academy League](#)
- ★ [EDP League](#)

## 2024-2025 Tryouts

Tryouts for the 2024-2025 season will be held in mid June 2024 at Afrim's Sports Park. Dates and times are forthcoming and a registration link will be available in early June.

## The Communications Team and Club Coordinators

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## 2023-2024 NYE AFC Coaching Assignments

[See the NYE AFC 2023-2024 Coaching Staff page for a detailed background for each coach](#)

2006/05 NAL - Matt Esposito	RAL - Miguel Hoyos	Assistant- Mike Tymeson
2007 NAL - Jon Bain	RAL - Steve Wieczorek	Assistant- Bob Crandall
2008 NAL - Adam Clinton	RAL - Andrew Knight	Assistant- Jack Catanzarita
2009 NAL - Sims Maqubela	RAL - John Knight	Assistant- Mark Green
2010 NAL - Miguel Hoyos	RAL- Gesti Neli	
2011 NAL - Dan Lindemann	RAL - Nick Martin	Assistant - Eric Martin
2012 NAL- Blue & White - Paul Reynoso		Assistant- John Mabee
2013 Juan Carlos Garcia and Dave Bonzerato		
2014 Juan Carlos Garcia		
2015 Tyler Denton		
2016/17/18 Tyler Denton		

**Goalkeeper Coaches:** Ryan Edson and Ryan Newton-Brooks

**Youth Technical Director:** Juan Carlos Garcia

**Youth Academy:**

Iddrisu Abdallah

Anthony Rouse

**College Placement Coordinator:** Matt Esposito

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# Fall and Spring League Schedules

## National Academy League

[NYEAFc U11 Blue](#)

[NYEAFc U12 Blue](#)  
[NYEAFc U12 White](#)

[NYEAFc U13 NAL](#)

[NYEAFc U14 NAL](#)

[NYEAFc U15 NAL](#)

[NYEAFc U16 NAL](#)

[NYEAFc U17 NAL](#)

[NYEAFc U19 NAL](#)

## RAL Teams

[NYEAFc U14](#)

[NYEAFc U15](#)

[NYEAFc U16](#)

[NYEAFc U17](#)

[NYEAFc U19](#)

## CDYSL League

**NYEAFc U8**

[NYEAFc U9](#)

[NYEAFc U10](#)

[NYEAFc U10 Blue](#)

[NYEAFc U11](#)

[NYEAFc U12](#)

*\*\*At the time of publication, not all schedules were available.\*\**



## Summer Soccer Camp

Coach Adam Clinton, RPI Men's Head Coach and NYEAFc 2008 NAL Head Coach, will run his annual Clifton Park Summer Soccer Camp this summer at Clifton Common Soccer Fields. The camp is for ages 6 –14 and is designed to teach the fundamentals of soccer and is open to all levels of players. Areas of concentration will be individual skills and team tactics.

Two Sessions: June 27 - July 3 and July 8 - 12  
For more information and to register, click [here](#).





# Fall 2023 Sectional All Stars

The club would like to acknowledge the following individuals for their achievements during the high school season. Among the many listed below, we have five Players of the Year, nine All State athletes, a League MVP and an All American. They contribute to the strength of our club and serve as role models for our developing players. Congratulations to all!

### Patroon First Team:

**Mustafan Rezaie**, Senior, Watervliet-Heatly  
**Joe Perino**, Sophomore, Coxsackie-Athens

### Colonial First Team:

**Haroon Pasha**, Senior, Albany Academy  
**Brandon DaCosta**, Junior, Ichabod Crane

### Colonial Second Team:

**Kyah Lah Hsee**, Junior, Albany Academy  
**Joe Richmond**, Senior, Voorheesville  
**Theo Haworth**, Junior, Albany Academy

### Foothills First Team:

**Ayden Grieve**, Senior Keeper, Glens Falls

### Independent Schools All Stars First Team:

**Ethan Quadrini**, Junior, Loudonville Christian School  
**Jack Bibighaus**, Junior, Loudonville Christian School  
**Ben Hoffman**, Junior, Loudonville Christian School

### Independent Schools All Stars Second Team:

**Esiah Bodnaruk**, Sophomore, Loudonville Christian School

### First Team Wasaren:

**Josh Catanzarita**, Senior, Waterford (**League MVP**)  
**Logan Sheehan**, Junior, Waterford  
**Ben Rubinstein**, Senior, Stillwater  
**Jake Catanzarita**, Sophomore, Waterford-Halfmoon

### Wasaren Second Team:

**Carlo Giso**, Junior, Stillwater

### Western Athletic All Stars:

### Hudson Division First Team:

**Sam Sunderland**, Senior, Canjo-Ft. Plain

### Class AAA Player of the Year:

**Ryan Farr**, Senior, Saratoga

### Class AAA Keeper of the Year:

**Ben VanValkenburg**, Senior, Saratoga

### Class A Keeper of the Year:

**Ayden Grieve**, Glens Falls

### Class A Player of the Year:

**Brandon DaCosta**, Ichabod Crane

### Class D Player of the Year: **Ethan**

**Quadrini**, Junior Loudonville Christian

**All American: Ryan Farr**, Senior, Saratoga

### Section 2 All State Players

### Large School (Classes AAA, AA and A): **Ryan Farr**, Senior,

Saratoga, **Xavier Ruscio**, Senior, Saratoga, **Brian Filarecki**, Senior, Bethlehem, **Brandon DaCosta**, Junior, Ichabod Crane

### Small School (Classes B, C & D): **Ethan**

**Quadrini**, Junior, Loudonville Christian School, **Ben Hoffman**, Junior, Loudonville Christian School, **Josh Catanzarita**, Senior, Waterford

## Suburban Council All Stars

### Suburban First Team:

**Ryan Farr**, Saratoga Springs, Senior  
**Xavier Ruscio**, Senior, Saratoga  
**Brian Filarecki**, Senior, Bethlehem  
**Ben Tymeson**, Senior, Shenendehowa  
**Marcello Michel**, Junior, Bethlehem  
**Christian Bermejo**, Junior, Albany  
**Hunter Bulich**, Senior, CBA  
**Ben Van Valkenburg**, Senior, Saratoga  
**Colin NeJame**, Senior, Bethlehem  
**Joe Allen**, Senior, Shenendehowa  
**Owen Everett**, Junior, CBA

### Suburban Second Team:

**Jackson Bennice**, Senior, Shenendehowa  
**Erik Najetellari**, Senior, CBA  
**Declan Bain**, Junior, Ballston Spa  
**Aidan Gatchell**, Sophomore, Columbia  
**Cody Hamilton**, Sophomore, Columbia  
**Mason Perry**, Senior, Shaker  
**Ryan Fenlon**, Senior, Bethlehem

### Suburban Third Team:

**Matthew Gatchell**, Sophomore, Columbia  
**Kyle Almeida**, Senior, Averill Park  
**Advait Ramani**, Senior, Shenendehowa  
**Carter Dee**, Junior, Averill Park

## Southern Vermont League

### SVL First Team:

**Nahui Navarrette**, Junior, **Reed Brown**, Junior, & **Kelly Moran**, Junior (All Burr and Burton Academy)

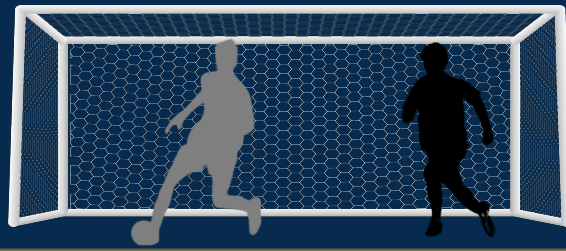
### SVL Second Team:

**Charlie Cyr**, Junior, Burr and Burton Academy

### First Team Vermont All State:

**Reed Brown**, Junior, & **Kelly Moran**, Junior

# Team Tournament Updates



## Northstars Cauldron Cup, October 2023

## Afrims Turkey Shootout, November 2023



The U8 NYEAFG Boys had a great experience at the Turkey Shootout.

Congratulations to both 2014 teams who won their championship division game at the Cauldron Cup at Golden Goal.



Congratulations to the 2014 team who were finalists in the U12 B Division in the 2023 Turkey Shootout.



Congratulations to the 2013 White team for being the Champions of their bracket at Afrims Turkey Shootout Tournament.

### Mainline Friendlies



Coach Knight's 2008 RAL team at the Mainline Friendlies in Delaware in January 2024.

### SUSA, January 2024



After a snowstorm canceled a day of play, the fierce cold and wind didn't stop the 2007 RAL team from walking away with 2 wins at SUSA Boys Showcase on Long Island.

### Penn Fusion Winter Showcase, February 2024



Coach Clinton's 2008 NAL team celebrating their wins with a pizza party.



Congratulations to our 2008 NAL boys! Their team went 3-0 with two shutouts and won their bracket at Penn Fusion Winter Showcase.



# IFA Pre-Thanksgiving Invitational, November 2023



The 2012 white team at the IFA Pre-Thanksgiving Invitational.



The 2013 White team had a great weekend at the IFA Pre-Thanksgiving Invitational with 2 wins and 1 loss.



The 2012 NAL boys at the IFA Tournament.



The 2011 RAL enjoying some down time between games at the tournament.



The 2010 RAL took on the IFA Tournament.

# IFA Pre-Thanksgiving Invitational, November 2023



The 2011 NAL boys were all action on the field and placed 2nd in their bracket.



# Bethesda Premier Cup, November 2023



The 2007 RAL and NAL teams took in Top Golf in between matches at the Bethesda Premier Cup in November.



2008 RAL team with Coach Andrew Knight ready to take to the stadium field at Bethesda.



2009 RAL team had a solid showing finishing 1-1-1 at the Bethesda Cup.

Follow us to see  
videos and more  
pictures!



# Bethesda Premier Cup, November 2023



The 2008 NAL team went 2-1 at the Bethesda Premier Cup.



# Best of The East Cup, January 2024



NYEAFC 05/06 NAL team won their bracket at the Best Of Cup. Well done, boys!



2007 NAL starting 11 vs Baltimore Armour MLS Next. A 3-2 win for NYEAFC!



The 2009 NAL boys who went 1-1 vs Penn Fusion at the Best Of Cup.



2008 NAL starting 11 vs Beach FC ECNL.

## Afrims Holiday Tournament, December 2023



Congratulations to 2011 NAL boys. The team split into two teams to take 1st and 2nd place!



Congratulations to our U16 2008 NAL boys who were Champions in the U18 A division at Afrim's Holiday Tournament!



# Massapequa College Showcase, December 2023



Coach Knight's 2009 team at Massapequa.



In between games, the 05/06 RAL team enjoyed time together off the field.



The 2007 RAL team took on the Massapequa Tournament and walked away with 2nd place in their bracket.





Congratulations to the 2013 White team for being finalists in the U11 B division.



Congratulations for being the finalists in the U12 B division.



Congratulations to the 2010 Blue team for being the Champions of their division.



Congratulations for being finalists in the U12 A division.

## President's Day Cup



Here are the NYE AFC U8 players after playing hard and having fun at the President's Day Tournament.



# IMG Tournament, Florida, January 2023

NYEAFc's 2007 NAL and 2005/06 NAL teams at the National Academy Championship at IMG Academy.



## FC Europa Turf Cup, March 2023



Congratulations to the 2013 white boys team who won all four games and only gave up one goal at the FC Europa Turf Cup!



The 2010 RAL at the FC Europa Cup had a solid showing going 1-1-1.



The 2010 NAL at the FC Europa Cup.



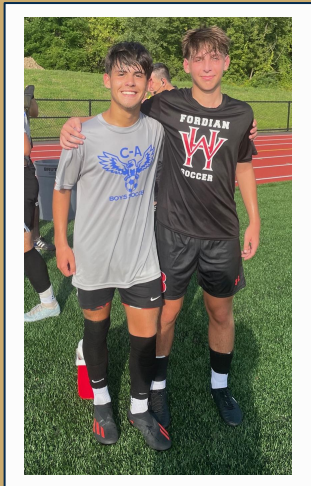
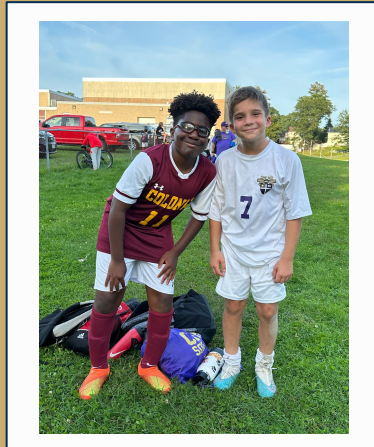
# Team Fun!



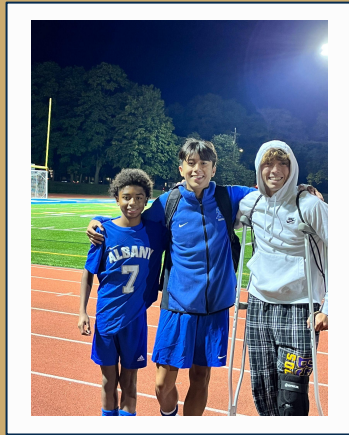
2010 NAL Parents vs Kids Scrimmage to celebrate the holidays. Kids were victorious!

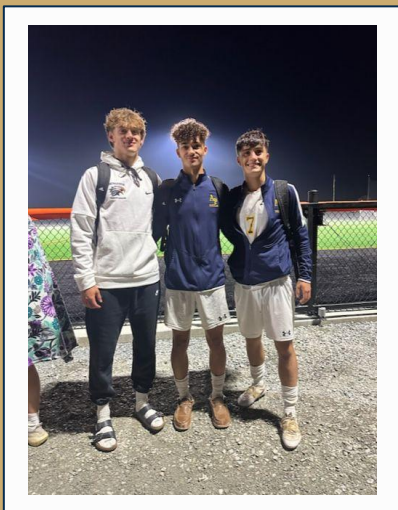
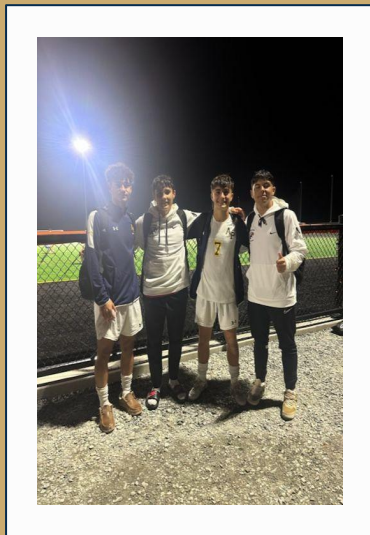


# NYE AFC Fall Season: Meetups and Matches



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# Looking Forward to Spring Season!

Congratulations players and coaches for  
an amazing start to the season!

Good luck to all teams as we enter the  
Spring season!



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