



FRESHMAN YEAR

It is not time to panic about college but start thinking ahead, the earlier you get started the more prepared you will be. This year is more about looking ahead and getting into good habits. No decisions need to be made at this stage.

- Start off with the best grades you can.
- Your goal is to graduate in the top 10 % of your class.
- Join a good club team that will travel to high level tournaments in the USA.
- Represent your state, region, and nation if possible.
- Participate in High School Orientation.
- Set Academic Plan for Freshman Year.
- Explore possible Community Service Opportunities.
- Write a description of your “ideal” College Program.
- Start a college file.
- Review progress with parents/ coach.
- Set Individual athletic goals for the summer.
- Set academic plan for next year.
- Begin to write or email coaches (Coaches may respond with camp brochures but can not communicate directly). *Its good for coaches to start hearing your name early.*
- You can find a list of college coaches attending a tournament usually at a tournament website. For example:
 - Orange Classic (www.orangeclassic.com)
 - <http://www.orangeclassic.com/coacheslist/web.pdf>
 - Texas Shootout (www.challengesoccer.com)
 - http://www.challengesoccer.com/index.php?name=shootout04&cp=shootout/college_coach.php&op=attending

Make sure you tell them your number, your age, your schedule for tournament and info about your team.