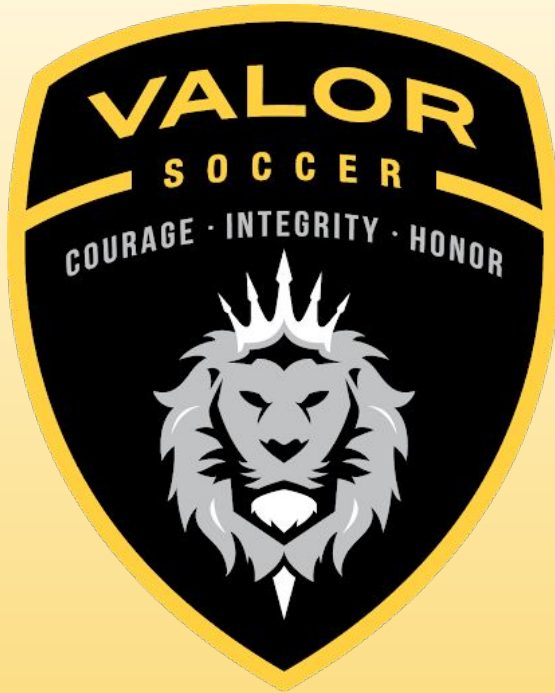


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Valor Soccer

College Placement Program Webinar - March 9, 2021

Playing at the 'next level'



You **CAN** make it happen if....

- You are motivated to both attend college and keep playing soccer.
- You are open minded about where and at what level.
- You are **PROACTIVE** and take the necessary steps.

Playing at the 'next level'

proactive 

The adjective **proactive** can describe a person who gets things done. If you are *proactive*, you make things happen, instead of waiting for them to happen to you.



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Agenda

- Panel of Current College Players Including Q&A
- Update on Impact of Pandemic on College Soccer
- Soccer ID Camp Opportunities Slowly Coming Back
- Reminder of College Soccer Checklist Tasks by Year
- What Matters Most...
- 2021 Valor College Soccer Celebration
- Valor CPP Page on New Club Website
- Additional Questions About CPP for Keith



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Our Panel of Current College Players



Jasmine Chapman and Kyle Roath
University of Puget Sound
Tacoma, WA
NCAA D3 (NWC)



Brandon Day
Northwest Nazarene University
Nampa, ID
NCAA D2 (GNAC)



Thanks for joining us!

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Questions to Get Us Started...

- How did your process of contacting schools, getting recruited and choosing/committing to UPS/NNU play out?
- How much work on YOUR PART (not just all the time playing and training for your club) went into finding a place to play college soccer?
- What were those first few weeks and months like during your freshman year and what were the realizations and challenges?

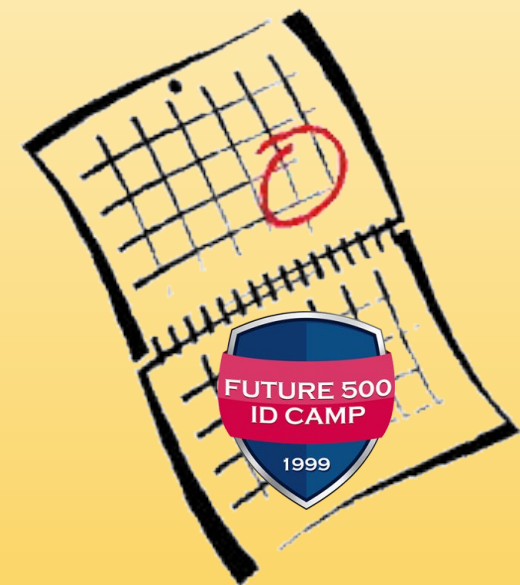
You will be able to submit your own additional questions shortly.

Update of Impact of Pandemic

- **Many college soccer programs are now playing their first matches in a year and a half.** The schedules are inconsistent and games are being played without fans.
- All current NCAA and NAIA and NWAC student athletes have been granted **an extra year of eligibility** if they choose to use it.
- The NCAA has once again extended its suspension of all in-person recruiting for **Division 1** sports. The DEAD PERIOD is now through May 31, 2021. D1 coaches are not allowed to meet face-to-face with a recruit off campus or do any in-person scouting. **But D1 recruiting has not stopped completely.** Coaches and recruits can still communicate over email, phone, text and social media.
- **NCAA Division 2** and Division 3 and NAIA programs are recruiting normally. This means that all forms of contact, including in-person recruiting opportunities like events and on and off campus visits, are allowed.
- SAT and ACT scores are not required at all for incoming freshmen this fall (2021). All that is factored into eligibility is **GPA** and amount of **core courses**.

Soccer ID Camp Opportunities Coming Back

Nearly all ID camps in the Pacific Northwest and on the West Coast in 2020 were canceled. But...



[Elite](#) (boys) this spring and summer in Los Angeles, CA

[Exact](#) this spring and summer in the Midwest

[UCSB](#) (boys) this summer in Santa Barbara, CA

[Future 500](#) on the East Coast, Dallas and Chicago

[Peak Performance](#) (boys) this summer on East Coast

[ID Sports](#) on East Coast this spring and summer

[No 1](#) on East Coast this spring and summer

Due to the D1 dead period, no D1 coaches are allowed to attend any ID camps in person before June 1st. They are being provided video of many camps.

Reminders of Most Important Checklist Tasks

FRESHMAN YEAR

- Concern yourself far more with your academics (grades) than catching the attention of a college coach.
- Create a 'top 20' list of colleges based as much on location and academic interests as soccer. This list should include schools from all levels (NCAA D1-D3, NAIA).
- Email any college coaches of schools you are interested in who are attending tournament in which you play. **Also fill out any recruiting forms on the school's websites. (MOST WILL NOT REPLY DUE TO RECRUITING GUIDELINES.)**
- **Consider attending 1 or 2 college ID camps.**

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Reminders of Most Important Checklist Tasks

SOPHOMORE YEAR

- Pare your 'top 20' list to a 'top 15' list and register as a 'prospective recruit' on the schools' athletic web sites.
- Email any college coaches of schools you are interested in who are attending a tournament in which you play. **(MOST WILL NOT REPLY DUE TO RECRUITING GUIDELINES AND PRIORITIES ON OLDER CLASSES.)**
- Attend 2 or 3 ID camps of schools you are most interested in if possible (ideally of different levels).
- **Begin compiling video highlights from multiple matches to create a reel for online posting.**

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Reminders of Most Important Checklist Tasks

JUNIOR YEAR

- Pare your 'top 15' list to a 'top 10' list and be sure to include schools whose coaches you know have watched you play.
- **Email any college coaches of schools you are interested in who are attending tournament in which you play. MOST COACHES ARE NOW ALLOWED TO REPLY AND MAY REACH OUT TO YOU!**
- Attend 2 or 3 ID camps of schools you are most interested in if possible (ideally of different levels).
- Create a highlight video from multiple matches and post online. **Write emails to coaches on your 'top 10' list (and perhaps more) sharing the link to your video and any updates about your soccer achievements and status.**

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Reminders of Most Important Checklist Tasks

SENIOR YEAR

- Start the college application process and apply to any schools that have contacted you and you are interested in.
- **Pare your 'top 10' list to a 'top 5' list and be sure to include or ADD schools whose coaches have expressed interest in you.**
- Attend 1 or 2 ID camps of the specific schools you are interested in and have expressed interest in you.
- Update your highlight video (or create a new one) from multiple matches and write emails to coaches on your 'top 5' list sharing the link to your video and any updates about your soccer achievements.
- Communication with any college coach in any form is now allowed. **If you have not decided on what school to attend you should be PROACTIVE and reach out to any programs that seem to be a legitimate possibility.** Emails, phone calls, texts, etc. And you should reply to all those who contact you, even if it's a program that reaches out to you unexpectedly.

VALOR CPP Yearly Checklist

VALOR SOCCER COLLEGE SOCCER ANNUAL CHECKLIST	
<p>If you wait for a college coach to tap you on the shoulder and hand you a scholarship... you will be waiting forever. You need a plan. There are boxes you need to check, starting from a player's freshman year.</p> <p>IT'S OK TO START LATE OR FALL BEHIND... BUT ONLY IF YOU CATCH UP!</p>	
FRESHMAN YEAR	SOPHOMORE YEAR
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Concern yourself far more with your academics (grades) than catching the attention of a college coach.• Create a 'top 20' list of colleges based as much on location and academic interests as soccer. This list should include schools from all levels (NCAA D1-D3, NAIA).• Email any college coaches of schools you are interested in who are attending the tournament in which you play. MOST WILL NOT REPLY DUE TO RECRUITING GUIDELINES.• Consider attending 1 or 2 college ID camps.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Your GPA must be at least 2.2 to be eligible for NCAA D1 or D2 and 2.0 for the NAIA but you should strive to keep your GPA above 3.5 to be considered by most schools.• Register with the NCAA Eligibility Center and (for NAIA) eligibility center.• Pare your 'top 20' list to a 'top 15' list and register as a prospective recruit on the school's athletic web sites.• Email any college coaches of schools you are interested in who are attending the tournament in which you play. MOST WILL NOT REPLY DUE TO RECRUITING GUIDELINES. PRIORITIES ON OLDER CLASSES.• Attend 2 or 3 ID camps of schools you are most interested in if possible (ideally of different levels).• Begin compiling video highlights from multiple matches to create a reel for online posting.• Take unofficial visits to any schools you are interested in to see the campus and possibly watch the team play in person.
JUNIOR YEAR	SENIOR YEAR
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Check with your counselor to make sure you are on track to graduate with the required number of NCAA-approved courses.• Take the ACT and/or SAT and submit your scores to the NCAA.• Pare your 'top 15' list to a 'top 10' list and be sure to include schools whose coaches you know have watched you play.• Email any college coaches of schools you are interested in who are attending the tournament in which you play. MOST COACHES ARE NOW ALLOWED TO REPLY AND MAY REACH OUT TO YOU!• Attend 2 or 3 ID camps of schools you are most interested in if possible (ideally of different levels).• Create a highlight video from multiple matches and post online. Write emails to coaches on your 'top 10' list (and perhaps more) sharing the link to your video and any updates about your soccer achievements and status.• Take unofficial visits to any schools you are interested in to see the campus and possibly watch the team play in person.• Ask your coach(es) to reach out to any programs you are very interested in and/or write a letter of reference for you to distribute.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Complete <u>NCAA core courses</u> and take the ACT and SAT again if necessary.• Your academic record and grades still matter and the higher your GPA and test scores the easier it is for a soccer program to get you accepted to their school.• Start the college application process and apply to any schools that have contacted you and you are interested in.• Pare your 'top 10' list to a 'top 5' list and be sure to include 1 or 2 ID schools whose coaches have expressed interest in you.• Attend 1 or 2 ID camps of the specific schools you are interested in and have expressed interest in you.• Update your highlight video (or create a new one) from multiple matches and write emails to coaches on your 'top 5' list sharing the link to your video and any updates about your soccer achievements and status.• Take official recruiting visits to any schools who provide the opportunity.• Communication with any college coach in any form is now allowed. If you have not decided on what school to attend you should be PROACTIVE and reach out to any programs that seem to be a legitimate possibility. Emails, phone calls, texts, etc. And you should reply to all those who contact you, even if it's a program that reaches out to you unexpectedly.

What Matters Most

- The minimum high school GPA to qualify to play NCAA sports is 2.3 but....
- That is calculated using only certain core courses and...
- It would require solid SAT/ACT scores.
- A 'sliding scale' applies which means the higher your GPA the lower your minimum test score needs to be.
- But many colleges are going 'test optional' when it comes to admission.



[NCAA Eligibility Center](#)

[Play NAIA](#)



COLLEGE SOCCER IS NOT FOOTBALL OR MEN'S BASKETBALL. GRADES MATTER. IF ALL THINGS ARE EQUAL (PLAYING ABILITY) YOU CAN LOSE OUT TO A RECRUIT WITH A BETTER ACADEMIC RECORD.

2021 Valor College Soccer Celebration

Our next CPP meeting (in person or virtual) will be...

A party in May! To celebrate the newest members of our 'Valor CPP Wall of Fame!



LET'S PARTY!



Valor CPP Page on Club Website



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valorsoccer.com/college-placement-program

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attending!

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