

Azzurri player **Alexa Baird** graduated in May 2011 after wrapping her playing career at Catawba College (D2) in North Carolina. Playing as a midfielder as a freshman, she tallied six goals with four assists, she was switched to defense her sophomore year. Alexa was named to the Daktronics NCAA Division II All-Southeast Region Women's Soccer First Team both in her senior and junior year. Over her three seasons on defense, the Lady Indians recorded 26 shutouts and allowed a goal or less in 40 of 61 matches. Alexa was a two-time first team All-South Atlantic Conference selection as well. She started in 80 of 84 games during her college career. Catawba reached the SAC Tournament all 4 years Alexa was there and advanced to the 2nd round of the NCAA Tournament in 2008. At the conclusion of her senior year she was voted Team MVP, she received the Lomax Award for Top Senior Female Athlete and the SAAC Award for Highest Female Athlete GPA. Alexa started teaching this fall in North Carolina.

**Christina Caamano** graduated in May 2011 concluding her playing career at Montclair State University (D3). The Hawks made it to the NJAC Tournament in 2008 and 2009 and to the ECAC Tournament in 2008. Christina was selected to the NJAC All-Academic team in her sophomore, junior and senior year 2009-2011. She also received an award for having the highest GPA of any Montclair State Athlete in 2009-2010. "Tina" is currently teaching in Wayne and coaching soccer and winter track at Oak Knoll School in Summit. She is the Asst. Coach on the U.S. PARMA U14G Tempesta team, and she served as Asst. Coach on the 2011 U16G State Cup Champion Coraggio team. Tina is a Captain for the U23 Azzurri.

U.S. PARMA Azzurri player **Angela Neves** graduated in May 2011 but not before being honored as Rutgers-Newark's (D3) Woman of the Year during National Girls and Women in Sports Day hosted by Seton Hall University back in February. The senior captain made the Dean's List five times and received the Athletic Academic Achievement Award six times. She also made Honorable Mention on the NJAC Conference All-Academic Team. Angela started in 62 of her 73 career matches and Rutgers-Newark qualified for the ECAC Tournament in 2008.

Azzurri Captain **Julia Caseres**, who last month was named a 2011 Capital One Academic All-District II Division III Women's Soccer First Team selection, has become just the second women's soccer player in New Jersey City University (D3) history to be voted to the prestigious Academic All-America team as she was named to the Capital One CoSIDA Academic All-America Division III Women's Soccer Third Team. Julia, a four-time All-NJAC selection in her career, led the Gothic Knights to its third consecutive appearance in the Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) Tournament, reaching the ECAC semifinals for the second time in that span. NJCU also qualified for the NJAC Tournament for the second straight season. She was also a Third-Team D3soccer.com All-America as well as Second-Team Academic All-NJAC during the 2010-11 season. She ended her career ranking tied for 12th in Division III history in points and tied for 15th in goals. The all-time leading scorer in NJAC and New Jersey collegiate soccer history among Division I, II or III players—men or women—Caseres finished her career with 100 goals and 42 assists for 242 points in 86 career games. She is NJCU's all-time leader in eight categories—points per game (2.88), goals per game (1.18), game-winners, assists (34), assists per game (0.52), shots per game (5.61), penalty kicks made, and penalty kicks attempted, while listing second in points, goals, shots, shots on goal and shots on goal per game. Before transferring to NJCU after her freshman year, Julia led Rutgers-Newark in scoring and to a berth in the ECAC Tournament. Julia is a Criminal Justice major with a 3.58 GPA. She is currently Asst. Coach on the U.S. PARMA U16G Liberta and a Victory Soccer Academy Trainer.

U.S. PARMA Azzurri former captain **Samantha Kee** (Haskell, N.J.) was named to NCAA Division I, First Team Capital One Academic All-District. The team captain led Sacred Heart (D1) in goals with six this season. Her game-winning goal in a 2-1 win over Monmouth University in the regular season finale qualified Sacred Heart for their first North East Conference Tournament appearance in four years. After a 0-0 tie with #1 seeded St. Francis, Sacred Heart lost in PK's. Sam played as a midfielder her freshman year before switching over to forward as a sophomore. She led the team in scoring as a sophomore and senior and was second her junior year. She started in 67 of 76 career games. However, she is also a force in the classroom. Sam, a biology major, boasts a 4.0 GPA and is applying to grad school.

Long time Azzurri player, **Amanda Miele**, a senior at Salisbury University (D3) wrapped up her playing career in style this fall. Although she is a midfielder, she led the Seagulls in both goals and points with 10 goals and two assists. She helped Salisbury to both the regular season and tournament championships of the Capital Athletic Conference. They earned their first trip in four years to the NCAA Tournament where they lost 1-0 in the first round. She was named to the All-CAC Academic Team in each of her four years with a 3.75 GPA. She was named to the NSCAA All-South Atlantic Region Third Team and the All-CAC First Team in 2011. She is currently interviewing for a position as a respiratory therapist.

**Nicole Sarica** of the Azzurri, a three-year co-captain at New Jersey City University (D3) was named a 2011 Capital One Academic All-District II Division III Women's Soccer First Team selection, and was also a NJAC First-Team All-Academic in 2010 and Honorable Mention All-Academic in 2011. She was the 2010 NJCU Thomas M. Gerrity Scholar-Athlete of the Year winner—presented to the top all-around athlete at NJCU annually. In 2010, she was an NSCAA College Women Scholar All-East Region Honorable Mention selection. Nicole earned All-NJAC honors for the second time in her career this season and the first time since 2009, when she made the switch from midfield to defender. With Nicole at either center or left back, NJCU enjoyed its three finest defensive seasons in program history from 2009-11 in terms of goals against average and shutouts. In 2011 NJCU achieved a school record for longest scoreless minutes streak at 450:49—nearly 200 minutes longer than the previous record. She is 4th in school history in games started (74) and minutes played, 5th in games, 6th in assists, 9th in shots on goal, 10th in points, 11th in

game-winning goals, 13th in shots and 15th in assists per game (0.21). Nicole is a Biology major with a 3.62 GPA, she wants to be a respiratory therapist. She is currently an Asst. Coach on the U.S. PARMA U13G Leonesse Team and a Victory Soccer Academy Trainer.

Former Azzurri captain **Ava Scheininger** concluded her career at Johns Hopkins (D3) this fall with a record-shattering season for the team. The Blue Jays captured their seventh-straight Centennial Conference championship and 7th trip to the NCAA tournament. Hopkins posted a program-best 21-1 record, not suffering a loss until the Sweet 16 round of the NCAA tournament. 17 records were set by the 2011 Blue Jays, including a program-best .955 (21-1-0) winning percentage while scoring 92 goals, the most in school history. The team set a new school record of 21 consecutive wins in a season, which also set the record of most consecutive wins overall, and had a program-low one loss on the year. The Blue Jays received their highest national ranking of fourth for the second time in school history. Johns Hopkins has now spent 47-straight weeks in the national rankings, dating back to September 2, 2008, the start of Ava's freshman season! Ava appeared in 49 games over her career as a midfielder and recorded 10 goals and 5 assists. She was 8th on the team in scoring this season with her personal best 3 goals and 3 assists. Ava is weighing job options versus pursuing a masters degree in Business.

Azzurri player **Stefani Uthman** concluded her career at Rutgers-Newark (D3) and played in all 19 matches, she even posted a win in goal in her only appearance between the pipes after coming on to shut out Mount St. Mary's (9/7/11) over the final 23 minutes of a 3-2 overtime victory! Her sophomore year she ranked second on the team in assists and third in scoring. Playing mostly as a midfielder, she started in close to 30 matches in her career and helped the team to the 2008 ECAC Quarterfinals.

**Sarah Boak** of the Azzurri also completed her playing career at Hamilton College (D3) with an outstanding senior season. She was named to the 2011 NSCAA New England Region Third Team and the NESCAC All-Conference Second Team. This followed a strong junior year when she was named a Liberty League Defensive Performer of the Week (11/1), 2010 Liberty League All-League Honorable Mention and 2010 NSCAA East Region Third Team. Hamilton advanced to the second round of the NCAA tournament in 2010. As a sophomore in 2009, Sarah was named to the Liberty League All-Academic Team. Much like she does for the Azzurri, Sarah provided strong defense for the Hamilton College Continentals. Sarah is a major in Mathematics and a minor in Biology.

After starting out her freshman year and playing at St. Peter's (D1) then sitting out a year while she attended Union County College, Azzurri player **Brianna Taylor** transferred to New Jersey City University (D3) this fall. She immediately claimed the center midfield position and started in 21 of 22 games helping the team to the NJAC Quarterfinals and the ECAC Semifinals. She was third on the team in goals, second in assists and third in scoring. Down 0-2 to NYU at halftime of the ECAC Semifinals, Brianna scored a highlight film header 2:50 into the second half with NYU then tying the game two minutes on another header only to then lose a 3-2 heartbreaker.

**Fran Nesi** of the Azzurri now a junior at Hartwick College (D3) started in 12 of the 13 matches played by the team this fall. Hartwick suffered through a tough 3-10 season with five of the losses being by one goal. Playing as a defender Fran has played in 43 out of the 44 matches the team has played in her career, starting in 31 of them. With a young foundation in place, Hartwick looks forward to a more successful 2012.

Uniti player **Gabby Clarke** played as a freshman and sophomore at New Jersey City University (D3) where she appeared in 32 games registering 4 goals and 8 assists. She transferred this fall to New Jersey Institute of Technology (D1). With a new head coach at the helm, NJIT struggled through a tough 2-17 season. But with 7 of those losses only being by one goal, hopefully, things will be better in 2012! Gabby is an Engineering major.

**Ogechi Ukaegbu** of the Uniti, now a junior at New Jersey Institute of Technology (D1) played in all 19 games and led the team in scoring in 2011. She has played in 51 games thus far in her career. She was third on the team in scoring in 2010 and second in 2009. With some tough one goal losses behind them and a new head coach, NJIT looks to a brighter future. Gechi is a chemistry major.

**Mia Valente** of the Uniti, a sophomore midfielder at Caldwell College (D2) appeared in 10 games this fall picking up an assist. Caldwell went 8-8-2 this season, but were 7-3-2 in conference games, good for a 3<sup>rd</sup> place finish in the Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference. Mia is a major in Special Education.

Spirito Captain **Janine Casale** picked up right where she left off with the Spirito when she played as a freshman this fall for New Jersey City University (D3). A rock on defense Janine started all 22 games at center back for NJCU and played 2010 out of 2021 possible minutes. NJCU tied its mark for victories in a season (14) and shutouts in a season (7) and had it's second lowest goals against average ever, 1.47, after a 1.46 in 2010. The team also shattered it's longest shutout streak record by almost 200 minutes, going 450 minutes without allowing a goal in September and advanced to the NJAC Quarterfinals and the ECAC Semifinals. Janine is a Biology major.

Spirito player **Amanda Filippone** battled injuries her freshman year at New Jersey City University (D3) this fall but still was a major contributor to the team's success. She played in 17 games, starting 9 and was an outside and center midfielder. Several times she was given the assignment of marking the other team's strongest offensive player, and each time she shut that player down. NJCU tied its mark for victories in a season (14) and shutouts in a season (7). Amanda was selected NJAC Rookie of the Week on 10/26 for her efforts. She was 6<sup>th</sup> on the team in scoring with 2 goals and 4 assists and helped the team advance to the NJAC Quarterfinals and the ECAC Semifinals. Amanda is a Biology major.

**Olympia Sciortino** of the Spirito attended New Jersey City University (D3) as a freshman this fall and appeared in 20 of 22 games. She tallied a goal and two assists with the goal being a 35-yard game winning blast against King's College in NJCU's home and season opener. Playing as an outside midfielder she helped NJCU tie its mark for victories in a season (14) and shutouts in a season (7) and helped the team advance to the NJAC Quarterfinals and the ECAC Semifinals. Oly is an Education major.

Spirito Captain and goalkeeper **Paige Della Badia** started off her playing career this fall at Gettysburg College (D3). The team had a fine season at 12-7 and 8-2 in the Centennial Conference. Paige appeared in 3 games and registered a .96 goals against average. Unfortunately for Gettysburg, they ran up against #4 in the nation Johns Hopkins not once but twice, with Hopkins winning each time. Ironically, in the first game against Hopkins, Paige made her first collegiate career save off of a shot by Azzurri player Ava Scheininger, a senior midfielder for Johns Hopkins! Paige is a major in Organization and Management Studies.

Spirito goalkeeper **Samantha Pauls** started in 3 games and had a .750 save percentage as the Chestnut Hill Griffins (D2) went 9-10 for the season. Although she was not in goal at the time (thankfully!), Sam watched as childhood friend and Spirito teammate, Dana Hunt, scored her first NCAA goal in a 4-0 win by West Chester in the season opener by both teams. With five of the losses being by one goal and only two seniors graduating, Chestnut Hill appears to have a solid future ahead with Sam in the goal. Sam is a Psychology major.

**Dana Hunt** of the Spirito started her career at West Chester University (D2) where the team went 13-4-4 after starting out the season ranked #2 in the country. Dana appeared in 15 games starting two of them. She collected two goals which tied her for 4<sup>th</sup> on the team in goals and 8<sup>th</sup> in points. She scored her first collegiate goal in a 4-0 win against Chestnut Hill in the season opener with Spirito teammate, Sam Pauls watching for Chestnut Hill. With only one senior graduating, West Chester will gear up for another run in 2012.

**Sarah Cunha** of the Spirito started as a freshman in 17 of Rutgers-Newark's (D3) 19 matches, she tied for third on the team with five points and two goals and netted the game-winning first goal in a 9-0 victory over John Jay. Sarah could be found this season at every position except goalkeeper. She scored the Raiders' lone goal in a 4-1 loss to New Jersey City against Spirito teammates Janine Casale, Amanda Filippone and Olympia Sciortino as well as Azzurri players Julia Caseres and Nicole Sarica.

Spirito player **Ali Molinaro** had a solid season at Centenary College (D3) as a freshman defender. The team went 11-5-3 and lost in PK's after a 0-0 draw in the Semifinals of the Colonial States Athletic Conference Tournament. With a .82 goals against average and 11 shutouts, defense definitely came first for the Cyclones with Ali being a valuable part of it as she played in 16 games and started in 14 of them.

Fellow Spirito player and Cyclone freshman **Samantha Syzak** played in 17 games for Centenary (D3) and started 8 of them. She netted 5 goals with one of them being a game winner. She was 4<sup>th</sup> on the team in goals and 7<sup>th</sup> in points as the team went 11-5-3. The team went 11-5-3 and lost in PK's after a 0-0 draw in the Semifinals of the Colonial States Athletic Conference Tournament.

**Katherine Bieler** of the Spirito played in the midfield for the Saint Vincent College Bearcats (D3) as a freshman this fall. The team posted an 8-9-1 record with 4 of those losses being by one goal. Kat played in 15 of the games starting in 11 of them. With only two seniors, the team looks forward to a strong future with Kat right in the middle of it. She is a Psychology and Mathematics major.