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## Valor Soccer

College Placement Program Webinar - July 26, 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 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.















#### Agenda

- Congratulations and Good Luck to Our Seniors
- Newest Valor Soccer 'Wall of Fame' Members
- Johnny and Emma Tell Their Soccer Story
- Soccer ID Camps Return List of Options
- Riley and Charli on Recent ID Camp Experience
- Checking In On the Valor CPP Checklist
- Highlight Video Tips and Tricks
- Valor CPP Page on New Club Website
- Additional Questions About CPP for Keith



Congratulations and Good Luck to Our Seniors

Hope Acay - Washington State University
Bella Johnson - Washington State University
TJ Hershberger - Eckerd College
Aiden Warren - Green River College

...and others!

**CONGRATULATIONS!** 



Newest Valor Soccer 'Wall of Fame' Members

Emma Rutledge Bellevue College Bellevue, WA NWAC





Johnny Keblish George Fox University Newberg, OR NCAA D3 (NWC)





**CONGRATULATIONS!** 

Their soccer story...

#### Soccer ID Camps Return - List of Options

#### **BOYS**

#### **GIRLS**

July 31st/August 1st - Seattle University (Seattle, WA)
July 31st/August 1st - University of Portland (Portland, OR)
August 5th/6th - Seattle University (Seattle, WA)
August 6th/7th - Gonzaga University (Spokane, WA)
August 6th/7th - Whitworth University (Spokane, WA)
July 29th/30th - University of Washington (Seattle, WA)
August 12th/13th - Seattle Pacific University (Seattle, WA)
August 14th - Whitman University (Walla Walla, WA)
August 17th - Linfield University (McMinnville, OR)

August 1st - Eastern Oregon University (LaGrande, OR)
August 4th - University of Puget Sound (Tacoma, WA)
August 7th - Western Oregon University (Monmouth, OR)
August 14th - Western Washington (Bellingham, WA)
August 14th - Seattle Pacific University (Seattle, WA)
August 14th - Whitman University (Walla Walla, WA)
August 16th - Linfield University (McMinnville, OR)
August 28th - University of Washington (Seattle, WA)
September 5th - University of Oregon (Eugene, OR)
September 18th - Boise State University (Boise, ID)



College ID camps can be expensive. CHOOSE WISELY. Attend 'single program' camps run by schools that you are definitely interested in both for soccer and ACADEMIC offerings. Camps that have coaches from multiple college programs are most valuable.

Riley and Charli on Recent ID Camp Experience

St. Martin's University Lacey, WA NCAA D2 (GNAC)









#### **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.

VALOR CPP Yearly Checklist



#### **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.

VALOR CPP Yearly Checklist



#### **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.

VALOR CPP Yearly Checklist



#### **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** Yearly Checklist





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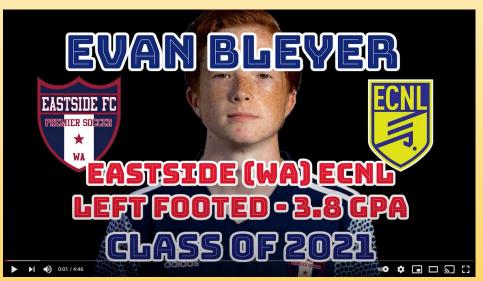
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- · Your academic record and grades still matter and the higher your GPA and test scores the easier it is for a
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### Highlight Video Tips and Tricks

Highlight videos of yourself playing in multiple matches is the best way to showcase yourself if a coach has not seen you play in person! And you can update them on your progress after they have seen you play.



- Ideal length is between two and six minutes
- Show various skills including defending and movement off the ball
- Edit each clip (trim) but show the 'just before' and 'just after' of each action
- Make it clear who you are in each clip with arrows or circles (if possible)
- Put your best clips at the front of the video
- Video that comes from an elevated angle (from stands or high tripod) are best
- Music is not necessary (copyrighted songs may result in video being 'shut down')

### Valor CPP Page on Club Website



Under RESOURCES tab. All of the information from this presentation... and more!

valorsoccer.com/college

## We are Valor! Questions?

It's OK to unmute and just ask or put your questions in the Q&A function.



Thanks for attending!

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