

ALL THINGS UDA

The Monthly Newsletter of University Degrees Abroad



Players at UDA at New Mexico State University academy warm up as they prepare for their United Premier Soccer League season.

UDA ACADEMY SUMMER TOURS

July 6-14 and July 17-26

UDA is hosting two summer tours this year at two of our partner universities: the [University of Chester](#) and the [University of Gloucestershire](#). The tour will provide opportunities for players to visit the universities as well as meet the Coaching staff and participate in training. During their visit, players will be able to take a tour of soccer stadiums throughout England and explore the rich soccer culture of the country. Family members are welcome to participate in the tour and learn about the student and player life in the UK as well as UDA's programs. The University of Chester tour will take place from July 6 to 14, 2021. Likewise, the University of Gloucestershire tour will happen from July 17 to 26 this year. Interested players should contact the recruitment coordinator Jay Sparrow at jsparrow@udauk.org for more information.

DREAM MAKER WEBINAR

April 25 at 6:00 PM

UDA is committed to connecting students with companies that align with their values, lifestyle options, and purpose, which is why we have launched our [Dream Maker Program](#) to ensure students find their perfect career match.

We are hosting a webinar for students and families to learn about our Dream Maker Program and how career coach Nadia Ibrahim-Taney can help students design and secure their careers.

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INTRODUCING JAYSON PHOEBUS

*Business major and soccer player at the University of Chester
Hometown: Discovery Bay, CA*

“Going to UDA straight after highschool was a big jump coming from a small town in California. I tried out for soccer in Phoenix, Arizona when I got an email about one of the trials. My mom and I decided this would be a great opportunity so we decided to drive 11 hours to Phoenix. I felt like those at UDA would take good care of me, and they did. My highlight has been scoring the winning goal for Chester in 2019. My first year was amazing, and our best time on the pitch was the second year as everybody got better and we had some really good performances.

The situation during the pandemic was less than ideal, and almost all of us went home when COVID broke out last year. UDA was on course to win the Northwest when the season had to be cut short, so that was a bummer. But the staff was really helpful in letting us know whether it was a good idea or not for us to go home. When we got back, we had a great couple of months training but we had to wrap up again around November. The worst lockdown has been the third one, this January to March because we couldn't get to play—I have not seen a lot of my teammates since November. But we have now started training again so it's great to see my teammates again.”



UDA SOCCER AT MENAUL HIGH SCHOOL

UDA is partnering with Menaul School in Albuquerque, New Mexico, to offer high school students with year-round training and professional level coaching. This program will provide soccer enthusiasts with the opportunity to connect with higher education institutions across the USA and the UK that are partnered with UDA.

This program is set to launch in September 2022, but recruitment will start this summer for which UDA will be operating a residential summer camp program from June 20 to 28. We are also providing international as well as out-of-state students to participate in a tour of the American Southwest as part of the UDA-Menaul Experience. More information about the Menaul program can be found on udamenaul.org. Interested in being a part of the UDA Menaul experience? Please contact the Director of Recruitment Seamus Reilly at sreilly@udauk.org for more information.

PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS MEET UDA STAFF

On Sunday, March 28, prospective students of the University of Gloucestershire were invited to meet the UDA staff and Head Coach Jon Whitney to learn about the opportunities, development, and exposure the programs at UDA can offer as students pursue their degrees. The event also offered platforms to students as well as parents to ask questions about training, recruitment, and the current programs offered by UDA through their partner institutions. Various staff members with expertise in recruitment pertaining to different regions across the world attended the event to answer questions related to specific demographics.

