

## **Announcing the Eagan Wave SC Interim Directors of Coaches**

On behalf of the Eagan Wave Soccer Club Board of Directors, we are pleased to announce the appointment of Brie Rosga and John Willy as Interim Directors of Coaches!

Brianna "Valento" Rosga is now entering her 3rd year coaching for Eagan Wave Soccer Club. A Saint Paul native, Brianna grew up playing club soccer for the St. Paul Blackhawks. She attended Cretin-Derham Hall where she was a four-year starter on the varsity high school team and earned All-State Honors. Brianna also played for the US Youth Soccer Olympic Development Program, earning Regional Selection multiple years. Brianna went on to play Division I Soccer at the University of Kansas and competed in the Big XII conference. During her college career, Brianna was named to the U.S. National Select Team and earned a spot on Soccer Buzz's All-Central Region team her senior year. She had hoped to play professionally after college, but the Women's United Soccer Association folded due to financial constraints. She went on to graduate from the University of Kansas with her Bachelors of Science in Education. Brianna spent one season coaching at Cretin-Derham Hall before starting a family and is excited to continue coaching with Eagan Wave SC.

John Willy has an extensive history with Eagan Wave SC serving as a coach since 2013. He was also the past Youth Director and 2018 Coach of the Year Recipient. John has his USSF "E" and "D" National Licenses, Grassroots 7v7, 9v9, 11v11 Diplomas, and Coerver Youth Diploma. He served as a coach at Eagan High School from 2003-2014 and was a 4-year soccer player in college. John's coaching philosophy is "my players may forget what I've said, or the score of a past game, but will never forget how I made them feel. "

We are thrilled that Brie and John have agreed to serve in the Director of Coaching capacity as we continue implementing our transition plan to find a permanent Director of Coaching. As Interim DOCs, Brie and John have been recruiting and vetting coaching staff and aligning them with our rostered teams. They will be onboarding the coaches and ensuring they have the guidance and support necessary for a successful season. Brie and John have been networking and creating new relationships with various local and international soccer related opportunities for our club and are developing a uniform EWSC Coaching Education Success Pathway to ensure our coaches continue to develop their skills both on and off the field. Brie and John will also be active members of the DOC Search Committee as they have a deep knowledge of the sport and the club.

Thank you for your commitment as we begin the next season of soccer. We look forward to supporting your athletes over the next few weeks, months, and years as we continue to encourage and develop confident players at all levels and foster a positive love of the game.