## **OUR SOCCER STORY**



1998 - 2023



**Soccer Creates** 

# THE POWER of SOCCER

A Journey into Prince George's County Soccer





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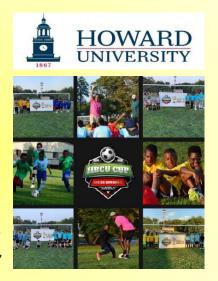
Twenty-five years ago, Keith Tucker, then head soccer coach at Howard University, encouraged me to start a community soccer program in Maryland to promote the importance of education. Through his experience, too many black and brown players were denied admission to not only Howard University, but other colleges and universities throughout the US because of grades and SAT scores. Too many students had to forgo partial or full soccer scholarships because of this growing problem.

I chose Langley Park, Maryland, an immigrant community overflowing with Central American, Caribbean and various African people, located five minutes from the University of Maryland, twenty minutes from Howard University and thirty-five minutes from the White House.

My interactions and friendships developed during my playing days at Howard University made it easy for me to integrate into the Caribbean and African community.

A short list of the friendships from Howard University that gave me valuable insights into the cultures from our Diaspora follows: Keith Walcott, from Guyana Guyana; Donnie Streete, from Jamaica; Phillip Gyau, from Ghana; Friday Johnson, from Nigeria; Tony Gill and Ronald Simmons, from Trinidad; Peter Prom, from Gambia; Wendell Thomas, from Grenada; David Sabair from Bermuda and many others.

These relationships developed through soccer prepared me for the challenges that lay ahead when we began our program in this predominately Hispanic community. The equation is still the same. Soccer, or futbol, is a universal language. It transcends racial boundaries and unites people of different cultures. We were able to convince Hispanic parents during our earlier years to play soccer for a non- Hispanic run program. This trend has continued up until today.



Our program, which started as the Langley Park Soccer Club during the spring of 1998, moved to Buck Lodge Middle School. Two years later we changed our name to the Metropolitan Futbol Club, more commonly known as MFC, which still thrives today.

Through our after-school program, run by Soccer and Friends, we have spent more than two decades promoting and coaching soccer in Prince George's County schools in Maryland. Our mission was quite simple "TO CREATE OPPORUNITY THROUGH EDUCATION AND SOCCER". Well, we can proudly say "Mission Accomplished." and ongoing.

As of the Fall of 2022, eighty-six players have passed through our program and enrolled in college, of which forty-six have graduated. Not bad for a program that charged a meager \$130US per season.

# SOCCER CREATES

## 1998 OUR MISSION

"Creating Opportunity through Education and Soccer"

# 2008 - 2023 MISSION ACCOMPLISHED

88
Alumni
enrolled
in college

18 Alumni UMD 8 Alumni UMBC

7 Alumni HU 55
Alumni
graduated from college





### **HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION**

Players enrolled in camp	49		
Christian Palacios, Spanish recording artist	1		
Deondre Pascoe playing soccer in England	1		
Players still attending high school	4		
Bermudian players	4		
Players who only attended this camp	<u>8</u>		
Students not included in high school graduation number	18		
Players graduating from high school	31		
COLLEGE ENROLLMENT			
Enrolled	24		
Enrollment Rate	77%		
COLLEGE GRADUATION			
Graduated - As of November 1, 2023	18		
Graduation Rate	75%		
Class of 2024 - 1 student	19		
Graduation Rate	79%		
Class of 2025 and 2026 – 3 students	22		
Graduation Rate	92%		

## **COLLEGE ENROLLMENT**

1. Diego Guerrero	Stevenson University
2. Krysia Guerrero	Catholic University
3. Anderson Guerrero	Catholic University
4. Luisangley Navas	Mt. St. Mary's
5. Denzel Pascoe	Howard University
6. Demetri Pascoe	Temple University
7. Walter Avila	Lycoming College
8. Joshua Cruz	Lycoming College
9. Jose Melendez	Washington Adventist
10. Antoine Thomas	Towson University
11. Araya Sloan	University of Maryland
12. Mani Walcott	Hofstra University
13. Amira Walcott	UMBC
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## WHO GRADUATED FROM COLLEGE?

2023

# CURRENT As of November 1, 2023



2. Demetri Pascoe

3. Antoine Thomas

4. Araya Sloan

5. Mani Walcott

6. Amira Walcott

7. Kemit Sloan

8. Nia Walcott

9. Joel Sandjong

10. Sylvain Tchaptchet

11. Samuel Kahsai

12. Doc Momo

13. Michael Jackson

14. Isaiah Walcott

15. Joshua Cruz

16. Walter Avila

17. Krysia Guerrero

18. Jose Melendez

**Stevenson University** 

**Temple University** 

**Towson University** 

**University of Maryland** 

**Hofstra University** 

**UMBC** 

**University of Maryland** 

**Howard University** 

**University of Maryland** 

**University of Maryland** 

**UMBC** 

Lycoming College

William and Mary

**Howard University** 

**Lycoming College** 

Lycoming College

**Catholic University** 

**Washington Adventist** 

### STUDENTS ENROLLED IN COLLEGE

As of November 1, 2023

1. Anderson Guerrero

2. Luisangley Navas

3. Jahvar Stephenson

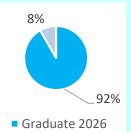
4. Bai

**Catholic University** 

Mt. St. Mary's

**Loyola University** 

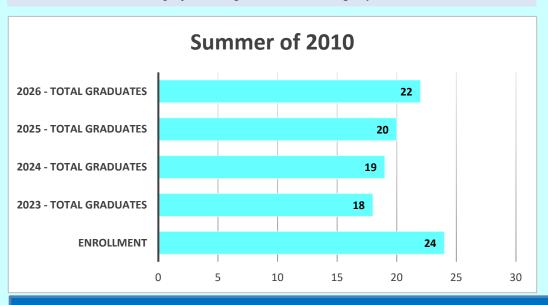
**Montgomery College** 



Withdrawal

92%

Percent of students projected to graduate from college by 2026 WORLD CUP



**MFC PLAYERS** 

Our Experience

MICHAEL NSOESIE

University of Kentucky Chandler Hospital

**Department of Neurology** 

# SOCCER CREATES









### **MFC PLAYERS**

Our Experience

### **DEMETRI PASCOE**

SpringHill Company

An entertainment development and production company founded in 2020 by LeBron James and Maverick Carter

# SOCCER CREATES





Demetri Pascoe wrote the words for the Google Pixel's World Cup commercial titled, The Beautiful Game Belongs to All of Us. He was a team member of the production team which created, designed, and filmed the commercial

METROPOLLITAN FUTBOL CLUB WAS IN QATAR

# SOCCER CREATES







SAMUEL KAHSAI



BARTH LUTHER MOUAFO

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**Our Numbers** 

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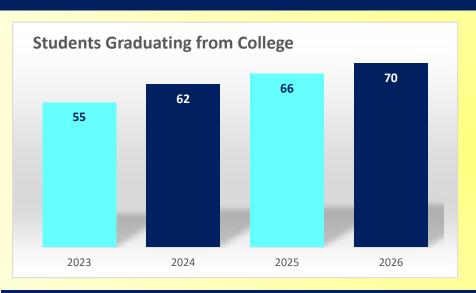


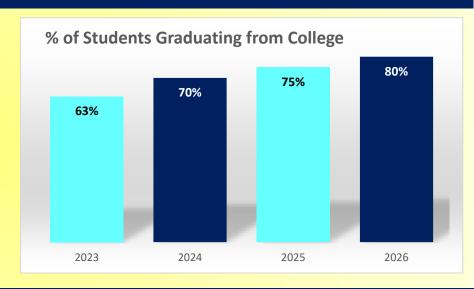
## **University Enrollment – 88 Players**

Universities	# of Students
University of Maryland	18
UMBC	8
Howard University	7
Prince George's CC	6
Temple University	4
Mt. Saint Mary's University	4
Lycoming	3
St. Mary's College	3
Bucknell University	2
Catholic University	2
Hofstra University	2
Stevenson University	2
Washington Adventist	2
Akron University	1
Arizona Western	1
Bowie State University	1
Cincinnati State	1
Cleveland State	1
Delaware University	1

Universities	# of Students
DePaul University	1
Earl Ham College	1
Howard Community College	1
LaSalle University	1
Longwood College	1
Loyola University	1
Manhattan College	1
Montgomery College	1
Morgan State	1
Presbyterian College	1
Rose-Hulman Institute of Tech	1
Rutgers University	1
Salem International University	1
Salisburg University	1
San Diego State	1
Towson University	1
UCLA	1
University of North Carolina	1
William and Mary	1

## **GRADUATION NUMBERS**





	CLASS of 2024	
Jordan Rose	Howard University	1
Jason Carro	St. Mary's College	1
Edson	Stevenson University	1
Stephaine Benetez	UMBC	1
Taiwo Arojojoye	Rose-Hulman Institute of Tech	1
Kehinde Arojojoye	University of Maryland	1
Jahvanne Bogle	University of Maryland	1
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	CLASS of 2025	
Anderson Guerrero	Catholic University	1
Isaiah Hamlet	Mt. Saint Mary's University	1
Justin Langdon	Salisburg University	1
Jeramiah Davids	UMBC	1
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	CLASS of 2026	
Trevor Issac	University of Maryland	1
Luisangley	Mt. Saint Mary's University	1
Jahvar Stephenson	Loyola University	1
Bai	Montgomery College	1
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## The Next Generation



## **Most Popular University**









	Enroll	Graduate	School	Withdrew
University of Maryland	18	14	3	1
UMBC	8	6	2	
Howard University	7	4	2	1
Mt. Saint Mary's University	4	2	2	
Temple University	4	4	0	
# of Students	41	28	10	2
Percentage	47%	58%	26%	5%

### **Actual and Projected Graduation Rates**



#### **Graduation Rate**

**Dec 2022** 76%

June 2026 94%



### **Graduation Rate**

Dec 2022 75%

June 2026 100%

39 Alumni who enrolled in universities

27



### **Graduation Rate**

Dec 2022 50%

June 2026 83%



#### **Graduation Rate**

Dec 2022

June 2026 100%



## Alumni who graduated from university by 2022

**Graduation Rate** 

37

Alumni who graduated from university by 2026

**Graduation Rate** 



#### **Graduation Rate**

**Dec 2022** 100%

June 2026 100%