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ECKENRODE, SHEPHERD RECEIVE INAUGURAL ARMATIS SCHOLARSHIP

FREDERICKSBURG, Va. (Monday, August, 2021)—Fredericksburg FC is pleased to announce Gabe Eckenrode and Kaya Shepherd as the recipients of FFC’s first Peter Armatis Go FFC! Go Navy! Go Blues! College Scholarship.

The scholarship is awarded annually to one graduating male and female FFC player in memory of coach Peter Armatis, who had a passion for creating young leaders through the sport of soccer. The \$750 scholarship is supported by the Peter Armatis Go FFC! Go Navy! Go Blues! Scholarship fund with the recipients chosen by the scholarship committee.

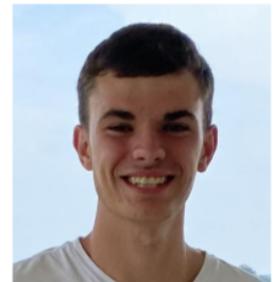
Along with pursuing their educational goals at the next level, both players will be continuing their playing careers, Eckenrode at Shenandoah University and Shepherd at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University.

Scholarship Chairman Kevin Leahy said each was selected because of their commitment to improve as players and the potential that they have displayed as leaders.

“Gabe displays those qualities that we look for in leaders. He is solid in the classroom and on the field is just an amazing player. He’s got a world of potential as a leader and I look forward to what the future holds for him,” he said.

“What you got from Kaya’s application is that she’s really a whole person. She’s going to be a fantastic student first of all down there in Florida and I think she’s going to be incredible on the field as well. So, I’m really excited to see what she’s going to do in the next four years,” he continued.

The committee starts accepting scholarship applications in January each year, with the deadline to submit in mid-March. For more information on the scholarship and how to apply, visit www.fredericksburgfc.org. To donate to the scholarship fund, which not only supports this scholarship, but also helps supplement players in need cover the costs of playing in the club, please visit the FFC website at www.fredericksburgfc.org.



Eckenrode



Shepherd

About Fredericksburg Football Club

Based in Fredericksburg, Va., Fredericksburg FC, established in 1986, is one of the largest and oldest youth travel soccer clubs in Central Virginia. FFC travel teams compete in the top leagues and tournaments in the state, region and nation. The club also offers Academy and Minis programs for younger players, as well as a Recreational Program. For more info: www.fredericksburgfc.org.