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RIGGLEMAN ONE OF FOUR TO BE AWARDED WAGS SCHOLARSHIP

FREDERICKSBURG, Va. (Monday, May 11, 2020)—Fredericksburg FC and Riverbend High School standout Kaitlyn Riggleman was recently awarded one of four \$10,000 Adele Dolansky Scholarships offered by the Women and Girls in Soccer (WAGS) organization.

Riggleman applied for the scholarship after her father found it while doing some research and saw that it aligned with her passion for soccer and empowering other females in the sport.

“I was honestly very shocked when I got the email. When I applied I kept my hopes up because you never want to doubt yourself, but I never thought it would actually happen to me,” she said. “It’s definitely so surreal thinking about it still, that out of everyone that applied, I was chosen to represent WAGS.”



The application process requires applicants to have a commitment to playing college soccer, play on a team playing in the annual WAGS Rael Vodicka Tournament and maintain a minimum 3.70 GPA. In addition, a 500-word-maximum essay on how “Soccer has Empowered Me” must be submitted.

Riggleman met those criteria, maintaining a 4.20 GPA throughout high school, and submitted positive references and a well-written essay to help her win the judges over.

“Writing [the] essay was the most difficult part for me because soccer is a big part of my life and trying to get everything it empowered me to become was difficult to get into words surprisingly,” said the soon-to-be freshman at Fairmont State, which had already awarded Riggleman an athletic scholarship. “I just want to let other female athletes younger than me know to keep working hard in school and in soccer and doing things that make you nervous or scared because those are the moments you will always remember. Apply for scholarships you aren’t sure about because you never know unless you try.”

Daivd Yates, one of the defender’s coaches at FFC, said she was a very deserving candidate for this particular scholarship.

“Kaitlyn exemplifies the dedication and work ethic that WAGS is looking for. She has already started to work toward her coaching licenses, has been good as a player and teammate during her time at FFC and does a bunch of other really positive things in her community,” he said. “She has shown all of her peers that if you do work hard toward something a positive can come out of it.”

For more information on the WAGS Scholarship, visit:

womenandgirlsinsoccer.org/our-programs/college-scholarships/

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 U9-U19 travel teams compete in the top leagues in Virginia, Maryland and the Northeast Region, along with collegiate-level programming that competes in CCL Pro23. FFC travel teams compete in the highest level of national showcase events and tournaments offered in the United States. The club also offers an Academy Program for players ages U4-U8 and a Recreational Program for U8-high school players. More www.fredericksburgfc.org.