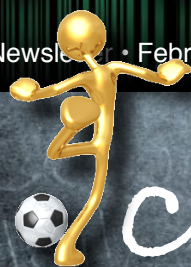


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## College Edition

### Future Opportunities for our HS Players

We are always looking at adding new resources for our players to take advantage of and in 2011 we have a unique opportunity as part of our U14 to U18 team camp. The weekend prior to camp we are going to host a college showcase event and open it up to teams all over the country. This showcase will allow our kids to play 3 to 4 games in front of college coaches against teams other than the Novi Jags. As you may or may not be aware we team up with the Jags during team camp to offer a more competitive environment for our players. More information on this event will be available to everyone in the next few weeks.

It has come to our attention that there are some Celtic families who are not aware of the many things the Canton Soccer Club offers its players interested in playing Collegiate Soccer. If you are one of those folks hopefully the following newsletter will help you get more informed in the college selection process.

Let me begin by saying finding the right college for our young student athletes is a process or journey that is accomplished over time not over night. So let's discuss some of the tools and resources that are available to all CSC players to help them through the college search journey.

**1. U14 to U18 team camp.** Our College Camp is a weeklong program in the summer for our U14 to U18 boys and girls premier teams. Throughout the week actual college coaches will train our teams. Typically we bring between 20 and 30 coaches in each summer and although most are from the surrounding region we have brought in coaches from as far away as the University of Santa Barbara California. Not only is this an opportunity for our players to be coached by top level coaches within the game but it also gives them a chance to get a feel for what college coaches are looking for as well as show off their individual talents and skills to those coaches.

**2. Website Information, resources and links.** On our website you will find a plethora of information including sample player resumes and cover letters, a copy of the "NCAA College Bound Student Athlete Guide" and NCAA eligibility rules and FAQ's. As well as direct links to [gocollegesoccer.com](http://gocollegesoccer.com), an excellent college search tool and to sites such as the NCAA, NAIA, NJCAA and FAFSA, which is the federal student aid program.

**3. We have also partnered with a group called the Sport Source.** The Sport Source is the recognized leader in the college search process. In the office we have books published by the Sport Source to help our players research college options.

**4. College Night Presentations.** Once a year we host a presentation/seminar on the college search process thoroughly explaining how a player and his or her family should navigate through the college selection/recruiting process. Last year we had a guest speaker conduct the presentation from the Sport Source.

**5. Scholarship Opportunities.** On the website you will also find information on 2 scholarships that CSC players are eligible to apply for simply because they are CSC players. The first is the Canton Soccer Club College Scholarship and the second is the Michigan State Youth Soccer Association College Scholarship.

**6. One on One meetings with the Club Director/Director of Coaching.** For those of you not familiar with our Club Director or his background, Pete Alexander, as part of his extensive soccer background, coached College Soccer for 10 years and knows exactly what it takes to successfully navigate through the college selection/recruiting process. Over the years Pete has met with over 100 players and their families and if you are interested in meeting with Pete all you need to do is contact him at [pete@cantonsoccerclub.com](mailto:pete@cantonsoccerclub.com).

### Save the Date



August 15th, 2011  
1pm Shotgun Start  
Pheasant Run

## Canton Soccer Club Scholarship Winners

### Congratulations 2010 Recipients!

Kelly Larimore & Yusef Bazzy



2009 Recipients: Katy Galm and Sarah Thomas  
2008 Recipients: Annika Bergmans and Gordon Libby  
2007 Recipients: Brittany Warner and Kyle Gring  
2006 Recipients: Chelsea D'Agostino and Joseph Halewicz

## Canton Soccer Club Players who have gone on to play College Soccer

The following is a list of former CSC players that graduated in 2010 and have gone on to play college soccer. We would like to apologize to any players that we may have missed on this list as we have only truly begun to track our alumni over the past few years. You can find our "work in progress" on the website under the "college" tab. So if you are someone we missed or know someone we missed please contact the office right away so we can update our files at [office@cantonsoccerclub.com](mailto:office@cantonsoccerclub.com).

### 2010 CSC Collegiate Players

Brendan Quinn – Concordia University  
Andrew Rusinek - Concordia University  
Muhammad Pourmandi -- U of MI Dearborn  
Evan Antich -- Schoolcraft  
Tim Short -- Indiana Tech  
Alex Tramell -- Schoolcraft  
Lachlan Savage -- Saginaw Valley State University  
Zach Wallega -- Saginaw Valley State University

## 2011 College Scholarship Applications due March 1st.

The Canton Soccer Club awards two \$1000 scholarships every year. If you are a High School Senior and meet the following requirements, please submit your applications in by March 1st:

1. A completed application form.
2. A copy of your official high school transcript to date.
3. A personal biography which includes your athletic achievements, honorary or special interest organizations, community involvement, high school, major course of study you plan to pursue, awards you have received.
4. An essay about "How do you feel Soccer has helped you as an individual?" You must be willing to read at the Spring Coaches meeting.
5. You must have played on a CSC a minimum of 4 years you must be a resident of the State of Michigan. Must be a member in good standing and not currently playing in another club.
6. You must carry a cumulative GPA of at least 2.75, must be accepted at an accredited university, community or junior college, or other institute of higher learning.
7. Letter of recommendations from a teacher or coach.

## Open program adds U23 team to the mix

The highly successful Canton Celtic FC men's open program, founded in 2005 by Pete Alexander, will add a U23 team for the 2011 spring/summer seasons. The team, coached and managed by David Hebestreit since 2006, has amassed an overall record of 64-22-11, while winning two SEMPSSL league championships in '09 and '10, one MSA preseason Cup in 2010, one Gerhard Mengel State Cup championship, and one USASA Amateur Cup championship and Regional appearance, both in 2008.

In an effort to provide competitive playing opportunities for its former youth players, the U23 team will compete in the regional Youth Premier Soccer League (YPSL), which includes teams from the Midwest and near East. The league begins in April and will feature a 12 game season concluding with a regional championship. Beyond league play, the team will also serve as a feeder team for the open team and will compete in the USASA U23 Amateur Cup. The two teams will train together and share resources.



While the ties to the youth club have grown each year, the open program seeks to give the former youth players that play in college a place to continue to develop their game while in the off season. Currently, the open team boasts 5 players that played their youth ball in the CSC. Also, the open team is littered with former professional players such as Knox Cameron, TJ Tomasso, Nate Boyden, as well as many former and current collegiate players.

In 2011, the open team will be coached by long time Celtic player Steve Huber, a University of Michigan graduate and former player at Michigan. The U23 team will be coached by Nate Boyden, a 2006 UCSB graduate and former Seattle Sounder. The teams will be managed by David Hebestreit who will also serve as director of player development for the open program.

If you are interested in trying out for either team, contact David Hebestreit at [hebestreit@cantoncelticfc.com](mailto:hebestreit@cantoncelticfc.com) or the club office at [office@cantonsoccerclub.com](mailto:office@cantonsoccerclub.com).