



JESSICA GONZALEZ

One of Mercer's most decorated players during the 90's, Jessica Gonzalez continues to inspire future players through her past successes and her training programs for up-and-coming players. Tonight, we welcome Jessica Gonzalez into the Mercer County Soccer Hall of Fame.

Starting her career as a recreation player in Ewing, Jessica was quickly noticed by Hall of Famer Tom DeVito, who took her under his wing and introduced her to the world of travel soccer. She quickly found herself on the national stage when her Hibernian Hot Shots went to the Nationals in Arizona as 12-13 year olds. Her prowess took her to joining the N.J. Olympic Developmental Program at age 13, which she continued with until college. She had the opportunity to train at both the regional and national camps during that time period, furthering her reputation as one of the area's finest.

At Nottingham High School, Jessica exploded onto the scene and quickly was recognized as a top player. During her years with the Northstars, she was named 1st Team All-CVC and All-Area all four years and was also named to the All-State 1st team on three occasions. Her senior year was a highlight as she was named as a 1st team All-American and the Trenton Times Female Athlete of the Year in 1995. The accolades continued as Jessica was also named to the Mercer 33 and the Senior 11 teams. She was also a stalwart on the softball field, still among the career leaders in runs and stolen bases. For her exceptional career at Nottingham, Jessica was inducted into the Nottingham Athletic Hall of Fame in 2007.

Staying close to home, Jessica moved to play for another Hall member, Joe Russo, at Trenton State College, now the College of New Jersey. She had an immediate impact as a freshman, where she was named as TSC Rookie of the Year and was named a Division III 1st team All-American in 1996. A four year defender for the Lions, she helped the Pennington Road team to three NJAC championships and four NCAA appearances, including a trip to the D-III finals in 1997. She also played at the semi-professional level with the New Jersey Wildcats in 1996.

Jessica continues to impart the lessons learned over the years, coaching at the high school level in Hamilton and New Brunswick and training many teams at the youth level. She is the proprietor of JG Soccer Strength & Conditioning and Pandolfini Sports Academy as well as being the Strength & Agility Trainer for the Trenton Rebels men's semi-pro team. A dedicated supporter of many charities and committed advocate for health and well-being in the area, we are honored to induct Jessica Gonzalez into the Mercer County Soccer Hall of Fame.