

## RENEE WASHINGTON

Truly a renaissance woman, Renee Washington has received accolades for her multifaceted career for years. All-American soccer player, media personality, entrepreneur, model, and motivational speaker, Renee has set a high bar both for herself and for a generation of athletes to follow. We are honored to induct Renee Washington into the Mercer County Soccer Hall of Fame, Class of 2024.

A native of Ewing, Renee first found success as a youth player, playing for the Ewing Express from U7-U13. She moved to the Hibernian FC Express from U13-U18. She was a member of the New Jersey ODP team from 2005 to 2010 and was a U16 US Club NJ State Cup Champion, Club Region A Champion, and was a National Cup Finalist.

Her high school career at Pennington was equally notable. Three year starter, three time Mercer County champions, four time Prep A state champions. Multiple All -Area and All-State honors, and 2009 Player of the Year honors by both the Trenton Times and Trentonian. Her 2008 team was ranked #1 in the nation and she was among

the top scorers in the county throughout her career with the Red Raders. And that was just the beginning of the story.

Matriculating at LaSalle University, she made a strong mark for the Explorers. In her four years in Philadelphia, she was a starter for every game, amassing 40 goals and 21 assists for her career, good for the 3<sup>rd</sup> highest number of points in the LaSalle record books. She led the team to multiple NCAA appearances, including their first in 2011 She received All-Rookie, All-Conference, All-Region, and All-American recognition throughout her career as well as garnering All-Academic honors for four consecutive years while with the Explorers. Her post-college career saw her play briefly with Sky Blue FC and Bucks Vipers FC before returning to school to continue her studies.

She continued to make her mark off the field after college. Renee has become a well-respected media personality, reporting on the sidelines for MSG Network, Fox Sports, ESPN,CBS Sports Network, PHLY Sports, and 6ABC locally. She has covered the Philadelphia Union and Phillies and the Washington Football Club and for a number of WNBA broadcasts, as well for the National Lacrosse League.

With an enviable and growing resume' both on and off the field, Renee Washington is a long-overdue inclusion in the Mercer County Soccer Hall of Fame and we welcome her into the Class of 2024