



COLLEEN WILLIAMS

On every stage throughout her career, Colleen Williams has led by example, whether on the field or off. Her excellence on the field brought her multiple accolades on the local, state, and national level and her generous philanthropic efforts touched many future players all over the world. We are honored to induct Colleen Williams into the Mercer County Soccer Hall of Fame, Class of 2024.

Colleen experienced success from the beginning of her career, winning six Pennsylvania Cups with her FC Bucks Vipers team, including a national championship in 2008, and an ODP national championship in 2006 for her U-18 New Jersey side. She was also a member of the US National Team Youth Pool in 2005.

High school continued the story, winning two consecutive Prep A titles at The Pennington School as a freshman and sophomore. Transferring to Hopewell Valley as a junior, she continued to make a strong impression on the local and state level. In 2008, she was named Mercer County and Patriot League Player of the Year, as well as being named to the 1st team All-CVC and 1st team All-State teams. She racked up gaudy stats, scoring 51 goals and 46 assists for her high school career for the Red Raders and Bulldogs.

College brought much of the same as she began an assault on the University of Dayton record books. Although an knee injury shortened her senior season, the list of honors

is long: Atlantic 10 Rookie of the Year, A-10 Offensive Player of the Year twice , All A-10 and All-American 1st team honors on three separate occasions, along with becoming only the 20th woman to join the NCAA 50-50 club, scoring 58 goals and dishing out 52 assists for the Flyers, becoming their all-time leading scorer. She was also twice named to the Herrman Trophy Watch as one of the finest players in the country. She was a member of the Under-23 National Team in 2013 as well as being drafted by the Washington Spirit of the NWSL, playing six games before sustaining a knee injury that would eventually end her on-field career.

Her efforts off the field were just as impressive. While at Dayton, she instituted “Willie’s Wish”, where she would collect a single dollar from the attendees at home matches, which would be compiled and donated to needy families in the Dayton area at Christmas. She went one step further while working towards her master’s degree at Hawaii Pacific University, founding “SistaSoccer” in 2017, a program that gathered donated balls, uniforms, and balls for distribution at free soccer clinics in the Honolulu area. This grew into a global program, where she took what she had started and brought it to Thailand, South Africa, Ethiopia, Costa Rica and Ireland, as well as locally in the Trenton area.

Colleen was inducted into the University of Dayton Hall of Fame in 2019 and tonight, for her impressive career and endeavors to reach the next generation of soccer players, we welcome Colleen Williams into the Mercer County Soccer Hall of Fame, Class of 2024.