

## The George “Bill” W. Tabor III Scholarship

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The George “Bill” W. Tabor III Scholarship will be given out each year in memory of Bill Tabor (1942-2015) to a Northeast United (NEU) player that is in their senior year of High School. The college scholarship will be a one-time gift presented to the player at the end of the academic school year. Bill Tabor served as Soccer Coach, District Vice President, Registrar and was instrumental in the creation and nurturing of NEU into one of the most prominent premier programs in Connecticut.

Bill exhibited a commitment and dedication to his family that was evident in all that he did. It was hard to know Bill and not know his family, even though you may have never met them. His wife Marion, his two children Jennifer and Karyn and his grandchildren Alec and Andie had a profound impact on his approach to everyone that he met and everything he did.

The impact he had on our lives through the game of soccer has been a reflection of Bill’s hard work and dedication to both the sport and family that he loved. Having already shaped his vision of sharing his passion for the game of soccer with the youth of Connecticut, Bill set forth to provide the leadership necessary to make it a reality. In the mid 1990’s Bill began with the help of Charlie Eaton, Jim Boccuzi, Connie Gibson, Bill Oehler, Steve Dahn, Bobby Muss and Craig Heitson to fulfill a shared dream of creating a district premier soccer club.

After years of planning and countless hours of hard work, Northeast United Premier Soccer Club was approved by the CISA in 1998. At that time, the majority of our current and recent players were yet to be born or be of an age to truly understand the significant impact that Bill and the other founders of NEU would have on their soccer careers and ultimately their lives off the field.



Since a modest beginning with a single girls District Select Team in the Nutmeg Games, NEU has grown to a club of over 250 players, with teams of both genders in all age groups from 8 to 18. Under Bill's guidance over the years, NEU has been successful in the leagues we play in, has won numerous tournaments and has sent a number of players on to excel at the college level.

Bill's vision for the club is today still at the heart of our mission at NEU – “dedication to our parents and players, as well as our passion to create an innovative learning environment is the framework for our program”. It is first and foremost about offering as many kids as possible, the opportunity to be part of an artful game and a lifelong experience.

As a result, Bill fought to keep fees below that of competitive clubs, led efforts to establish funding for families that couldn't afford premier soccer, created a program for NEU players to prepare them for college recruiting and pushed for clinics for local youth soccer clubs. He quietly taught us all leadership, dedication to the game of soccer, to possess a relentless focus on the success of our players and to always give back to the game we love.



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