



## WSA COACHING STAFF TRAVEL SOCCER 2018-2019



### **WSA DIRECTORS**

#### **Mickey Kydes – Program Director**

The WSA Program Director since 2003. Mickey Played professional soccer from 1987 – 1996 in Europe and the United States, also a member of the United States National Team in 1987. Retired from professional soccer in 1996 from the NY/NJ MetroStars of Major League Soccer. Grew up playing youth travel soccer in Norwalk, CT where he played four years as a High School starter. Two-time All-American at Long Island University where he graduated with a degree in Marketing. President and Founder of Mickey Kydes Soccer (MKS), established in 1996 with over 300 children participating; MKS has now grown to over 5 thousand children participating in its various programs. Founder & Coaching Director of the Beachside of CT Boys Premier program established in 1994 which is only one of 80 clubs in the USA (USSDA) Academy League. He is a United States Soccer Federation ‘A’, ‘F’, and ‘National Youth’ level licensed coach. Inducted in to the Long Island University Hall of Fame in 2005 and the Connecticut Soccer Hall of Fame in 2008. Completed U.S. Soccer’s Technical Directors Course in July 2016 – Highest Coaching License available with the US Soccer Federation. Honored by New York City Soccer in March of 2017. New England Soccer Journal top 50 soccer influencers in New England.

#### **Paul Melitsanopoulos – Director of Operations**

Goalkeeper and 4-year varsity member for Norwalk High School coach by Kurt Simenson 2000-2004. Member of the 2002 FCIAC Championship team which was ranked 4<sup>th</sup> in the state of CT. Senior year, captain for Norwalk and was voted as ALL-FCIAC 1<sup>st</sup> team. Starting goalkeeper for beachside U-16 and U-17 and played for Brian Quinn, who currently coaches Bridgeport Univ. Three-year member of Western Connecticut State University men’s soccer team. Freshmen year, started off the year 5<sup>th</sup> in New England for Division 3 schools in the country. Sophomore year, member of Little East Conference Champions (LEC), NCAA participant. Team ranked in the top 10 in New England which captured a key win against Kean State in LEC playoffs, who were ranked top 20 in the country. Paul has been coaching for Norwalk since 2001 and working for Mickey Kydes soccer camps for 8 years. Paul has coached players ranged in ages from 4-17. Paul believes a good coach has a tremendous influence on his players not just in the game of soccer but in the real world as world. A Beachside (USSDA) Academy team head coach. A United States Soccer Federation ‘A’ & ‘F’ licensed coach. Coaching in the MKS organization since 2005.

#### **Pete Doneit – Goalkeeper Coach**

Played four years at Division 1 powerhouse Hartwick College and two seasons in the USISL with Grand Rapid Explosion and Lansing Locomotive. Played with Cape Town Spurs and Witwatersand of South African 1<sup>st</sup> division. Has worked at summer camps throughout the United States and is a current Beachside (USSDA) Academy team head coach. Will also run the WSA Goalkeeping Clinics. A United States Soccer Federation ‘A’ & ‘F’ level licensed coach. Head Coach for the University of Bridgeport Men’s soccer team. Awarded ‘National Youth Coach of the Year’ in 2010-11. Coaching in the MKS organization since 2003.

#### **Allan Zuniga – U9 & U10 Travel Coaching Director**

Played college soccer at Sacred Heart University where he was named All-American. Went on to play five years of professional soccer in Nicaragua for 1<sup>st</sup> division team Walter Ferrepy Club. He is a United States Soccer Federation ‘B’ & ‘F’ level licensed coach. Coached boys travel teams in the Old Greenwich and Westport travel program for last 5 years. Coaching in the MKS organization since 1999, including being the Program Director for the WSA Recreation K-2<sup>nd</sup> grade clinics since 2002-2005.

#### **Gabriel Stan - U11 to U14 Travel Coaching Director**

Grew up in Romania where he played for the Rapid Bucharest Juniors System. A member of the St. Pantelimon Soccer Academy. Has coached the Danbury Dynamo boy’s premier team and boys and girls travel teams for Wilton Soccer from 1998 to 2003. Worked at Transylvania soccer camps for the last several years. He is a United States Soccer Federation ‘B’ & ‘F’ level licensed coach. Coaching WSA travel teams and rec clinics since 2003. Coaching in the MKS organization since 2003.

#### **Bamba Fall - WSA Developmental Program Director**

Played Varsity HS Soccer in Dakar Senegal (1992-95), Stonington HS Varsity Soccer (1995-96), Intramurals at University of Bridgeport (1996-2000), with a championship in 1996, and Sportzone soccer leagues 2001-02. Coached U7-U8 teams in Dakar while in HS (1992-95), and was Assistant coach for Stonington HS Junior Varsity (1995-96). A United States Soccer Federation ‘D’ & ‘F’ licensed coach. Coached the WSA U11 Girls travel team to two back-to-back state cup finals in 2004-2005. Bamba has been coaching WSA travel team since 2002 and WSA rec clinics since 2003. Coaching in the MKS organization since 2003.



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### **WSA GIRLS TEAMS COACHING STAFF**

#### **Jake Zuniga – U9 Girls Blue & U10 Girls Blue**

Jake grew up in Norwalk, CT and has been involved in soccer since the age of 3. He made his way into the Beachside soccer program at 10 years old, up until his final year with the Beachside Super-20 team in 2013. During his time he was a state champion, Region 1 semi-finalist, and attended Nationals with the Super-20 team on 3 occasions, serving as a captain for 2 of those seasons. Jake played four years of varsity soccer at Norwalk High School, where he was an All-FCIAC and All-State first team member. He went on to play college soccer for Fairfield University for the past four years. Member of the 2011 MAAC regular season and tournament champions, he went on to the NCAA tournament and lost in the first round to Brown 3-2, where he scored the first goal for Fairfield. He is currently a member of the AC Connecticut PDL team, and has been called up by the Nicaragua National team. Jake is a United States Soccer Federation 'F' licensed coach. Coached rec clinics and camps for MKS organization in 2015.

#### **Daniel Londono - U9 Girls White & U10 Girls White**

Carlos Daniel Londono, is originally from Colombia, South America and is married with three young children. He moved to the United States in 2003. He played for the Stamford Hurricanes back in his high school years, and also played for a second division team in Colombia called INFERIORES del Pereira Sub 16. Daniel has been a travel soccer coach in the WSA and has coach in the MKSE soccer organization in the WSA Recreation / Wilton Rec 3rd-4th, 5th-6th & 7th-8th boys and girls. Gained valuable coaching experience throughout the years preparing and maintaining up-to-date lesson plans and goals for seasonal practice drills and procedures while coaching 8-10 yrs olds in Club Kalazans. Currently works at Woodway Country Club in Darien, CT. Daniel is a United States Soccer Federation 'F' licensed coach. Coaching in MKS organization since 2011.

#### **Elizabeth Burns – U9 Girls Red & U10 Girls Red**

Grew up playing soccer on Long Island, New York, and was a member of the first all girls travel team in Mastic Sports Club at the age of 13. Captain and 4 year starter of Sacred Heart University Women's team (NCAA Division II.) Played amateur soccer with CT Wolves women's team in 1997 season. Now currently plays for the Southern CT Women's Soccer League (serving as the Registrar and Treasurer of the League) and the Stamford Coed Summer Soccer League. A United States Soccer Federation 'E' & 'F' licensed coach. Liz will was the WSA rec program director for 2006-07 season. Coaching WSA travel teams and rec clinics since 2003. Coaching in the MKS organization since 2003.

#### **Maksym Bak – U9 Girls Gold**

MKSE Organization is happy to welcome Maksym to our travel coaching staff. Also known as Max, brings a wealth of knowledge from his vast playing and coaching experience. Maksym began his soccer career in his native Ukraine, where he played for over 5 years. He then played varsity soccer at Westhill High School, as well as for the Stamford Hurricanes. He easily transitioned into coaching as he graduated college and began coaching WSA rec clinics for Mickey Kydes Soccer. Academically, Maksym holds a Bachelor's of Science in Psychology from the University of Connecticut. He will be completing the United States Soccer Federation initial grassroots license in the fall. Second year coaching in the MKS organization.

#### **Bamba Fall – U11 Girls Blue & U12 Girls Blue**

Played Varsity HS Soccer in Dakar Senegal (1992-95), Stonington HS Varsity Soccer (1995-96), Intramurals at University of Bridgeport (1996-2000), with a championship in 1996, and Sportzone soccer leagues 2001-02. Coached U7-U8 teams in Dakar while in HS (1992-95), and was Assistant coach for Stonington HS Junior Varsity (1995-96). A United States Soccer Federation 'D' & 'F' licensed coach. Coached the WSA U11 Girls travel team to two back-to-back state cup finals in 2004-2005. Bamba has been coaching WSA travel team since 2002 and WSA rec clinics since 2003. Coaching in the MKS organization since 2003.



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### Alyson Panaro – U11 Girls White & U12 Girls White

Alyson grew up in Connecticut where she started playing soccer at the age of 5. At the age of 10 she began playing competitively for the Yankee United Patriots. Alyson played with The Patriots for the next 7 years, competing in tournaments all over the country and winning numerous championships, earning national recognition. Alyson also participated in the Olympic Development Program (OPD) in Connecticut and played for New Canaan High School Varsity team all 4 years where she earned all FCIAAC and all state recognition. Alyson went on to play Division I within the Atlantic 10 Conference at St. Josephs University in Philadelphia, PA. She has coached previously in both New Canaan and Fairfield. Alyson has a Master's Degree in Counseling from Fairfield University and works as both a school counselor and licensed psychotherapist. Alyson is a United States Soccer Federation 'F' licensed coach. Second year coaching in the MKS organization.

### Kerri O'Connor – U13 Girls Blue

Kerri grew up in Bethel, CT and played soccer for the BYSA and CFC organizations. She attended Pace University where she was a four-year starter and two year captain. At Pace, she was a two-time All-Conference team selection and two time NSCAA All-Region Team selection. In 2004 she was Pace University's Female Athlete of the year and received the Darrell Halloran Memorial award in 2005, given to the University's top scholar athlete. She worked as the graduate assistant soccer coach for Pace from 2005-2006. She graduated from Pace with a BA in Childhood Education and a MS in Childhood Literacy. She is currently a 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teacher in Stamford, CT and plays for the Southern CT Women's Soccer League. Kerri is a United States Soccer Federation 'F' licensed coach. Coaching in the MKS organization since 2009.

### Jennifer Christos – U14 Girls Blue

Four-year high school varsity starter. Played one year at Stonybrook College. Coached for five years at Brookfield H.S, three years as an assistant and two years as head coach. Assistant coach for the Western Connecticut College Woman's soccer team from 2005-2006. Currently President of the Southern Connecticut Woman's soccer league and active player on the Westport team. Jennifer is a United States Soccer Federation 'F' licensed coach. Coaching in the MKS organization since 2003.

## WSA BOYS TEAMS COACHING STAFF

### Kelvin Mutambo – U9 Boys Blue & U10 Boys Blue

Born in Zambia, Africa, Kelvin is married with one child. Played soccer for the Zambia National team from 1996 - 1999. Played club soccer for Zamsure FC in Zambia from 1994 – 1997, and Qatar Sporting Club in Qatar from 1997 – 1999. Kelvin was very involved in coaching in his former club, Zamsure FC. He coached in the club's youth system for three years. Kelvin has been the WSA rec program director since 2006. Coaching WSA travel teams and rec clinics since 2003. Kelvin is a United States Soccer Federation 'F' licensed coach. Coaching in the MKSE since 2003.

### Erick Romero – U9 Boys White & U10 Boys White

Erick is originally from Honduras. He moved to the United States in 2006. Playing soccer since the age of 6 is one of Erick's attributes. Beachside soccer club welcomed Erick when he was 16 years old. Carrying forward with Erick's allocates, Erick was a participating member of the 2011 under 17 state championship team, that also competed and earned championship honors at the Disney invitational national tournament. Currently, Erick is a member of the University of Bridgeport men's soccer team and has solidified his starting position on the field. He coaches the WSA U9 Boys Gold team in the spring of 2014. Erick is a United States Soccer Federation 'F' licensed coach. Erick has been coaching in the MKS soccer organization at clinics and camps since 2011.

### Alen Malicevic – U9 Boys Red & U10 Boys Red

Originally from Bosnia and Herzegovina, emigrated to Munich, Germany in 1996 where he played for Bayern Munich from 1996-1998. In 1999, he then emigrated to The United States where he played for Central High School and was honored All State, All New England, and All Conference for three consecutive years. In 2002, was elected for the Olympic Development Team, where he was coached under Bob Dikranian and earned the title of State Champion. Attended University of Bridgeport from 2002-2006, where he played for NCAA Division 2 under Brian Quinn, and earned the ECAC Championship title. Currently, President and player for NB Fanaticos CSL Soccer Team. Alen is a United States Soccer Federation 'F' licensed coach. Coaching in the MKS organization since 2012.



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### Peter Dorgai – U9 Boys Gold

Born in Hungary and brother to an All-Star Soccer player, Peter had to work hard to step out of his brother's shadow and eventually became known as a great defensive and strategic player earning him the nickname "The Bull". Playing since the age of 6, and at the league level at age 12, his hard work and determination eventually earned him a place in several leagues where he was paid to play soccer full-time. He's played on several teams that won tournaments and on two teams that won league championships in Hungary. He was also able to travel to Slovakia and Poland to play in Eastern European tournaments. Peter now plays for recreation at local football clubs and events and has a passion to pass the sport down to the next generation. He is currently a licensed **Grassroots U.S. Soccer Coach** and has trained children previously at *Roxbury Elementary School* in Stamford. He is currently pursuing a sports nutrition certificate to help athletes achieve their peak performance. When not on the Soccer field, Peter works for various Catering and Event companies as a Team Captain and Lead Bartender. He is a native of Stamford, CT and absolutely loves to go out on adventures with his 6-year-old son, Tysen, passing down a love of connecting with nature, exploring, and the great outdoors. First year coaching in the MKS organization.

### George Caseras – U9 Boys Silver

George played four years' varsity at McMahon High School in Norwalk CT. Played for Beachside (2 Years), Oakwood (1 year) and Samba (2 Years) premier teams in the CT area. Played in CT ODP (Olympic Development Program). Traveled to Italy for a tournament with USA Soccer Academy. Played for C.W POST LIU 08-09. Certified personal trainer and sports nutritionist. George is a United States Soccer Federation 'E & F' licensed coach. Coaching in the MKS organization since 2014.

### Jemay Arias – U11 Boys Blue & U12 Boys Blue

Jemay was voted Most Valuable high school player in New York City. Played four years at Fairleigh Dickinson University, Teaneck New Jersey - Team Captain Senior Year. B.S Finance 1987 / FDU Hall of Fame. Played international tournaments at Lake Cuomo Italy, Zurich Switzerland, Helsinki Finland, Gotternburg Sweden, and also played in Colombia Copa Ciudad de Pereira. Coached at Tab Ramos and Staten Island Soccer programs and summer camps. Holds a United States Soccer Federation National 'C' coaching license. Coaching in the MKS organization since 2012.

### Bardhyl Limani – U11 Boys White & U12 Boys White

Played 2<sup>nd</sup> division professional soccer in his country of Kosovo and in Switzerland. Coached youth soccer in Kosovo for boys ages U12 to U16 before coming to the United States. Since 2001 he has been a travel soccer coach in the WSA and has coached in the MKSE soccer organization in the WSA Recreation K – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade clinics. Coaching WSA travel teams since and rec clinics since 2001. Bardhyl is a UEFA 'B' & United States Soccer Federation 'F' licensed coach. Coaching in the MKS organization since 2001.

### Mario Fajardo – U11 Boys Red

Born in Ecuador, South America and married for ten years with two boys 9 years and 2 years old. Living in Bridgeport for the last 8 years and currently a real estate broker. Mario has been playing soccer since 5 years old, including youth and high school teams. Played in Ecuador for a second division team called TECNI CLUB and DEPORTIVO CUENCA SUB 16, and currently continuous to play in the local summer soccer leagues. The last 3 years Mario has helped kids in his community by volunteer coaching and last year he coached in the WSA Rec clinics both at K - 2<sup>nd</sup> grade and 3<sup>rd</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> grade and WSA Travel soccer. Mario is a United States Soccer Federation 'F' licensed coach. Coaching in the MKSE organization since 2008.

### Fabio de Oliveira – U12 Boys Red

MKSE Organization is happy to welcome Fabio to our coaching Staff. Fabio brings a wealth of knowledge from his vast playing and coaching experience. Fabio played Futsal for Universidade Bandeirantes de Sao Paulo - '05 - '09. Fabio easily transitioned into coaching and begun coaching the Varsity and Middle school Futsal in Sao Paulo, Brazil for 3 years. Upon arriving in the United States, Fabio began coaching for Everson Soccer Academy/Brazil CT - 2013 to 2015 - Summer Team, Travel Teams and Rec. Academically, Fabio holds a Bachelors in Science in Physical Education and Sport Performance. Fabio is a United States Soccer Federation 'E' & 'F' licensed coach, as well as a US Futsal License. This is Fabio's second year coaching in the MKSE Program.



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### Rodrigo Libanori – U12 Boys Gold

Rodrigo, a Danbury CT, native, grew up playing soccer at a young age. Rodrigo begin his playing career at the Danbury travel level and quickly progressed onto premier. Rodrigo went on to play for Danbury High School for 4 years, Co-Captaining the team his junior and senior year. Rodrigo had the opportunity to play for Western Connecticut University, as well as continue his education. Rodrigo has a pure passion for the game of soccer, and is excited to join the MKSE coaching staff and give back to the game he loves. Currently, Rodrigo is a United States Soccer Federation "E" & 'F' licensed coach and is working his way onto continuing his coaching education.

### Stelios Seferidis – U13 Boys Blue & U14 Boys Red

Stelios is a native of Norwalk, CT, Stelios grew up playing soccer in the local area, where he attended Fairfield Prep High School. Since 2008, Stelio has been a member of F.C. Connecticut Men's team which competes in the ASLC. Stelios has been involved in coaching for several years at the youth level, being involved with both soccer and basketball. His wealth of experience coaching young athletes and enthusiastic personality will serve him well, and we are happy to have him on our staff. Aside from his coaching responsibilities, Stelios currently works as a branch service manager of both Wilton and Norwalks First Niagara Bank. Stelios is a United States Soccer Federation 'F' licensed coach. Coaching in the MKS organization since 2014.

### Ekokobe (Kobe) Ntumbanzondo – U14 Boys Blue

Coach Kobe played 4 years for the prestigious Right to Dream Academy. Right to Dream is one of the most recognized soccer academies in the world. Soccer has always been coach Kobe's passion in life, which enabled him to showcase his talents with domestic & international professional organizations. Coach Kobe was invited to trial & train with professional academies such as: Manchester City, Philadelphia Union's first team & New York Redbulls under coach John Wolyniec. Coach Kobe was granted opportunities to trial & train overseas as well with F.C Levadia of Estonia, and F.C Capetown of South Africa. We are very pleased to welcome coach Kobe and his wealth of playing experience and knowledge of the game into our MKS Program. This will be coach Kobe's first season coaching with MKS Soccer.

### Patrick Auguste – U14 Boys White

Patrick has worked at all age groups boys and girls within the WSA for 18 years. Also, coached at the Westport YMCA for 3 – 8-year-old children. Certified in Junior Soccer Association Course, Hartford, CT. National Soccer Coaches Association of America Coaching Academy State Diploma. Has played soccer on several semi pro teams in Connecticut. Patrick has been coaching WSA travel team since 2000 and WSA rec clinics since 2003. Patrick is a United States Soccer Federation 'F' licensed coach. Coaching in the MKS organization since 2003.