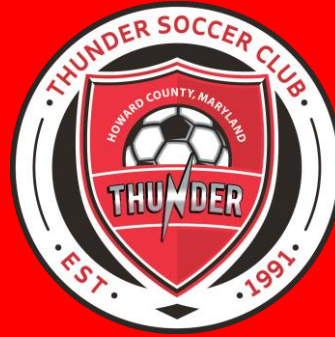


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“Playing in College”
College Soccer Recruiting Process

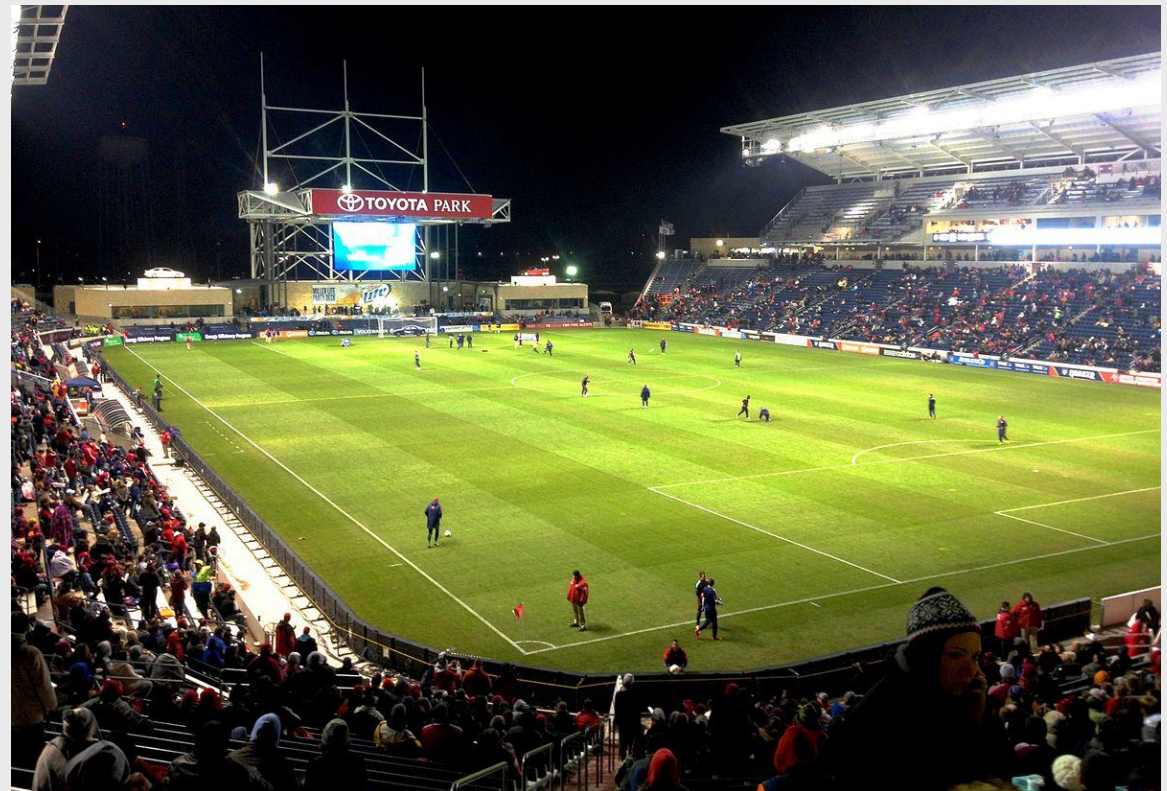


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Identifying Schools

Key Considerations:

- Academics
- Size
- Location



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College Programs

Men's Soccer	Women's Soccer
NCAA Division 1: 205	NCAA Division 1: 333
NCAA Division 2: 214	NCAA Division 2: 265
NCAA Division 3: 415	NCAA Division 3: 440
NAIA: 188	NAIA: 188
NJCAA: 217	NJCAA: 181
Total: 1,239	Total: 1,407

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Soccer Considerations

- What are your goals as a player?
- What Division is the soccer program you're considering?
- What's the team record and ambition?
- What is their roster size?
- Style of play?
- How will team composition be impacted by graduating seniors and returning players?
- What competition exists for playing time in your position?

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Academics

- GPA Requirements
- SAT/ACT Requirements
- Core Course Requirements
- NCAA Eligibility Center (NCAA D1 and D2 athletes must register)



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Student-Athlete Participation

- NCAA Division I 176,000 athletes
- NCAA Division II 118,000 athletes
- NCAA Division III 188,000 athletes
- NAIA 50,000 athletes
- NJCAA 36,000 athletes
- High School 7,980,886 athletes

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Student Profiles Samples

Russell James

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EDUCATION

Hans Williams Prep, Bridgeton, WA
IB Diploma (Graduation: May 2019)

GPA: 3.93/4.0 | Class Rank: 3rd

- STEM Coursework: IB Math HL, AP Calculus BC, AP Chemistry, IB Physics, Web Design, MS Suite, Honors Biology
- Humanities Coursework: IB Economics HL, IB English HL, IB History HL, IB Spanish, AP US Government, AP US History, AP World History, AP Human Geography, IB Theory of Knowledge, Professional Communications
- Arts Coursework: IB Theatre, Advanced Band (Trumpet)

Speller Community College, Red Bank, WA

College-Credit Courses: General Psychology & Public Speaking, June 2018

GPA: 4.0/4.0

AWARDS & ACHIEVEMENTS

- DECA International Qualifier for Entrepreneurship
- DECA State Finalist for Entrepreneurship
- PSAT National Merit Finalist
- AP Scholar with Distinction
- Eagle Scout Rank
- President's Gold Volunteer Service Award (2x)
- President's Silver Volunteer Service Award (1x)
- CBE Innovative Solutions Challenge, 1st place
- Coca-Cola Scholar Semifinalist (2,000/97,000)
- National Honors Society
- Mu Alpha Theta Math Honors Society
- Sociedad Honoraria Hispánica
- Varsity Letters- Cross Country, Track, Swim, Dance

LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

DECA, Hans Williams Prep

Executive Vice President, May 2018 - Present

Associate Vice President, August 2017 - May 2018

Member, August 2015 - August 2017

- International Qualifier, State Finalist, and District Finalist in Entrepreneurship Series
- Trained 7 members in 2017-2018 with 100% State Qualification rate; Training 15 members for 2018-2019 by teaching presentation skills and test strategies
- Designed curricula for Entrepreneurship Series and Business Administration competitions including business analytics, finance, corporate law, emotional intelligence, systems operations, and strategic management
- Developed strategic fundraising and recruitment campaigns that raised \$1200 in one year and increased membership from 6 to 40 members over two years

Boy Scouts of America, Bridgeton, WA

Senior Patrol Leader (SPL), April 2017 - October 2017

Quartermaster, April 2016 - October 2016

Patrol Leader, October 2014 - April 2015

Bugler, April 2014 - October 2014

Member, February 2009 - present

- Received 2 Gold & 1 Silver Volunteer Service Awards from the President of the United States for over 500 hours of community service over 4 years

SUE SMITH

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Profile – High School senior skilled in athletics and working with children in sports-related activities. Dependable and mature; seeking admission to a college where I can study Sports Medicine.

Education

HS Diploma: Graduation Date - June 2011 from NC High School, Fairfield, CT

GPA: 3.6 **SAT:** Critical Reasoning - 620 Math - 540 Writing – 560

AP Courses Completed: English, Biology, U.S. History

Honors and Awards

- High School Honor Roll (2006-Present)
- High School Coaches Association Award (2008)
- Varsity Indoor Track (2008- 2009)
- Varsity Lacrosse (2007-2009)
- All Conference Lacrosse (2008)
- All Conference Academic (all sports 2006-Present)

Extracurricular Activities

- Varsity Swim Team (2005-2008, Captain 2009); YMCA Swim Team (2005-2007)
- Varsity Indoor Track - Sprinter (2008- Present)
- Lacrosse Varsity (2007-09); Captain (2008-Present)
- Key Club Participant (2007-Present)

Community Service

- Teacher's Assistant - Physics/Science teacher (2008-2009)
- Relay for Life - Organized events for three years (2007-Present)
- Big Brother/ Big Sister - Coordinated afterschool activities- JR Middle School (2008-Present)
- Brookfield Youth Lacrosse Clinic - trained techniques to 8-10 year olds (2008)

Employment

- Lifeguard/Instructor – Lake Town Park, Stamford, CT (2007-Present)
- Lifeguard/Swim Instructor, Green View, YMCA, Fairfield, CT (2007-Present)
- Cashier, TJ Maxx, Fairfield, CT (2006-2008)
- Soccer Referee, YMCA, Fairfield CT (2004-2007)

Additional Training: Red Cross CPR/AED Certification, Waterfront Lifeguard, Certified Soccer Referee

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NCAA Academic Requirements

Division 1	Division 2
4 years of English	3 years of English
3 years of math (Algebra 1 or higher)	2 years of math (Algebra 1 or higher)
2 years of natural or physical science (including one lab science course if offered)	2 years of natural or physical science (including one lab science course if offered)
1 extra year of English, math or science	3 extra years of English, math or science
2 years of social science	2 years of social science
4 years additional years of English, math, natural/physical science, foreign language, comparative religion or philosophy	4 years additional years of English, math, natural/physical science, foreign language, comparative religion or philosophy

Go to ncaa.org/student-athletes for full details

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Paying for College

- Athletic Scholarships (not available at NCAA D3)
- Academic Scholarships
- Need Based Financial Aid
- Student Loans



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Soccer Scholarship Opportunities

- Division I (per school) 9.9
- Division II (per school) 9
- NAIA 12
- NJCAA varies

**Scholarships can be given as full or divided into partial offers*

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Other Forms of Aid

- Pell Grants—Federal grants given on a need basis; does not need to be repaid
- Other Need based Grants—Speak to your guidance counselor for a full list of resources and you can also look at mhec.Maryland.gov for Maryland options
- Student Loans

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Recruiting:

- Who do you play for?
- Where and when do you play?
- What is your GPA?
- What are your test scores?

Key Areas of Analysis:

- Technical
- Tactical
- Physical
- Psychological



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Player Identification

Five major arenas:

- Club Soccer Leagues
- Major club tournaments
- Regional Olympic Development Events
- High School Soccer
- College Camps

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Contacting Schools

- Email
- Phone Calls
- Player Portfolio/Profiles
- Video



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Roadmap for Success

Freshman Year

- Get the best grades you can. Freshman year counts!
- Meet with a counselor to discuss NCAA requirements and develop a four year plan.
- Take honors courses if possible.
- Perform community service: volunteer at a food bank, homeless shelter, Habitat for Humanity, etc
- Take soccer seriously. Be professional in your approach to the game on and off the field.

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Roadmap for Success

Sophomore Year

- Focus on Grades
- Take honors and AP courses when possible
- Meet with counselor and track NCAA requirements
- Take PSAT, practice SAT and ACT
- Research colleges
- Create an introduction letter/email for schools
- Be visible to college coaches. Talk with your coach about attending specific tournaments to encourage exposure.
- Attend college camps

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Roadmap for Success

Junior Year

- Grades are the most important factor of your academic profile
- Take SAT, ACT and AP tests offered throughout the year
- Consider a test prep course to boost your SAT/ACT score
- Understand school soccer/academic requirements
- Visit schools
- Send emails, online profile, letters of introduction with soccer profiles
 - *Depending on which division, coaches cannot contact athletes until June 15 of sophomore year*
- Consider making a video
- Consider attending summer college camps

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Roadmap for Success

Senior Year

- Ensure you meet the NCAA requirements
- Retake SAT's or ACT's if necessary
- After June 15 you may receive calls from college coaches, and you can take your 5 official visits. Only the most sought-after players receive this attention
- Submit applications for the schools you're most interested in
- Keep your grades up
- If you are accepted, finalize paperwork and Letters of Intent following NCAA regulations