



## Senior Staff

### **Jaime Pagliarulo**, Director of Sport and Leadership Curriculum Development and Director of Staffing

A former Assistant Coach at Arizona State University, Jaime played goalkeeper for three seasons for the WUSA's San Diego Spirit, has 3 three caps with the full US Women's National Team 2001. As a member of the U.S. Under-20 National Team pool from 1993-97, she played in two U-20 Nordic Cups in Germany and Sweden. Jaime was a three-time All-American at George Mason University.

Jaime splits time between two schools in the Chandler School District in Arizona as a high school PE teacher and a behavior specialist for an Elementary School. She has been involved with the Legacy/RSL-AZ soccer club for 15 years and is currently serving as the Director of Recreational Training, Coordinator of the Lil' Real program, and the club Leadership Coach.

She enjoys volunteering her time at elementary schools and running leadership/service programs for 4th and 5th graders.

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### **Carolyn Conforti-Browse**, Director of Leadership Curriculum

Carolyn is an English teacher, Director of Leadership Programs, and Dean of New Faculty at the Blair Academy. She has coached softball for 25 years including a brief stint as an assistant coach for the Belgian National U16 team. Carolyn has been named Prep Coach of the Year several times (Star Ledger, NJ Herald, Eastern Prop), but her favorite award would be the homemade one sent to her by former students which read: "MVP- To the person most likely to be called during times of triumph or tragedy." Carolyn is a member of the NFCA and a two-star coach. She and her husband, Latta Browse, have two kids, Tyler and Annelies.

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### **Sarah Strickland**, Senior Staff Leader and Coach

Sarah has been at the helm of the Appalachian State University women's soccer program since 2010. To date - she has amassed over 16 years of coaching experience at the club, collegiate and national levels. Before leading App. State Sarah was an assistant coach at Mississippi State. She began her coaching career on the collegiate level as an assistant coach at Troy University in 1998 and served as the program's interim head coach during the 1999 offseason. From there, she moved on to Auburn University at Montgomery, where she was an assistant on the men's and women's staffs from 1999-2000.

On the national level, Sarah is a United States Soccer Federation "B" licensed coach and served on the staff of the U-14 national program in 2001. She also coached for the Alabama Olympics Development Program boys' and girls' programs from 1998-2002 and the Mississippi ODP girls' in 2009.

Sarah was a three-year letter winner at George Mason, where she helped lead the Patriots to back-to-back NCAA Tournament appearances in 1996 and 1997, making it as far as the Sweet 16 in '97.

Sarah was a three-time Colonial Athletic Association Commissioner's Academic Award winner and graduated from George Mason University with a B.A. in psychology in 1998. She earned a M.S. in foundations of education from Troy in 1999. Sarah and her husband Jimmy (an athletic trainer for field hockey and wrestling at Appalachian) have three children: Kelsey, Bo, and Will.

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**Dr. Melissa Price, Senior Staff Leader and Coach**

Melissa 'Missy' Price was named Head Soccer Coach and PERA Assistant Professor of the Practice at Wellesley College during the summer of 2016 and has led the Blue to a NEWMAC postseason appearances. Missy came to Wellesley following six seasons as the Head Women's Soccer Coach at the University of Nevada.

Missy, who holds a NSCAA Premier Diploma and a United States Soccer Federation 'A' coaching license, earned her Doctorate of Philosophy in Education in Sport Psychology, with a specialization in leadership and life skill development from the University of Virginia (UVA) in 2010. A 1997 graduate of the University of Maryland with a degree in kinesiology. She also earned a master's degree in sport and exercise psychology from UVA in 1999. Missy played collegiately as a goalkeeper at Maryland from 1993-1997, leading the Terrapins to two NCAA quarterfinal appearances.

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**Kate McArthur, Senior Staff Leader and Coach**

Kate joined the CSU Bakersfield women's soccer coaching staff in spring of 2018. McArthur was the head coach at Millikin University in Decatur, Ill. for four seasons (2014-17). She helped turn the Big Blue around, leading the squad to an 8-8-1 record in 2016, its best performance since 2010. Before Millikin, Kate was the Associate Head Coach at Waldorf University in Forest City, Iowa. The squad went 4-14 in her first year but finished 9-9-1 at the end of her third and last season with the Warriors.

Kate got her collegiate coaching start at Bemidji State in Minnesota, where she was an assistant coach. She was also a Club Trainer for the Valley Soccer Academy in West Virginia. She holds an NSCAA Advanced National Diploma and an NSCAA Goalkeeper 1 and 2 License.

Before earning a Master of Science in Sport Studies from Bemidji State, Kate graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Physical Education from Davis and Elkins College. While playing at D&E, she earned All-Conference honors three times and was named the West Virginia Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Rookie of the Year in 2005.

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**Samantha Snow, Senior Staff Leader and Coach**

Sam coached ten years of college soccer, seven as a head coach, before becoming Director of Bluesprings Youth Soccer and Liberty Soccer Clubs. Sam is a Coaching Instructor for US Soccer Federation and for United Soccer Coaches. She has an "A" License, Goalkeeper License, and Instructor's License from US Soccer and a Premier Diploma from United Soccer Coaches. Sam has coached ODP Soccer for Georgia, West Virginia, and Colorado and was a Regional Staff Coach for Region 1. In 2014, Sam was named one of the Top 30 Coaches Under 30 Years by the NSCAA (now United Soccer Coaches) and was named one of the Top 50 Coaches in 50 Years by Georgia State Soccer Association in 2018.

Sam is currently the Chair of United Soccer Coaches Women's Advocacy Group and also serves with the Disabilities and Allies Advocacy Group.

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**Winnie Orbe, Senior Staff Leader and Coach**

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**Marnie McNany**, Director of Public Relations for the JFSLA and JFSC

Marnie played field hockey and lacrosse for 4 years at Middlebury and then coached at Connecticut College for 2 years. Marnie worked at Blair Academy as an Ass't AD and English teacher, where she met Todd and Carolyn. She then left for Montclair Kimberley Academy to teach and coach. Marnie and Ryan and they have three adorable kids who created the McNany tradition of soccer that their mother did not participate in! But there is still hope for Marnie...

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**Katie Eldridge**, Director of Academy Operations, Curriculum, and Social Media

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**Sarah Walter**, Director of Academy Operations and Curriculum

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**Dr. Colleen Hacker**, Leadership Consultant

Dr. Colleen Hacker is an internationally recognized authority on the psychology of peak performance and Sports Psychology Consultant. She has served as the Sport Psychology Consultant to the Women's U.S. National Soccer Team since 1996. During her tenure, The National Team won a Gold Medal at the 1996 Olympic Games, the 1998 Goodwill Games and the 1999 World Cup. Named as an Assistant Coach in 2000, Dr. Hacker helped lead the National Team to a Silver Medal at the Sydney Olympic Games and a third-place finish in the 2003 World Championships. The team won a Gold Medal in the 2004 Olympic Games in Athens, Greece. The United States is the only country in the world to finish in the top three of every major world championship in soccer history.

In addition to her work with the National Soccer Team, Dr. Hacker works with professional, international and Olympic athletes in a variety of sports. Her strategies for peak performance are sought by corporations, business groups, professional sport teams, civic organizations and both print and television media. With more than 20 years of experience in higher education, she is currently a professor and an Assistant Dean at Pacific Lutheran University in Tacoma, Washington. Dr. Hacker has conducted extensive, applied research in the field of sport psychology with particular emphasis on peak performance, cohesion, leadership and performance success and moral development in sport. Dr. Hacker received her Bachelor of Science degree in Health and Physical Education from Lock Haven University (PA). She earned her master's degree in Exercise and Sports Science at the University of Arizona and received her Ph.D. in Exercise and Movement Science from the University of Oregon in 1992.

#### **JFSLA Team Building Exercises with Dr Hacker**

Dr. Hacker has received numerous professional awards including the Faculty Excellence in Teaching Award (the highest teaching honor awarded by the University), the National Association of Girls and Women in Sport Pathfinder Award, the National Association of Sport and Physical Education Inspiration Award, the President Medal from Pacific Lutheran University, the American Psychological Association's Presidential Citation, the National Soccer Coaches Association of America Letter of Commendation, and the National Award of Excellence, to name a few. She is a member of the Advisory Panel for the Center for Sport Parenting through the Institute for International Sport, Club Life Magazine, the NSCAA National Coaching Staff, and has served on the United States Olympic Committee Performance Enhancement Team.

#### **JFSLA Evening Debrief and Leadership Presentation**

Much in demand as a speaker and consultant, Dr. Hacker has worked with corporations such as Morgan Stanley, NIKE, S.C. Johnson Company, MTV, Infinity Broadcasting, Lutheran Brotherhood Insurance Company, The New Yorker Magazine, Citadel Broadcasting, Conde Nast, Million Dollar Round Table, GLAMOUR, Parent's Magazine, House and Garden, Franciscan Health Care Systems, Better Homes and Gardens, Women's Sports and Fitness as well as civic groups such as the Girl Scouts of America and the YMCA. She has published widely in professional journals and books. Her work has been featured in Jere Longman's book, *Girls of Summer*, Lauren Gregg's *The Champion Within*, Michelle Akers' book, *The Game and The Glory*, and Brandi Chastain's *It's Not About the Bra*. Articles about Dr. Hacker's work have appeared

in *Newsweek*, *USA Today*, *Sports Illustrated*, *The APA Monitor*, *The New York Times*, and *The Washington Post*, among others. Dr. Hacker has been featured on national television outlets including CNN, FOX, ESPN, Discovery Channel, and Extra. Her book, *Catch Them Being Good* (Penguin Books and Viking Press) a collaboration with champion soccer coach Tony DiCicco, was released in 2002.

Dr. Hacker's insights into topics such as the psychology of peak performance, the power of choice, team building, leadership, and the "secret of the slight edge" strike a chord with organizations and corporate audiences across the world.

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## Founders

### **Julie Foudy**, Director of ALL THINGS AND ALL PEOPLE

More information on Julie Foudy can be found on our Directors page, but rest assured, she has amazing dance moves, makes killer pancakes, and loves to do anything outside with her family and dog, Swaggy.

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### **Todd Smith**, Co-founder of JFSLA and Director of Academy Development

Todd attended Lafayette College, B.A.; Lehigh University, M.Ed and is the current Athletic Director at Montclair Kimberley Academy (MKA) in Montclair, New Jersey. Prior to MKA in 2000, Todd served as the Associate Dean of Admissions and Director of Alumni Relations at Blair Academy. He is a music aficionado and consistently "best dressed" staff member -- without Todd there would be no JFSLA.

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### **Kerri McClellan**, Co-founder of JFSLA and Director of Development and Scholarships

Attended University of California Berkeley, B.A. Kerri and Julie grew up playing soccer together (from the age of 7) for the Mission Viejo Soccerettes (Go Green Machine!). Kerri is married to Edson McClellan, co-founder of the JFSLA as well. Kerri wears many hats, and very well we might add! First and foremost, she wears the hat of MOTHER to three adorable daughters. Kerri runs the Julie Foudy Leadership Foundation and also helps the JFSLA behind the scenes on a daily basis. On "the side" she has run duathlons in record times and was part of team USA.

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### **Edson McClellan**, Co-founder of JFSLA and Academy Legal Counsel

Attended University of Pennsylvania, B.A.; University of San Diego, JD. Edson grew up in New Jersey. In fact, he grew up on the campus of one of our JFSLA locations, the Peddie School. Edson, a lawyer in Southern California, and Kerri are the link that brought us all together. Todd and Edson have known each other for years. Edson and Kerri introduced us to Todd in 2004....and on that day the idea behind the JFSLA became a REALITY!

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### **Ian Sawyers**, Co-founder of JFSLA and Academy Vice President

Ian is a coach and mentor through and through. Former General Manager and Head Coach of the WUSA San Jose Cyberrays and the 2001 WUSA coach of the year after leading the Cyberrays to the Inaugural WUSA Championship, Ian is also a former Head Coach of Stanford University Women's Soccer Program, US Women's Amateur National Championship winner, and USYSA National Championship winner. He holds a US Soccer "A" License.