

United Soccer Alliance of Indiana 2021 Annual Awards For Immediate Release December 17, 2021

(Indianapolis, IN) It takes countless hours of devoted volunteers, coaches, and staff to operate USA of Indiana, one of Indiana's largest youth development soccer clubs. United Soccer Alliance of Indiana is grateful to have the best parent volunteers, coaches, and managers. Each year, a few folks go so far above and beyond expectations, we take a moment to recognize their accomplishments. Will you please help congratulate the USA OF INDIANA 2021 Annual Recognition Award Winners?

Thank you
Thomas Geisse
President
USA of Indiana

USA of Indiana 2021 Recognition Awards

Administrator of the Year Pam Suchecki

Volunteer of the Year Cary Wagner

Volunteers of the Year (non-Coach, non-Team Manager, non-Board member)

Jennifer Ford, 2008B Brownsburg Red

Michelle Doan, 2008B Brownsburg Red

Recreation League Coach of the Year Hendricks County Division

Hugh Stoudt

Matthew & Brandi Freije

Recreation League Coach of the Year Pike Township Division

Alexa Beltz

Leah Einterz

Recreation League Team Manager of the Year Rosa Akaydin

Rec Plus Coach of the Year

Victor Doe with Ousmane Bah

Eric Thompson

Boys Travel Team Manager of the Year

Chuck Bruna, 2010B Silver & 2010B Red teams

Veronica Cruz, 2008B Silver

Girls Travel Team Manager of the Year

Gina Weaver, 2011G Silver

Tosha Baskin, 2011G Red

Boys Travel Coach of the Year Phil Miceli, 2007B Silver & 2007B Red teams

Girls Travel Coach of the Year

James Devis, 2010G Brownsburg

Shane Chualas, 2011G Silver & 2011G Red teams

Newly Licensed Young Referee of the Year Nicholas Wagner

Young Referee of the Year Jack Wagner, Corey Dumes, Mohammed Matar, Madelyn Pearson

Adult Referee of the Year Cary Wagner

Jennifer Ford, 2008B Brownsburg Red, and Michelle Doan, 2008B Brownsburg Red, are USAI Volunteers of the Year. Jennifer Ford and Michelle Doan each worked over 30 volunteer hours in the Fall 2021 season! They were a constant presence at the many Fall field days and helped the Club prepare the fields for the Fall tournaments. This dedication improved the experience for our families and the 1000s of visitors to USAI-Indy Parks facilities. Great job Jennifer and Michelle for all your extra efforts.



Cary Wagner is USAI Administrator of the Year. Coach Wagner's contributions to the ongoing improvement of the Club are huge. Cary is a long serving member of the United Soccer Alliance of Indiana Board of Directors. Coach Wagner has coached numerous Recreation and Rec Plus teams over the years, including 2021 Pike Rec Plus team with his son. The players routinely return season after season because of the fun learning experience to be had on a team coached by Cary Wagner. Referee Cary Wagner is a long-time licensed Referee and can often be found at USAI Fields referring a Recreation U12 game or a travel or Rec Plus game. Often Cary will then stay to mentor young referees on how to improve. Often one can see a 3 man all Wagner referee crew as sons Christopher, Jack, and Nicholas are also licensed referees. Manager Cary Wagner is the long-time travel team manager for the 2005B age group and is the driving force behind forming and keeping the teams together year after year. Often the 2005B teams are at the top of the Club's volunteerism and often this is partially due to Cary himself working 12-hour days during the Club's 3 tournaments. Cary is the creator and founder of the season ending USAI Community Recreation League's All Star game. Cary, you are appreciated.



Pamela Suchecki is USA OF INDIANA Volunteer of the Year. As a member of the USA of Indiana Board of Directors, Pam Suchecki already puts in significant volunteer time devoted to leadership and guidance for the Club. In 2021, with most of the administrative staff in transition, Pam stepped in to provide considerable help with the organization of both seasons of USAI Grassroots Community Recreation League to ensure that teams, coaches, and players were well organized and were able to experience a fun season. Pam was also an invaluable second site Director for the successful Indy Fusion Fall Classic 2021. Thank you, Pam.



Rosa Akaydin is USAI Recreation League Team Manager of the Year. Team Manager Rosa can be found each Saturday during Recreation League games organizing her children's games often with a newborn on her hip. Each season Manager Rosa lists several ways USAI Rec Program can improve and more often than not her ideas for improvement are implemented.



Hugh Stoudt is USAI Recreation Hendricks Division Coach of the Year, a long-time USAI Hendricks Division Recreation Commissioner, and devotes countless hours each season to ensure each Coach has his/her roster and all coaching supplies ready before each season. In addition, Coach Hugh is present at the USAI Avon Soccer Complex each night helping Coaches organize and run training sessions. Coach Hugh often coaches both a Rec team and a Rec Plus team each season. In addition, Coach Hugh ran free professional indoor Rec Plus training sessions January-March, 2021.



Matthew & Brandi Freije are USAI Recreation Hendricks Division Coaches of the Year. Coach Matt and Coach Brandi stepped up to coach THREE USAI Hendricks Avon Rec teams, each with one of their children (or 2). Coach Matt and Brandi coached recreational Hendricks teams for U6, U10 & U12 during the fall season. They create a fun, positive learning environment for all of the players. Thank you for your good efforts Coach Matt and Coach Brandi!



Leah Einterz is USAI Recreation Pike Division Coach of the Year and ran amazing, high energy training sessions for the Spring '21 Pike 2015 Rapids team. Coach Leah prepared and held such fun training sessions that other players wanted to join in the fun. Leah creating a fun atmosphere for each player resulted in nearly full attendance at each training session and game. Fabulous Coach Leah!



Alexa Beltz is USAI Recreation Pike Division Coach of the Year and stepped up to coach during a year that saw a significant number of longtime coaches sit out the season. Upon learning during the Avon Academy Night that the Pike division of her daughter's age needed Fall 2021 coaches, Coach Alexa stepped up and volunteered to move her daughter and her coaching assignment to Pike Division even though she lives in Hendricks County. Coach Beltz runs fun training sessions for her players and they are always smiling on Saturday mornings during their games. Great job Coach Alexa!



Victor Doe with Osmane Bah assistant coach are USAI Rec Plus Division Coaches of the Year. Coach Victor and Coach Bah coached the USAI+ 2007 Pike United to 1st place in the 15U division at the WCSSF League Fall Tournament. Coach Doe and Bah are extremely committed to their players. They are willing to learn new coaching ideas and implement them within their team. Parents love Coach Doe's style of coaching and players return year after year. Good job Coach Victor and Coach Osmane.



Eric Thompson is USAI Rec Plus Division Coach of the Year. Coach Eric coaches the USAI+ 2010 Pike Glory and is very passionate about teaching the game and doing it the right way. Coach Thompson runs well organized training sessions and that organization can be seen during games. He uses visual cues in the game to help players learn within the moment. Coach Thompson offers free training sessions in the winter to players for players who wish to continue to grow and develop. Thank you for all you do Coach Eric.



Scott Michalski is USAI Rec Plus Division Coach of the Year Hendricks County Division. Coach Michalski is a long time Rec and Rec Plus coach and does a great job each season with the team. Scott is also a licensed Referee and often can be seen officiating a Rec game and changing into his coaching gear for the next game. Thank you Coach Scott.



Nate Miller is USAI Recreation and Rec Plus Coach of the Year. Coach Miller coached both a U7 Rec and a U12 Rec Plus team Fall 2021. Coach Miller brings his ideas of how to improve the soccer experience for players, parents and coaches to the Club. Coach Miller is organized for games and training sessions. Player enjoy his calm cool demeanor on the sidelines. Good job Coach Nate.



USA OF INDIANA Travel Boys Team Manager of the Year is Chuck Bruna. Chuck, alongside Coach Kunda, pulled together a relatively new group of players, created a fantastic team environment that includes a significant increase in volunteerism from previous years, a solid showing in Indiana Soccer League play. Most coaches and parents understand Classic Travel just doesn't work without a great Team Manager. During tournaments, one can find Chuck helping run the Headquarters Tent. Thank you, Chuck, for all your efforts!



USA OF INDIANA Travel Boys Team Manager of the Year is Veronica Cruz. She and Coach Jose Molina reorganized the 2008B Silver team. Manager Veronica provides great support to her families and players. Veronica is a first-time manager with the team and has worked nonstop. She has helped build the team up by communicating with new players, to make sure they accept their roster spots and pay the deposit. She has had meetings with parents on fields and gone through the registration process with them and also collected tuition on a regular basis. We are thankful for

Veronica's effort.



USAI Girls Travel Team Managers of the Year is Gina Weaver, 2011G Silver and Tosha Baskin, 2011G Red. Gina Weaver and Tosha Baskin manage the two 2011G teams. They create a fantastic environment of teamwork and support for the families and players. The 2011G teams are always near the top of volunteering during tournaments and field days. Thank you, Gina, and Tosha for all you do!



Phil Miceli is USAI Boys Travel Coach of the Year. Coach Phil creates a challenging, positive learning environment for the 2007 Boys age group. Coach Miceli's welcoming presence and positive environment serve as an example for how to build a team for success. Coach Phil is also active in ensuring his teams help off the field too. He and Assistant Coach Jason Ransberger brought both teams to volunteer in force on Field Days at Mary & John Geisse Soccer Complex and Eagles Crest. Thank you for all your efforts, Coach Phil Miceli and Coach Jason Ransberger.



James Devis is USAI Girls Travel Coach of the Year. Coach Devis is a joy to watch as he coaches games and runs organized, productive training sessions. The energy and positivity he brings to the team is terrific. The players are always smiling and having fun. Coach Devis creates a positive team environment in which players may excel. He also helped organize the Brownsburg Field Days to ensure the fields and facility were in prime shape for the Fall Season and Indy Fusion Fall Classic. The positive atmosphere created by Coach Devis is what we strive for at USA of Indiana. Thank you, Coach Devis!



Shane Chualas is USAI Girls Travel Coach of the Year. Coach Shane started coaching in the USAI Recreation league and was recognized last year as USA of Indiana Recreation League Coach of the Year. Coach Shane has been a leader within the Recreation League coaching ranks for several years, and this year made the move to the Travel Coaching Staff. Coach Shane is prepared for his training sessions with new skills and lessons each week, is always organized and communicative, and helps each player feel like a contributor on the team. He creates a fun, positive atmosphere for players to grow and develop. In addition, Coach Shane conducts training for the USA of Indiana Junior Referee Development Program each season, significantly improving the training our young referees receive. We look forward to watching Coach Shane's continued

growth in his coaching career. Last weekend, Coach Chualas earned the prestigious United Soccer Coaches National Youth Diploma! Thank you, Coach Shane.

Nicholas Wagner is USAI Newly Licensed Young Referee of the Year. Jack Wagner, Corey Dumes, Mohammed Matar, Madelyn Pearson are USAI Youth Referees of the Year. Good job young Referees Nicholas Wagner, Jack Wagner, Corey Dumex, Mohammed Matar, Madelyn Pearson! The Saturday Recreation games are better and more fun because of you! Picture: Madelyn Pearson.



Cary Wagner is USAI Adult Referee of the Year. Cary is a licensed referee and one can often find him refereeing Recreation games on Saturday mornings and then officiating additional USAI travel and Rec Plus games in the afternoon. Cary is a wonderful referee that holds his fellow referees to the highest standards. Thank you, Cary, for doing such a wonderful job and setting an example for young players and referees. Pictured: Wagner family with USAI Referee Cary, Referee Christopher, Referee Nicholas, Referee Jack; with Soccer Mom & Assistant Coach Carol.



Notable Field Day by USAI Brownsburg Travel Division

Coaches James Devis & Shannon Emberton, Lindston Lindberg & Neil Davis, Jason Rich, Andy Barnes, Martin Guise, & Kristen Zemke; and Team Managers Rachel Rich, Brian & Laura Collier; led the group of USAI Brownsburg travel parents to a robust Fall 2021 Field Day with over 40 parent and player volunteers!! Together, these teams have taken proud ownership of USA of Indiana Brownsburg Soccer Complex, putting in countless hours of volunteer effort to make noticeable improvements to the facilities. In addition to a herculean Field Day effort, several of the Brownsburg teams were at the top of the list for volunteerism at USAI hosted tournaments! We are thankful for the leadership provided by coaches and Team Managers Rachel Rich and Brian Collier to welcome families into the fabulous engaged and hardworking group, devoted to the overall improvement of Club events and facilities that will benefit players for years to come. The Brownsburg travel teams are good examples of great results when like-minded parents, like-minded players, and like-minded coaches come together on behalf of the players and their families.



Notable Top Travel Team Volunteerism

Top teams for Indy Pike Fest 2021

2011B Brownsburg Red with Jason Rich & Rachel Rich
2008B Brownsburg Blue with Lindston Lindberg, Neil Davis & Brian & Laura Collier.

Top teams for the 18 (!) Fall 2021 Field Days

2013G Silver with Jasmine Moses & Melissa Fritz & Allison Lowery (200% of parent shifts worked!)

2008B Brownsburg Red with Jason & Rachel Rich (150% of parent shifts worked!)

2010G Brownsburg with James Devis & Shannon Emberton (140% of parent shifts worked!)



Top teams for Indy Fusion Fall Classic 2021

2005B Silver with Bisher Birany & Cary Wagner (93% of parent shifts worked, with extraordinary (24 hours) worked by Tea, Manager Cary Wagner.

2006B Red with Jeff & Angie Jackson (91% of parent shifts worked, with extraordinary (24 hours) worked by Coach Jeff Jackson and Team Manager Angie Jackson.

2008B Brownsburg Red with Jason & Rachel Rich (81% of parent shifts worked).

Top teams for Indy Burn Cup 2021

2008B Brownsburg Red with Jason & Rachel Rich (107% of parent shifts worked).

2005B Elite Silver with Cary Wagner (104% of parent shifts worked).

2007B Silver with Dan Newberry & Jasmin Bankhead (93% of parent shifts worked).