



## **For Immediate Release**

### ***16 COQUITLAM METRO-FORD U18 PLAYERS WILL MOVE INTO UNIVERSITY VARSITY PLAY FOR 2019***

Building on the club's reputation as a developer of young talent, 16 players from the BCSPL girls and boys U18 teams are ready to graduate and make their way into varsity play at universities across North America.

The girls team sees two of its standouts move onto the top tier of NCAA Division 1 play. Former U15 Canadian National Team member, Julia KostECKi, moves to Texas to play for perennial Conference USA title contender, Rice University. KostECKi will be anchoring the Owls back-line with fellow Metro-Ford alum Ziyana Samanani who begins her 2<sup>nd</sup> season at the Houston based campus. Tannis McKay travels across the country to join the reigning Big South Conference Champions, Radford University. The striker will bring her attacking skills to the Highlanders mountain campus as they make a run to return to the NCAA play-offs. Midfielder Valerie Silva takes her talents up the hill to be part of a talented Simon Fraser University Clansmen program, competing in NCAA Division 2 play.

Five girls will move into Canada's top league, U-Sports. Sierra Burrows moves into Alberta's Rocky Mountain region to be part of the University of Lethbridge Pronghorns. Solaine Saskamoose will bring her savvy to Kamloops entering the Thompson Rivers Wolfpack squad. Luisa Rodriguez's skills have been gained by the Kelowna based UBC-Okanagan Heat. Jenna Mele and Halle McCambley will see their teammates in future Pac West competition as they commute east to the University of Fraser Valley to run with the Cascades team.

Joining in the CCAA league will be Eden Waring-Jones who joins a growing list of Metro Ford alumni with the Capilano University Blues program. Elisha Machado & Taylor Spong will become Royals as they suit up for Douglas College.

Five club boys will bring their skills to post-secondary play. Centre-Mid Joshua Caldwell flies into Ontario to be part of the Warriors program at the University of Waterloo. Christian Comuzzi will join the highly ranked Simon Fraser Clansmen program as they consistently battle for NCAA division 2 trophies. Marcus Tjernagel will become a Spartan at the Langley based Trinity Western University. Sam Bastow relocates his defensive talents to Kelowna joining the UBC-Okanagan Heat. Goalkeeper Jacob McCall will guard the pipes for the Douglas College Royals.

The Coquitlam Metro-Ford Soccer Club is proud of all our graduating players and their families for their time and efforts representing us in provincial, national, and international competition.