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ANTONOPLOS TO LEAD FREDERICKSBURG FC 2011 BOYS RED TEAM

FREDERICKSBURG, Va. (Monday, June 24, 2019)—Fredericksburg FC would like to announce James Antonoplos as the new 2011 Boys Red head coach after working with multiple teams since joining the club.

Antonoplos is a Havre de Grace, Md., native currently residing in Fredericksburg. He's a 2017 graduate of Saint Vincent College with a bachelor's degree in mathematics.

The 24-year old began coaching with FFC in the Spring of 2018 as a coach in the Recreation Program. He then became a staff coach with the club's travel program, while also stepping in as head coach of the club's 2007 Boys Red team in Fall 2018. This past Spring, he also coached goalkeepers at Massaponax High School. Antonoplos does not currently hold any coaching licenses, but will be looking into furthering his coaching education through the various options available, including seeking a U.S. Soccer Grassroots License in the near future.



Coach James' playing career included stints as a youth with Delaware ODP and Pipeline SC (Md.). He then moved on to play collegiately at Mount Aloysius College (Cresson, Pa.) and Saint Vincent College (Latrobe, Pa.).

"My goal is to teach the kids of the club the game of soccer and to teach them the love for the game," he said. "I also have set a goal to gain as much experience through getting to coach the youth travel teams and learning from other coaches to keep improving my own abilities as a coach."

FFC Executive Director Grover Gibson said he has been impressed with Antonoplos in the relatively brief time he's had at the club and his work so far shows great signs for the future.

"James has been working with our younger age groups for two years now. All the players he has worked with have shown consistent progress on the field," Gibson said. "It is exciting to see his growth as a coach and I'm looking forward to seeing him with the younger boys and begin building a strong foundation at the earliest of ages."

About Fredericksburg Football Club

Fredericksburg FC is the largest soccer club in Central Virginia, offering various youth programs from U4-U18, as well as Men's and Women's CCL Pro23 and NPSL teams. To learn more about FFC and its programs, please visit the club's website at www.fredericksburgfc.org.