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FRANCAZIO TO FILL FFC'S U12 & YOUNGER YOUTH DIRECTOR ROLE

FREDERICKSBURG, Va. (Monday, May 4, 2020)—Fredericksburg FC would like to welcome Carl Francazio to its staff as Youth Director, with focus on the U12 & younger age groups. After officially joining the club in August, he will also be part of the club's coaching staff.

Francazio is a Virginia Beach, Va., native who will be moving to the Fredericksburg area from Toledo, Ohio. He is a 2019 graduate of Bowling Green State University in Bowling Green, Ohio, where he earned a bachelor's degree in Sports Management with a minor in International Business.



Though just 22 years old, Francazio has built up several years of coaching experience, most recently working as Youth Director of Coaching for ages 7-12 and Academy Director with Pacesetter Soccer Club in Ohio. While with Pacesetter SC, he also served as a head travel coach and Technical Staff Intern. Before moving to Ohio, he worked with Beach FC in Virginia Beach as a Youth Soccer Administrative Intern and an Advanced-Recreational coach.

He currently holds a USSF D Coaching License having previously earned E and F Licenses, a USSF National Youth License and a FC Barcelona Coach Academy License.

After first picking up the sport at a young age, Francazio played at the youth travel level with Beach FC, Virginia Beach City FC Youth Academy and the Virginia ODP program. He was also a four-year player at Salem High School in Virginia Beach.

"I want to thank Grover Gibson and the Board of Directors at FFC for this exciting opportunity to lead the youth program," Francazio said. "I am looking forward to working with the coaching staff, creating a productive environment for our teams to flourish and developing the next wave of young soccer talent at FFC."

FFC President and Executive Director Grover Gibson said Francazio's time in the same role at another large established club like Pacesetter SC will be a nice addition to the club.

"Carl's experience will be very much welcomed as we transition into the new season. I feel confident that we have found the right fit for FFC after a lengthy and thorough search," he said. "His enthusiasm to put his mark on our young players and teams was refreshing and exciting to hear as we discussed curriculums and methodology moving forward."

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 teams. To learn more about FFC and its programs, please visit the club's website at www.fredericksburgfc.org.