

# **United Soccer Alliance of Indiana 2020 Annual Awards For Immediate Release December 6, 2020**

(Indianapolis, IN) It takes countless hours of devoted volunteers, coaches, and staff to run 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 2020 Award Winners?

Thank you  
Thomas Geisse  
President  
USA of Indiana

## **For 2020**

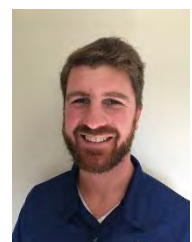
**Volunteer of the Year Mariel Padilla**  
**Volunteer of the Year Pam Suchecki**  
**Recreation Coach of the Year Newly Mack, Hendricks**  
**Recreation Coach of the Year Shane Chualas, Pike**  
**Rec Plus Coach of the Year Tim Litz**  
**Boys Travel Team Manager Adam Rude, 2009B Premier**  
**Girls Travel Team Manager Taray Delemore, 2009G Premier**  
**Boys Travel Teams of the Year 2008B Brownsburg teams**  
**Girls Travel Team of the Year 2011G Indy Burn**  
**Young Female Licensed Referee of the Year Madelyn Pearson**  
**Young Male Referee of the Year Jacob Erlewine**  
**Adult Referee of the Year James A. DaPuzzo, III**

**Mariel Padilla is USA OF INDIANA Volunteer of the Year: nearly every game day at Mary & John Geisse Soccer Complex this fall, Mariel and her family ran the snack bar for our guests. With Padilla children playing in all 3 programs; travel, Rec Plus, and Recreation League; the Padilla family is involved in every aspect of club programming. Mariel leads by example and ensures her family gives back at every turn to keep the game day experience a good one for the scores of 1000's families and players who visit our facilities. Thank you, Mariel.**



**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 2020, with most of our administrative staff on furlough, Pam stepped in to provide considerable help with the organization of the Fall Recreation League to ensure that teams, coaches, and players were well organized and were able to have a fun season in spite of the challenges we faced. Pam was also an invaluable second site Director for the successful Indy Fusion Fall Classic 2020. Thank you, Pam.**

**Newly Mach is USA OF INDIANA Hendricks Division Recreation Coach of the Year Boys. Coach Mach stepped up to coach during a year that saw a significant number of longtime coaches sit the season out. Coach Newly was a joy to watch coach games and run training sessions. The energy and positivity he brings to the team is terrific. The players he coaches are always smiling and having fun; and each player was supported in their strengths and personal effort. The positive atmosphere created by Coach Newly is exactly what we strive for at USA of Indiana. Good job Coach.**





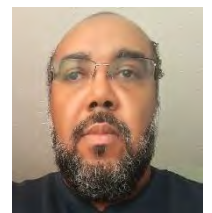
Shane Chualas is USA of Indiana Indy Division Girls Recreation Coach of the Year. Coach Shane has been a leader within the Recreation League coaching ranks for several years, and is now requested by more parents each season than we can fit players on a team. Coach Shane is prepared for his training sessions with new skills and lessons each week, is always organized and communicative, and helps each player feel like a contributor on the team. In addition, Coach Shane conducts training for USA of Indiana Junior Referee Development Program each season, significantly improving the training our young referees receive. We look forward to watching Coach Shane continue his coaching career. Thank you, Coach Shane.

Tim Litz is once again the USA of Indiana Rec Plus Coach of the Year. USA of Indiana is grateful to long time Coach Tim Litz for his tireless efforts on behalf of the Rec Plus program and the players. Coach Tim works hard to make sure every player who wants to play has a roster spot. He has been known to split the team into 2 and play two complete league schedules so that everyone can play in every game. Coach Litz communicates well and often, runs a fantastic training session, and remains a positive force on the game field. He is so beloved and so dedicated, he coached 3 teams this fall. Coach Litz remains a fierce advocate for the safety of all youth who participate and/or visit Club facilities. He is a well-respected voice with good ideas for improving policies and programs. Recently, Tim Litz was also both USA of Indiana Recreation Coach of the Year and also Indiana Soccer Association Recreation Coach of the Year Finalist. We are glad Coach Tim, his selfless wife, and 3 children choose to be a part of USA of Indiana.



Adam Rude is USA OF INDIANA Travel Boys Team Manager of the Year. The 2009B Indy Burn team saw a significant loss of players due to the pandemic's effect on Indianapolis families. Team Manager Adam, alongside Coach Aime Selamo and Coach Jason Williams, 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, and championships at both Indy Pike Fest 2020 and Indy Fusion Fall Classic 2020! Most coaches and parents understand Classic Travel just doesn't work without a great Team Manager. Nice job Manager Adam.

Taray Delemore is USA OF INDIANA Travel Girls Team Manager of the Year. The USA of Indiana 2009G Indy Burn team has stayed together since the players were 8 (4 years already). Taray helps Coach Theron Smith create a fantastic environment of teamwork and support for the families and players; leading to 100% of the team's players return in a year that saw tremendous player losses around the state. The team continues its stellar volunteer effort during tournaments and field days. We are grateful for Taray's many years of service in this role. Good work Manager Taray.



Boys Travel Teams of the Year Coaches Lindston Lindberg, Neil Davis, Jason Rich, Andy Barnes, and Catherine Justiniano lead USA OF INDIANA Boys Teams of the Year: 2008B Red and 2008B Blue Brownsburg teams.



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, these teams were at the top of the list for volunteerism at both Indy Pike Fest 2020 and Indy Fusion Fall Classic 2020! We are thankful for the leadership provided by coaches and Team Managers Rachel Rich and Brian Collier to welcome families into such an engaged and hardworking group, devoted to the overall improvement of Club events and facilities that will benefit players for years to come. The Brownsburg 2008B 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.

**Girls Travel Team of the Year.** Coach Dan Murphy leads USA OF INDIANA Girls Travel Team of the Year 2011G Indy Burn. Coach Dan is a hardworking, dedicated and ethical coach who has coached USA of Indiana for 25+ years. Coach Murphy is well prepared, knowledgeable, also teaches integrity, respect and sportsmanship to his players. Coach Dan has spent two years developing this girls team, growing from a group of just five dedicated players to a team now ready to split into two teams. Dan's welcoming presence and positive environment serve as an example for how to build a team for success. The 2011G parents, led by Coach Murphy and ace Team Manager Gina Weaver, were the top team for volunteerism for Indy Fusion Fall Classic 2020 with over 100% of the team's expected shifts covered!



**Madelyn Pearson is USA OF INDIANA young Referee of the Year.** Madelyn is a USSF Grade 8 licensed longtime referee with USA of Indiana. As soon as her high school soccer team season ended, she was back at Mary & John Geisse Soccer Complex refereeing Recreation League games, including running the season end U10 Rec All Stars match. Each Saturday, Madelyn officiates back-to-back games, starting and stopping them on time, helping keep the game safe for players; with the full respect of parents, players, and coaches. She is positive with the young players and always upbeat and a great role model for young, especially female, players. We are grateful that Madelyn chooses to be a part of the USA of Indiana Referee Development program.



**Jacob Erlewine is USA OF INDIANA Young Junior Referee of the Year:** Jacob Erlewine decided to try his hand as a USA of Indiana Junior Referee this season, and by the end of the fall, was running games like a seasoned pro. He refereed many U5-U8 games at USA of Indiana's Avon Soccer Complex. Jacob was such a solid presence that coaches were able to focus on coaching their teams and not reffing the game. Jacob is reliable and responsible, and we look forward to his continued development as both a player and an official.

**James A. DaPuzzo III is USA of Indiana adult Grade 8 Referee of the Year.** We are blessed when Referee DaPuzzo officiates at our Club. This man truly is a wonderful youth soccer referee. At the last game of the season, not only was James on time, but noticed our team was not yet lining the game field. So, James found a paint liner and began to line the field. He inspects the entire field, both goals, and both nets for safety concerns. James even found two piles of dog poop on the field for the Club to clear before he started one game; on time. It is a joy to watch James officiate a game as he remains pleasant and helpful with the players. Instead of whipping out a yellow card on borderline calls, he takes a few seconds to explain to the player what actions the players needs to minimize or avoid. He does his bit of player development without delaying the game. Referee James appears happy to be there for the children, does a wonderful job, and we are happy when he officiates our games. Thank you, James, for doing such a great job for our children.

