

ALUMNI NEWSLETTER

The latest news and updates from UNLV Women's Soccer



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Philosophy with an F

Assistan Coach- Jenna Olson

We explain to our team that sometimes we have to spell philosophy with an 'F' which means to be flexible. During the COVID-19 pandemic that is exactly what we are having to do. Currently the entire UNLV Campus is closed, and we are unable to hold practice. Now you may be wondering, "How can you run a team when you can't physically be there?" Well, we as coaches are having to practice what we preach, being flexible, as we are now directing everything virtually and through personal phone calls. The UNLV Athletics Department has been amazing in setting us up for success in this new situation. Our players are doing all their academics online with the help of our academic advisor. Our strength and conditioning coach has put together a workout plan that they can do at home and that holds everyone accountable with virtual workouts. We are meeting as a team weekly thanks to technology created by Zoom, and we connect on an individual basis through weekly phone calls. Players are constantly reminded of the goals and expectations we've set. This situation isn't ideal, but we are still excited to see how our team rises from this challenge and represents the hard working city of Las Vegas during this difficult time.

Rebel Spotlight



ARIANA REYES

Ari is currently a senior and majoring in social work. She is doing some great things and she will tell you about what she does and why she chose social work.

" I have this semester and the next to graduate with my social work degree so right now I have 3 social work classes along with a field practicum that requires me to do at least 10 hours a week. I am a student intern currently at Real Talk Youth Impact Program which mainly consists of paperwork in this office except for every Wednesday I go to court to represent the Real Talk Program. .

I sit in at the juvenile diversion court and when a juvenile is referred to our program we step out of the court room with the juvenile and the family and sign them up and explain to them the program. Every first Tuesday of the month I help set up and attend the program which consists of motivational speakers that have been incarcerated for many years or went down the wrong path and have now changed. Along with those speakers there is a guest speaker that could have easily went down the wrong path but didn't and is now successful. The program is aimed to open the eyes of the youth and tell them they have options and can be something in life.

I chose to major in social work because social work is really just helping all types of people in all types of communities and every body needs help at some point in their life. Growing up and having to go through hardships with little support was hard and I want to be the change and the difference for a kid or a family like me and mine."



Our New Incoming Rebels for 2020

TRANSFERS

JJ Bryant- Eastern Florida

Jules Dominguez- University of Arizona

Moriah Lucas- Iowa Western

Bryce Miniefleid- LA Tech

Taylie Liddell- Oregon State

Kaora "Ka" Hayashi- Snow College

Nohemi "Mimi" Mendoza- CSN

INCOMING FRESHMEN

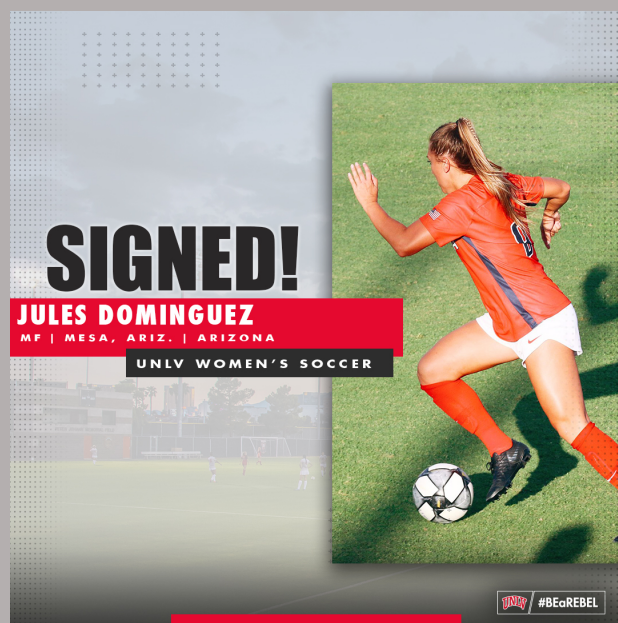
Sophia Siebel- Kamloops, BC

Mia Shalit- Chula Vista, CA

Nailah Harpring- Louisville, CO

Taylor Brook- Henderson, NV

Haley Halbersma- Corona, CA



2020 is going to be a great year for our program. Listed above we have the new Rebels joining our soccer family. We couldn't be more excited to see the growth of our program as we start to represent new geographical areas of the United States and internationals from Japan and Canada. Please come out and watch these amazing women represent our program and our city.

ALUMNI GAME UPDATE:

Unfortunately due to the COVID-19 circumstances, we have to cancel our scheduled alumnae game. Our goal is to have alumnae continually involved in the program, and while we are exercising our patience we can't express enough our growing eagerness to get the chance to get you guys back on Peter Johann Field soon. Stay tuned for more once we return back to normal!