

## Happy Holidays,

In 2006, College Sports Quest celebrated five year of success. We are grateful to all those who have supported our endeavors. Our progress is made possible by all the young people who have demonstrated courage, commitment, and determination.

Our holiday wish is to share a few of the stories that have inspired College Sports Quest.

Kerri, who didn't compete her junior year in high school, ended up at the University of Redlands as a two-sport standout in Cross Country and Swimming. Michael, an All-CIF goalkeeper who didn't realize his talent; currently plays for Cal Lutheran. Everest, 6'8" in high school; nobody knew about him because he went to school on an Indian Reservation, and now he's making big plays for Lafayette University. Jennifer, graduated from Coastal Carolina and became an intern with the USA Men's Volleyball team. Chris, a walk-on at Cal; became a four-year starting fullback. Tyson had an opportunity to become a professional soccer player early on but elected to go college; he graduated from Cal, and was drafted into the MLS this year.

Nicole spent a year corresponding with the track coach at SMU which earned her a spot on the team. Brittany, who questioned her potential since she competed against All-Americans on her high school team, recently graduated from Purdue after a successful tennis career. Alec, who's parents I met while on vacation, didn't know about college recruiting; and now he's in the final decision making process and will compete in Cross Country in college. Brett, attends the University of Arizona; when he first introduced himself to the coaches they were pleasantly surprised to see his 6'7" RHP frame. Mike, a top-5 State Cross Country finisher in high school, now competes on the U.C. Santa Barbara track team in the Steeple Chase. Becky, earned a soccer scholarship to U.C. Davis but ended up enjoying snowboarding more.

Travis, who is a standout football player, recently ended his high school career with an injury in his last game in front of a crowd of 25,000 at Anaheim stadium; he will be making big plays on Saturdays, perhaps for UCLA or USC? Allie earned a scholarship to Albertson College where she became the team leader in scoring goals. Shane was headed to the University of Vermont until a great senior year track season sparked interest from Cal Poly, SLO. Taylor was offered a scholarship on her first college visit; a compliment coming from the former USA Women's Soccer team coach. Steve and Ross, both won a CIF D-I football championship, now attend Cal and compete on the Rugby and Lacrosse teams.

Becky sent an E-mail asking our opinion about becoming the kicker on her high school football team, her mom thought otherwise. Jenne tore her ACL in her senior year but that didn't change the mind of a coach who still believed in her, she currently plays volleyball for Baylor. Kelsi graduated from Point Loma Nazarene University after a terrific basketball career, and now coaches. Lindsay, who worked as an intern for College Sports Quest earned All-Conference her freshman year on the Concordia volleyball team.

Tanisha and Rachel, who I've coached and mentored since the fifth grade, played community college soccer and both earned All-Conference awards. Tanisha is also the longest employee of College Sports Quest, five years now. Giovante, a 7th grader that I met with, called me two days later to tell me he won his first tennis trophy after our suggestion to join the SCTA. We are now in the process of helping a foster child who will go to college and compete in soccer.

On behalf of College Sports Quest and myself, we wish you and your family a happy and healthy holiday season, and a warm and prosperous new year.

Jennifer Noonan, President and Founder of College Sports Quest