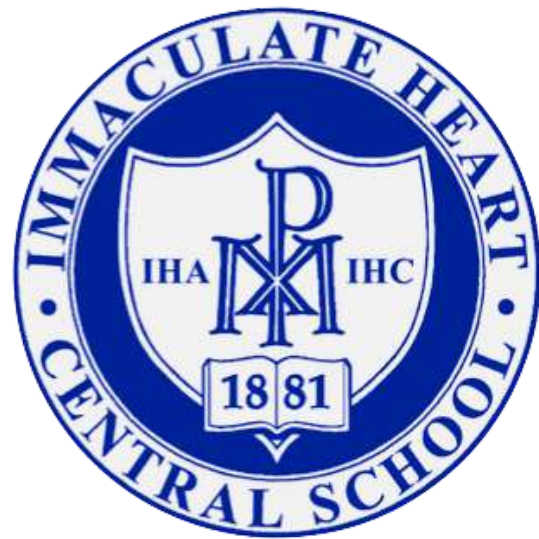


BLACK ROCK FC PARTNER PROGRAM



IMMACULATE HEART CENTRAL *SOCCER ACADEMY*





### **IHC *TRADITION***

Immaculate Heart Central School (IHC) has a rich tradition of academic excellence that includes a rigorous curriculum which develops the knowledge, habits, and discipline, students need to succeed in college and in life. It proudly maintains the highest average for New York State standardized test scores amongst all districts in the region. The school's motto is present in the curriculum and co-curricular offerings provided to every student, "A Guideline For Life, Grounded In Christian Values." Following their time at IHC, recent graduates have gone on to some of America's best colleges such as Colgate University, University of Notre Dame, New York University, Rochester Institute of Technology, and University of Pennsylvania, amongst others.



### **IHC *SOCCER ACADEMY***

IHC Soccer Academy participants will have the opportunity to pursue year-round soccer, representing IHC in the fall in prep school competition and Black Rock FC in the winter and spring in club competition. IHC Soccer Academy will bring together top student athletes from around the globe who aspire to excellence in the classroom, on the athletic fields, and in community life. Living in a dormitory with full-time staff, members of the IHC Soccer Academy will have the structure and guidance needed to maximize their potential and achieve great results leading to top college placements. Through its partnership with Black Rock FC, the IHC Soccer Academy will benefit from access to all Black Rock FC sponsored tournaments and events; college placement services; and leadership development programs.

# IHC *STUDENT RESOURCES*

# IHC *SOCCER ACADEMY*

## **HISTORY**

FOUNDED IN 1881 BY THE SISTERS OF ST. JOSEPH'S FIRST MISSION; CURRENT ENROLLMENT OF 350 STUDENTS; 100% ACCEPTANCE RATE TO UNIVERSITY; 13:1 STUDENT TO FACULTY RATIO

## **ACADEMIC RIGOR**

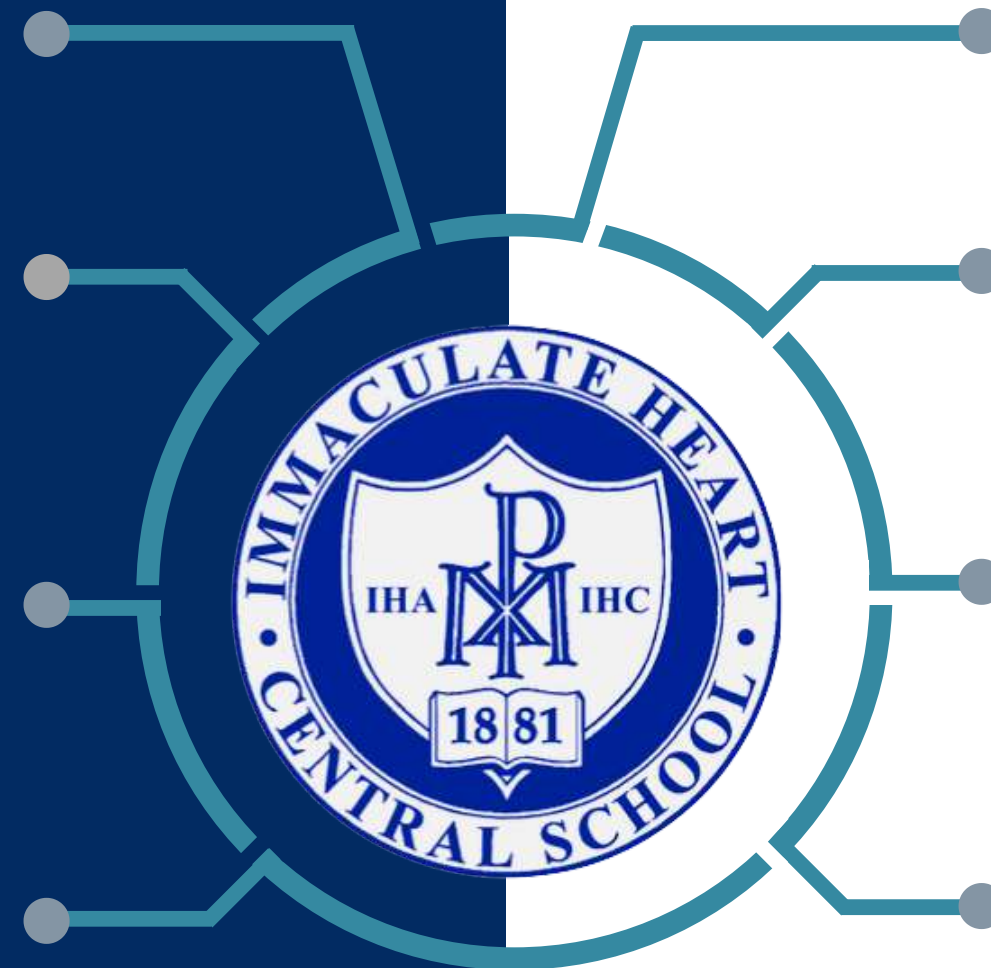
MIDDLES STATES ASSOCIATION (MSA) ACCREDITED; HONOR, ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP), & COLLEGE LEVEL COURSES OFFERED; FAITH BASED COURSES AVAILABLE

## **RESIDENTIAL LIFE**

FAMILY BASED RESIDENTIAL LIFE EXPERIENCE; TWO DEDICATED STAFF LIVING IN RESIDENCE HALL; COMMUNAL MEALS; PROCTORED STUDY HALL 6 DAYS A WEEK; VARIETY OF ACTIVITIES & REGIONAL BASED EXCURSIONS PROVIDED

## **CO-CURRICULAR & SERVICE PROGRAMS**

STUDENT GOVERNMENT AND STUDENT COUNCIL COMMITTEE OPPORTUNITIES; MUSIC & PERFORMING ARTS PROGRAMS; A VARIETY OF SERVICE PROGRAMS WITH THE PURPOSE OF SERVING THE SCHOOL AND BROADER COMMUNITY



## **BACKED BY BLACK ROCK FC**

ACCESS TO BLACK ROCK FC SPONSORED EVENTS INCLUDING WINTER/SPRING SHOWCASES, PREP JAMBOREE, RECRUITMENT SEMINARS, GLOBAL SERVICE TRIPS & LEADERSHIP TRAINING

## **DEVELOPMENT PLATFORM**

10 MONTH TRAINING & COMPETITION SCHEDULE; HIGH SCHOOL, PREP, & CLUB MATCHES; INDOOR & OUTDOOR TRAINING FACILITIES

## **STUDENT-ATHLETE SUPPORT**

ACADEMIC ADVISORS; NCAA ELIGIBILITY SUPPORT; GUIDANCE WITH COLLEGE PLACEMENT; ESL (LANGUAGE) TUTORING AVAILABLE; SAT PREP COURSES AVAILABLE

## **DIVERSITY**

MULTIPLE COUNTRIES REPRESENTED WITHIN THE FOOTBALL ACADEMY; BILINGUAL COACHING STAFF (ENGLISH/SPANISH)

# IHC *RESIDENTIAL HOUSING*



## IHC *RESIDENTIAL HOUSING*

- dormitory style housing
- Two dedicated dormitory staff
- health homestyle meals
- common rooms with tv & games
- high speed WiFi equipped
- laundry equipment on site

# IHC *SPORTS PERFORMACE FACILITIES*



## IHC *FACILITIES*

- natural grass stadium field with lights
  - indoor hard court surface (futsal)
  - dedicated soccer specific training pitch
  - locker rooms & fitness center
  - climate controlled turf training pitch \*
  - state of the art strength training facility \*
  - fitness center with cardio equipment \*
  - multiple performance fields & pool access \*
- \* access provided by YMCA partner facility

## IHC COACH CRAIG WILKINSON



Coach Craig Wilkinson brings a wealth of experience and history of success to IHC Soccer Academy. Prior to arriving in Watertown, he led soccer programs at the NCAA Division II, NCAA Division III, and prep school level. During his time coaching at NCAA Division II, Wilkinson's teams grew to become perennial powers with multiple regular season championships, conference championships, and top 10 national rankings. His NCAA Division III teams broke records and enjoyed similar success as regular season champions, conference finalists, and multiple players leading the nation in offensive points.

Wilkinson's coaching career in prep school includes working at Bridgton Academy. The one-of-kind residential boarding school that only matriculates Post Graduate students, his focus was helping student athletes improve their academic standards, and facilitating their college placement, in a very short period of time. Many went on to play at the NCAA Division I, II, and III level, while attending some of the top academic schools in the country.

"I am extremely excited about joining IHC Soccer Academy. When you look at the facilities, including the great soccer fields, the academic rigor, and a supportive community, we have all the tools to be successful. A long term goal is to grow IHC Soccer Academy into becoming one of the strongest soccer programs in New York. With Black Rock FC's support- including access to their network and events, we now have all the pieces to make that happen."

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## IHC COACH EDWARD GONZALEZ



Coach Edward "Eddy" Gonzalez will be joining the IHC Soccer academy after spending the past few years working in many aspects of the soccer world. Eddy spent his collegiate career playing at NCAA DI American University in Washington DC before finishing his playing career and his degree in Sports Psychology at St Lawrence University in Canton, NY. Following his final collegiate season, Eddy was asked to stay on and serve as the Assistant Coach under Head Coach Michael Toshack. During this time the Saints captured three straight regular-season conference championships, three straight conference tournament championships, three time NCAA tournament qualifiers, and were ranked as high as #5 in NCAA DIII nation poll.

Eddy moved on from St. Lawrence to join Black Rock FC for their inaugural Prep Academy season where he coached the U-16 boys team and assisted the U-18 boys team along side Black Rock FC founder, and CEO, Jon Moody. The year together proved fruitful for the club as the teams won the NEP League and the Connecticut State Championship for their respective age groups automatically qualifying for the US Club Soccer National tournament. Following his time with Black Rock FC, Eddy was offered a position as the Director of Recruitment at SPM Soccer. He has been in charge of the youth recruitment and scouting for the past four years where he has worked with many of their top players both in the USA and abroad. The transition allowed Eddy to return to his boyhood club Bayside FC, additionally he has helped St Raphael Academy reach their first-ever High School State Championship title.

"I am extremely excited to join the IHC community and look forward to working with motivated student athletes with high academic and athletic goals. With the support of the community, teachers, families, and Black Rock's partnership, I am confident that we will be able to find success quickly and become nationally recognized for producing top players.

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LANGUAGE(S): ENGLISH/SPANISH



## **BRFC HISTORY**

Since 2013 Black Rock FC has established itself as a preeminent club in America having produced many top college players and young professionals. The club has gained national acclaim for its exciting brand of attacking football and its focus on player development - on and off the field. The current club structure provides development opportunities from grassroots to USL League Two, the highest level of amateur football in USA.








## **BRFC PURPOSE**








Using football as a vehicle, Black Rock FC seeks to help young men and women further their life opportunities by emphasizing academics, community, leadership, service, and global-minded thinking. To help each student-athlete maximize their growth and development, Black Rock FC takes a personalized approach to teaching and mentoring across all of its programs. Black Rock FC takes pride in helping its players find success and reach for their dreams whether it is playing professional football or pursuing another passion beyond the field.



# BRFC RECENT COLLEGE MATRICULATION

-  BOWDOIN COLLEGE
-  DARTMOUTH COLLEGE
-  BOSTON COLLEGE
-  DUKE UNIVERSITY
-  BOSTON UNIVERSITY
-  GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY
-  BRANDEIS UNIVERSITY
-  HAMILTON COLLEGE
-  COLGATE UNIVERSITY
-  KENYON COLLEGE
-  CONNECTICUT COLLEGE
-  MIDDLEBURY COLLEGE
-  CORNELL UNIVERSITY
-  NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY

-  PRINCETON UNIVERSITY
-  STANFORD UNIVERSITY
-  TRINITY COLLEGE (CT)
-  UNIVERSITY OF AKRON
-  UC SAN DIEGO
-  UNC AT CHAPEL HILL
-  UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME

-  UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
-  UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA
-  UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA
-  WAKE FOREST UNIVERSITY
-  WILLIAMS COLLEGE
-  VILLANOVA UNIVERSITY
-  YALE UNIVERSITY

# BRFC PROFESSIONAL PLAYERS



**JACOB SHAFFELBURG**  
TORONTO FC  
(CANADA)



**ALASSANE KANE**  
SV MEMMELSDORF  
(GERMANY)



**JACK HARRISON**  
MANCHESTER CITY  
(ENGLAND)



**ZEIKO LEWIS**  
CHARLESTON BATTERY  
(USA)



**IFUNANYACHI ACHARA**  
TORONTO FC  
(CANADA)



**NICK DOWNS**  
HARTFORD ATHLETIC  
(USA)



**PROSPER FIGBE**  
PITTSBURGH RIVERHOUNDS  
(USA)



**MUTAYA MWAPE**  
RICHMOND KICKERS  
(USA)



**JUSTIN DONAWA**  
DARLINGTON FC  
(ENGLAND)