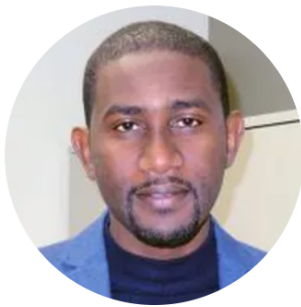




NRU Academy Coaches Spring 2020



Coach Barry is African-Canadian. He is originally from Guinea, West Africa, grew up in Toronto where he completed his bachelor, M.Sc., and Ph.D. degrees in Mechanical Engineering. He played competitive soccer throughout high school and University. He was an Assistant Coach of the Aurora 1998 boys team in Toronto for two years. He moved to Blacksburg with his wife and kids in August 2018 to take on the role of Assistant Professor in

Mechanical Engineering at Virginia Tech. In Fall 2018 and Spring 2019, he coached NRU U7 and U8, respectively, and NRU academy in Fall of 2019.



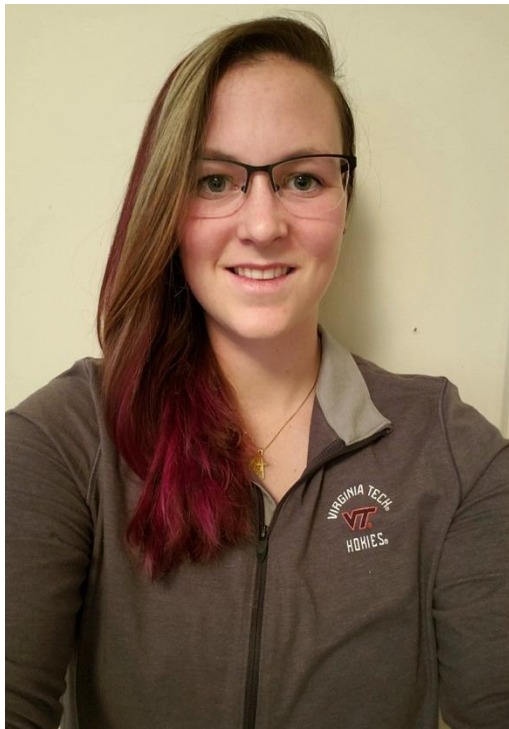
Hello everyone! My name is Jared Price and I am a 20 year-old student at Virginia Tech. I have played competitive soccer my entire life in Southeast NC. This would include playing for a Division 1 team at OCSA (Onslow County Soccer Association) and a Premier team at WHYFC (Wilmington Hammerhead Youth Football Club). I've learned an incredible amount about soccer

through those two clubs as well as playing Varsity soccer for 2 years at Swansboro High School. After gathering those experiences, I am very excited to give back what I have learned to your kids and help them build upon their skills. I am returning from the Fall NRU season and looking forward to seeing the kids again!



Hi Everyone!

My name is Michael Angel, I am a 20 years old junior at Virginia Tech. I grew up in a very soccer-oriented household and have been playing and following soccer for as long as I can remember. I played and coached at Old Dominion FC in Loudoun County, VA until 2017 and also played varsity soccer at John Champe High School all four years. Unfortunately, injuries prevented me from furthering my soccer career past high school, but I am very passionate about the game and am excited to share my experience and knowledge of the sport to help develop the academy players! I am a returning coach from 2019 NRU fall academy season.



Sierra Merkes: Hi Everyone!

I am from Chesapeake, Virginia [which is near Virginia Beach]. I played most of my club career with Virginia Rush on their ECNL team. I continued my soccer career playing on the Radford University Women's Soccer team. I have coached 2-years of U-5/U-6 rec. soccer for NRU then ventured to coach Academy and this is my third season as an Academy coach. My favorite soccer player is Carly Lloyd.



Hi, I'm Anna! I grew up in Southern Maryland, went to college at Bucknell University in Pennsylvania where I played club soccer for fun. My favorite soccer player is Abby Wambach, and some of my favorite soccer memories are watching her play with Mia Hamm for the Washington Freedom in DC in the early 2000's. This is my 2nd season with NRU coaching, and I'm looking forward to helping our players grow technically, grow as individuals, and grow their love of the game.



Jose Soto. Hi, Everyone. I was raised in Virginia Beach where I started playing as soon as my dad thought I could. I played on some rec teams on base until I wanted to try different sports. But once I entered middle school I went back to playing soccer. During high school, I played volleyball in the fall and soccer in the spring. During the fall season, I also played with Old Dominion Soccer Club for 2 years, and then with Beach FC for my senior year. I studied at University of Lynchburg where I majored in

Athletic Training; and due to the time constraints, I played for the University's Club team all four years where I served as treasurer for two years and then co-president during my senior year. My favorite team has been Real Madrid. I live with my girlfriend, Lindsey, of 6 years and our dog, Luna - she also enjoys the beautiful game and is a great defender. I've coached with NRU academy in Fall 2019 and Futsal 2020 and I am delighted and excited to continue my coaching career with NRU!



Michael Buehrer. I began coaching at NRU in 2003. I coached in the rec program for 7 years and obtained my F, E and later D licenses. I moved into the academy and travel programs around 2010. I have been coaching (as both head coach and assistant) in Academy, travel and occasionally rec soccer since that time. I have also been the head coach of a small high school team since 2009. I have coached both on the boys side and the girls side from Kindergarten through U18. Most recently I was the assistant coach for the U18G travel team last fall. I am also a dad, and all six of my kids have played soccer with NRU in all three programs (rec, academy and travel). So, I understand the parents' perspective. All of my kids played through high

school (except my youngest who is a 4th grader and is in the academy program) and one of my older daughters played D1 soccer in college. I also have been playing off and on in the adult league for the past 13 years or so.

