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The South Suburban College women's soccer program gifts Board Chairman Terry Wells with an NJCAA DII Championship t-shirt to commemorate their outstanding season.

## Historic Lady Bulldogs Soccer Team Recognized by South Suburban College Board of Trustees

SOUTH HOLLAND, IL – The entire South Suburban College (SSC) Board of Trustees and President Lynette D. Stokes, Ed.D., provided a standing ovation for the outstanding achievement of the Lady Bulldogs during their 2021 season. "This was the first time in school history that the SSC women's soccer team experienced the National Tournament," said Terry Wells, Chairman of the Board. "We are extremely proud of these talented student-athletes. Ladies, please enjoy your celebration tonight!"

This special recognition took place at the monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees on February 10, 2022 in the SSC Performing Arts Center (PAC). Following this acknowledgement, the student-athletes, coaching staff, family and friends gathered in the PAC lobby for refreshments and celebratory cupcakes as they cheerfully reflected on moments from a historic campaign.

"My favorite part about the season was getting to develop relationships with my teammates and build a strong bond with them through our love of soccer," said Amaris González, a forward from Lansing, IL and daughter of Head Coach Tony González. "I'm so grateful to have found this other family unit at SSC." González led the division with 105 points, 118 shots and 29 assists, earning the title of First Team All-American during her freshman season by the National Junior College Athletic Association Division II Women's Soccer Committee.

Coach González remarked, "I've always been a local guy. That's why I'm very passionate about the soccer program at South Suburban College. We strive to make our community proud. The way the girls played this season and how they handled themselves at the national tournament is really commendable."

The SSC Women's Soccer Team went on a 13-game winning streak during the regular season. They won a total of 16 out of 20 games in 2021. Their only four losses were to Waubonsee Community College (two games during the regular season) and Heartland Community College (one game during the regular season and one game during the national tournament). "My goal for the future is to maintain our program to compete at the national level on a regular basis. I want our soccer programs to bring respectability to our school and community at large," Coach González concluded.

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