



# SOUTH SUBURBAN COLLEGE

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*South Suburban College (SSC) Board of Trustees and Women's Soccer Team. Front row, left to right: Student Estefani del Rio, Student Sandra Flores, Student Stephanie Mendoza, Student Fernanda Sanchez, Student Emily Sanchez, and Student Monse Solis. Middle Row, Left to Right: SSC Trustee Vivian Payne, Student Adriana Moreno, Student Yulissa, Student Lozano, Student Lisbeth Gallegos, Student Emily Mendoza, Student Amaris Gonzalez, Student Naomi Gallardo, and Student Jasmine Huerta. Standing Third row, Left to Right: Coach Bert Damian, Student Priscilla Sotelo, Student Sabrina Ortiz, Student Mia Cruz, SSC Chairman Terry Wells, Coach Tony Gonzalez, Student Daisy Rodriguez, Student Analisa Martinez, Student Crystal Sotelo, Coach Lisa Urbina, SSC Trustee Vincent Lockett, SSC Trustee Prince Reed and Coach Aaron Zambrano. Standing Fourth Row, Left to Right: SSC Trustee Joseph Whittington, SSC Trustee Anthony DeFilippo and SSC Trustee Janet Rogers*

## **South Suburban College Board of Trustees Celebrates Women's Soccer Team Regional Title**

SOUTH HOLLAND, IL– South Suburban College (SSC) women's soccer team was honored by the SSC Board of Trustees on Thursday, February 9, for receiving the regional title from the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA). The soccer team, coached by Jose Gonzalez, finished the 2022 season with an overall record of 13 wins, five losses and one tie. "I want to thank everyone here for all the administrative support to make something like this happen. It takes a lot as we want to ensure we run a program where students can evolve to be productive citizens. The young ladies on my team are community members, and some are children of SSC graduates," stated Coach Gonzalez. Coach Gonzalez, current Dean at Thornwood and voted District Coach of the Year in the last two seasons, has had two Regional Players of the Year, two

All-American players, and two Academic All-Americans. SSC student Amaris Gonzalez was named the United Soccer Coaches Association Soccer Scholar-Athlete of the Year. In addition, he has recently had two players commit to play for four-year institutions, one for Indiana University Northwest and Purdue University.

During the evening board celebration, the SSC Board of Trustees acknowledged the accomplishments of Coach Gonzalez and the entire athletic division at SSC. In an emotional statement, SSC Trustee Joseph Whittington congratulated Coach Gonzalez, "I watched him grow, and I want to let you know you have a great future. Thank you from the SSC Board of Trustees and the local community." Later in the evening, Dr. Deborah Baness King, the SSC Vice-President of Student & Enrollment Services /Title IX Coordinator, announced that the SSC athletic division accomplished a historic feat, as all its' sports teams have at some point won a regional championship. SSC Chairman Terry Wells continued his sentiments of the historic feat by stating that the soccer team joins other successful SSC sports teams, such as the men's basketball and the men's baseball teams, in successful runs. "We are really the school of champions, and it was confirmed tonight. Excellent job!" stated Chairman Wells.

If you are interested in participating in the SSC Women's Soccer program, contact Coach Jose Gonzalez, SSC'S Women's Soccer Coach, at (708) 596-2000 ext. 2002 or via email at [jgonzalez@ssc.edu](mailto:jgonzalez@ssc.edu). The South Suburban College Main Campus is located at 15800 South State Street, South Holland, Illinois. The college's extension site, the Oak Forest Center, is located at 16333 South Kilbourn Avenue, Oak Forest, Illinois.

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