



Rio Rapids Soccer Club

2022 College Commitment Recognition Social

Monday, April 25, 2022

Rio Rapids Soccer Club is thrilled and proud to recognize twenty 2022 high school graduates who as of today have committed to play for college soccer programs this coming fall. These players have worked tirelessly to achieve excellence on the field and in the classroom.

Commitments by College/University

University of Colorado-Colorado Springs (1): Emily Aguilar

University of Dallas (TX) (1): Nevaeh Coronado

Eastern New Mexico University (1): Ivan Szakacs

Fort Lewis College (CO) (1): Kaden Schufft

Hamline University (MN) (1): Samantha Jo Landavazo

University of New Mexico (3): Kennedy Brown, Mercedes Morris, Corrine Whitsell

New Mexico Highlands University (2): Cylee Acosta, Janice Castillo

St. Mary’s University (TX) (2): Hailey Koch, Ena Torres

Southern Methodist University (TX) (2): Brendan Baird, Alex Dixon

University of Texas-Dallas (1): Nate Patton

Western Colorado University (1): Alex Peralta

Westmont College (2): Ainsley Martin, Sierra Martin

West Texas A&M University (1): Alexa Dugan

Whitworth University (1): Keegan Davis




Cylee Acosta

New Mexico Highlands University, Las Vegas, NM NCAA Division 2, Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference	
Club Team:	Rio Rapids 04/03 Girls Academy (GA)
Hometown:	Albuquerque, NM
College Major:	Education
Academic Honors/Awards:	Soccer Honors/Awards:
	1st team All-District junior/senior year

Emily Aguilar

University of Colorado-Colorado Springs, Colorado Springs, CO NCAA Division 2, Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference		
Club Team:	Rio Rapids 04/03 Girls Academy (GA)	
Hometown:	Albuquerque, NM	
College Major:	Journalism / Communications	
Academic Honors/Awards:	Soccer Honors/Awards:	
Honor Roll 9th, 10th, 11th, and 12th Grades Letter in Student Senate	2021-22: 1st Team All Metro Midfielder, 1st Team All District Midfielder, 1st Team All State Midfielder, All Region, All American, Nominated for Gatorade Player of the Year, Metro Champions, District Champions, State Champions 2020-21: 1st Team All District Midfielder, 1st Team All State Midfielder, All Region 2019-20: 1st Team All District Midfielder, 1st Team All State Midfielder, Metro Champions 2018-19: Varsity Player, 1st year letter, Metro Champs	

Brendan Baird

Southern Methodist University, Dallas, TX NCAA Division 1, American Athletic Conference		
Club Team:	Rio Rapids ECNL 04/03	
Hometown:	Los Ranchos de Albuquerque, NM	
College Major:	Undecided / Minor in Business	
Academic Honors/Awards:	Soccer Honors/Awards:	
High School Academic Letters in 11th and 12th grade	2021: -selected United Soccer Coaches All-Far West Region - set high school records for most goals (37) and total points with goals and assists (94) - All-Metro 1st Team - All-State Academic Team - NM All-Star Game - 1st Team All-State - District 2-5A Player of the Year & 1st Team All-District - National Coaches Association 2x NM Player of Week - 7x Selected Player of the Game - voted player of the year and offensive player of the year by high school teammates	

Kennedy Brown



University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, NM NCAA Division 1, Mountain West Conference	
Club Team:	Rio Rapids 04/03 Girls Academy (GA)
Hometown:	Albuquerque, NM
College Major:	Nursing
Academic Honors/Awards:	Soccer Honors/Awards:
4 year All-Academic Team both Soccer and Basketball Academic Star: 7 Consecutive Semesters with a GPA of 3.5 or higher	4 year Starting Varsity Center Back 2021 District Co-player of the Year & 2020 District POY 2021, 2020 & 2019: 1st Team All-State 2021, 2020 & 2019: 1st Team All-District 2019: NM 5A High School State Champions 2021, 2020 & 2019: Team Co-Captain 4 year All-Academic Team 2019 & 2020: 1-5A District Champions 2018-19: Varsity Player, 1st year letter, Metro Champs

Janize Castillo




New Mexico Highlands University, Las Vegas, NM NCAA Division 2, Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference	
Club Team:	Rio Rapids 04/03G
Hometown:	Albuquerque, NM
College Major:	Business Administration / Management
Academic Honors/Awards:	Soccer Honors/Awards:
Honor Roll Bilingual Seal recipient	Three time district champions First team all district Second team all metro


Nevaeh Coronado





University of Dallas, Irving, TX NCAA Division 3, Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference	
Club Team:	Rio Rapids 04/03G
Hometown:	Clovis, NM
College Major:	Biology / Pre-Pharmacy
Academic Honors/Awards:	Soccer Honors/Awards:
Honor Society 4.0 Honor Role 2018-2020 A&B Honor Role	2018-2020 All-District Second Team Striker, 2020-2021 All-District Academic, All-District First Team 2021 Offensive MVP 2021 High School Letterman



Keegan Davis		
Whitworth University, Spokane, WA NCAA Division 3, Northwest Conference		
Club Team:	Rio Rapids ECNL 04/03	
Hometown:	Albuquerque, NM	
College Major:	Computer Science	
Academic Honors/Awards:	Soccer Honors/Awards:	
Four-year academic letterman 2021-22 Academic All-District Currently ranked 5th in my class	Four-year varsity soccer letterman 2020-21 District Team Honorable Mention 2021-22 District First Team Midfielder 2021-22 All-State Second Team Midfielder	

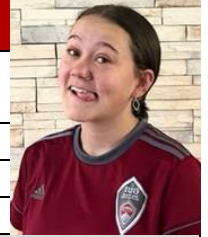
Alex Dixon		
Southern Methodist University, Dallas, TX NCAA Division 1, American Athletic Conference		
Club Team:	Rio Rapids ECNL 04/03	
Hometown:	Albuquerque, NM	
College Major:	Sports Management	
Academic Honors/Awards:	Soccer Honors/Awards:	
Honor Roll	District Player of the Year 1st Team All State 1st Team All District 1st Team All Metro Second Team ECNL High School Team MVP.	

Alexa Dugan		
West Texas A&M University, Canyon, TX NCAA Division 2, Lone Star Conference		
Club Team:	Rio Rapids 04G Burgundy	
Hometown:	Carlsbad, NM	
College Major:	Nursing	
Academic Honors/Awards:	Soccer Honors/Awards:	

Hailey Koch		
St. Mary’s University, San Antonio, TX NCAA Division 2, Lone Star Athletic Conference		
Club Team:	Rio Rapids 03G	
Hometown:	Albuquerque, NM	
College Major:	Exercise Science	
Academic Honors/Awards:	Soccer Honors/Awards:	



Samantha Jo Landavazo



Hamline University, Saint Paul, MN NCAA Division 3, Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference	
Club Team:	Rio Rapids 04G Burgundy
Hometown:	Albuquerque, NM
College Major:	Environmental Studies
Academic Honors/Awards:	Soccer Honors/Awards:
Academic Award for maintaining and graduating with a cumulative 3.0 GPA International Thespian Troupe 1775 Member and Officer	

Ainsley Martin



Westmont College, Santa Barbara, CA NAIA, Golden State Athletic Conference	
Club Team:	Rio Rapids 04/03G
Hometown:	Rio Rancho, NM
College Major:	Engineering
Academic Honors/Awards:	Soccer Honors/Awards:
National Merit Scholar Twice Science Olympiad State Champion National Museum of Nuclear Science and History STEM Student of the Year Congressional Award Gold Medal Eagle Scout and Gold Award Girl Scout Both SAR and VFW State Scout of the Year	High School Female Athlete of the Week Three year Varsity letterman

Sierra Martin



Westmont College, Santa Barbara, CA NAIA, Golden State Athletic Conference	
Club Team:	Rio Rapids 04/03G
Hometown:	Rio Rancho, NM
College Major:	Biology
Academic Honors/Awards:	Soccer Honors/Awards:
First female Eagle Scout in NM Earned all 137 BSA Merit Badges Two time Science Olympiad State Champion Elks most valuable student national scholarship Presidents merit scholarship for ACT	High school Offensive player of the year Four year Varsity letterman Most goals in the district for two years

Mercedes Morris



University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, NM NCAA Division 1, Mountain West Conference	
Club Team:	Rio Rapids 04/03 Girls Academy (GA)
Hometown:	Albuquerque, NM
College Major:	Biology with concentration in Conservation Science
Academic Honors/Awards:	Soccer Honors/Awards:
Academic Award of 4.0 GPA (3 yrs) National Honor Society Student Body Historian Student Council Officer (Junior yr: VP, Sophomore yr: Secretary)	2022 State Champion 2022, 2019, 2018 Metro Champion 2022 All-State first team 2022 All-Metro first team 2022 All-District first team Varsity Soccer all 4 yrs

Nate Patton



University of Texas-Dallas, Richardson, TX NCAA Division 3, American Southwest Conference	
Club Team:	Rio Rapids ECNL 04/03
Hometown:	Albuquerque, NM
College Major:	Political Science
Academic Honors/Awards:	Soccer Honors/Awards:
Academic Letter	First Team all state First team all district x2

Alex Peralta



Western Colorado University, Gunnison, CO NCAA Division 2, Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference	
Club Team:	Rio Rapids 04/03 Girls Academy (GA)
Hometown:	Albuquerque, NM
College Major:	Exercise Science
Academic Honors/Awards:	Soccer Honors/Awards:
	varsity soccer 4 years 2019 state champions 2019 & 2021 first team all state 2019 & 2021 first team all district 2019 & 2021 district champions

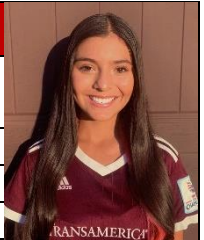
Kaden Schufft	
Fort Lewis College, Durango, CO NCAA Division 2, Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference	
Club Team:	Rio Rapids ECNL 04/03
Hometown:	Albuquerque, NM
College Major:	Biology
Academic Honors/Awards:	Soccer Honors/Awards:
4 year honor roll student state DECA team	2021 All-American 2021 All-Star Team 2x First team All State 2x first team All District All-Metro Team & Team Captain



Ivan Szakacs	
Eastern New Mexico University, Portales, NM NCAA Division 2, Lone Star Conference	
Club Team:	Rio Rapids ECNL 04/03
Hometown:	Albuquerque, NM
College Major:	Business Administration
Academic Honors/Awards:	Soccer Honors/Awards:
First Team All Academic Honors Society Academic Letter	First Team All District High School Attacker of the Year District Champions



Ena Torres	
St. Mary’s University, San Antonio, TX NCAA Division 2, Lone Star Athletic Conference	
Club Team:	Rio Rapids 04/03 Girls Academy (GA)
Hometown:	Albuquerque, NM
College Major:	Biology
Academic Honors/Awards:	Soccer Honors/Awards:
1st and 2nd Honors Member of Student Council Member of Soccer Leadership Council – 4 years	2 Time High School State Champion & Once Runner-Up 2021 1st Team and 2020 & 2019 2 nd Team All-State 2021 NM District 5 4A Player of the Year 2021 United Soccer Coaches All State Team Team Captain and 4-year Varsity Letterman



Corrine Whitsell	
University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, NM NCAA Division 1, Mountain West Conference	
Club Team:	Rio Rapids 04/03 Girls Academy (GA)
Hometown:	Corrales, NM
College Major:	Biology / Pre-Med
Academic Honors/Awards:	Soccer Honors/Awards:
Lettering in academics for four years Honor roll every semester	Most Dynamic Player freshman year Varsity letter in soccer four years All State in soccer junior and senior years She also got 5 Player of the Game awards in high school



Rio Rapids Soccer Club – New Mexico’s Premier Youth Soccer Club

Rio Rapids Soccer Club is New Mexico’s premier youth soccer club and a non-profit organization offering programs for 4 to 19 year olds. The Club is a member of the Elite Clubs National League (ECNL), the Girls Academy League (GA), New Mexico Youth Soccer Association (NMYSA), the U.S. Youth Soccer Desert Conference and the Duke City Soccer League (DSCL).

Rio Rapids Soccer Club Mission Statement

Rio Rapids Soccer Club invites New Mexicans to share in what is a very positive era of development in youth soccer. The Club aims to promote a healthy environment, which enables each player to fulfill his or her potential both on and off the field. Players, parents, and coaches should feel confident and comfortable that key areas of development—technical, tactical, academic, personal and social—are the primary concern in each and every decision the Club takes.

The Club offers the most comprehensive and proven college search and player development program in New Mexico that has helped place 528 of our alumni in college soccer programs. Our 2022 graduates will join this group next fall.

For additional information about the club or its programs, please contact:

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