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## Mathew Zimmerman commits to Eastern Mennonite University



FSCI proudly announces that Mathew Zimmerman will play for the Eastern Mennonite University men's soccer program in 2016. Eastern Mennonite University is a NCAA Division 3 school located in Harrisonburg VA.

Mathew played on the FSCI Phoenix Orange travel team in the 97-98 Age Group since 2012. Mathew played primarily as a striker or central midfielder. He attends Spotsylvania High School. Mathew states the following:

*"Ever since I was little I've always wanted to play college soccer. So when Coach Mast and Coach Bain offered me a spot at EMU it was a no-brainer what my decision would be. I could've never made it to this point without Coach Marcello and Coach Pat. You guys have shaped me into the soccer player and person I am today, and I just want to thank you guys for that."*

Mathew's high school GPA is 3.74. He was in the National Honor Society and consistently made honor roll. As a result of excelling in the classroom, Mathew received \$16,000 in academic scholarships. Coach Marcello Manzano, Mathew's travel soccer coach for the past 4 years, states:

*"I am happy for Mathew. His hard work and dedication on and off the field has made him a successful player and a player that will excel at the college level"*

Coach Pat Mullins states the following: *"Mathew has a true gift. It has been an honor to coach such a great student athlete. His talents and work ethic are second to none. I am blessed to have had the opportunity to be a small part of his success. He is truly deserving of this opportunity to play soccer in college. I look forward to see what the future holds for him"*

Raymond and Heather Zimmerman, Mathew's parents, state the following: *"We still have the image of the smile and excitement Mathew had at his very first soccer practice at the age of 6! He couldn't wait to play. He has loved the game since and always wanted to achieve the goal of collegiate soccer. Many, many thanks to Coach Marcello, Coach Pat, and Coach George as well, for all their time, effort and mentoring that they put into training and coaching Mathew and his teammates. They taught him/them what character and teamwork meant both on and off the field. We know that Mathew has used that along with his faith to help him make the decisions he has in life. And we know it will help him both academically and athletically at EMU. Go Phoenix and Go Royals!"*

### About FSCI

FSCI is a youth soccer club based in Fredericksburg VA. Founded in 2009, the club offers a travel program, recreation program, training programs, and a college recruitment program that assists interested players.

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