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## Joel Tidman commits to Emory and Henry College



FSCI proudly announces that Joel Tidman will play for the Emory and Henry men's soccer program in 2015. Emory and Henry is a NCAA Division 3 school located in Emory VA.

Joel played on the FSCI Phoenix Orange travel team in the 96-97 Age Group since 2009. Joel played primarily as a central defender and was the team captain for the past 4 years. He attends Caroline High School and Chesapeake Bay Governor's School. Joel states the following:

*"Once I got on campus and the Emory and Henry coach offered me a spot on the team I was ecstatic. I'm really looking forward to playing for Coach Richardson and pursuing my career in Athletic Training. I want to thank Coach Marcello, Coach Patrick, and Coach Pat for all the help along the way and helping me achieve my dream. I would not be the player or person I am without these coaches in my life."*

Joel's high school GPA is 4.4. As a result of excelling in the classroom, Joel received \$20,000 in academic scholarships. Coach Marcello Manzano, Joel's travel soccer coach for the past 7 years, states:

*"Joel's passion and enthusiasm for the game stands out in practices and games. I believe that Joel will have a successful playing career with Emory and Henry."*

Neal Tidman and Sallie Tidman, Joel's parents, state the following:

*"Joel has played for Phoenix since its inception and has been coached by Marcello as well as several others during that time. There were several summers Joel attended a college soccer camp and often came home reporting, "Camp was good, but I didn't learn a whole lot that we weren't already working on during Phoenix practices". Joel's skills, as well as his fitness, have greatly improved over the years with Marcello. We have been very pleased with the Phoenix teams, coaching instruction, and leadership development."*

### About FSCI

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

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