



**Premier  
Soccer Academies**

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## **Premier Soccer Academies Announces First Twelve Youth Soccer Players Committed To Attend Academy This Fall**

### **PSA Players from Brazil, France, Trinidad, Chile, Bolivia, Venezuela and United States to be Represented**

Lorain, Ohio. - The Premier Soccer Academies, the first full-scholarship youth soccer academy in the United States, have received twelve commitments from players recently invited to attend the Academy beginning August 2007.

Each of the twelve student-athletes have been scouted either through the PSA ID Camps or assessed from the PSA England Tour and PSA Bolivia Tour. Five of the student-athletes were part of the PSA Bolivia Team that competed in the Tahuichi Mundialito Cup held in Bolivia earlier this year. Teams such as Chivas (Mexico), San Paolo (Brazil), Danubio (Uruguay) and of course Tahuichi (Bolivia) were participants of this outstanding event. "This was a great competition for PSA to be involved in, and for myself and the coaching staff it served as the proper environment to assess each player during an international tournament," said Desmond Armstrong, Chief Scout for PSA.

At this time, because of the ages of the student-athletes, PSA elects not to disclose specific information on those that have accepted the offer to attend the academy. The twelve players committed thus far will come from many different locations around the world including the United States, Brazil, Trinidad, Chile, Bolivia, Venezuela, and France. Players selected from the United States reside in Texas, Maryland, Virginia and Ohio. The ages of these players range from 12-15.

The total number of year-round Academy student-athletes for the inaugural 2007/2008 academic year is anticipated to top out at 24 even though the maximum for the residential component is 30. “ This first year we want to make sure we have a very manageable number of students in-house,” said Craig Umland, Chief Operating Officer at PSA. “Our facility is very unique and quite frankly, has never been done before involving so many unique cultures and educational backgrounds from around the world. All of the students selected have one thing in common and that is their high level of soccer skill and ability. Conversely, they come from different backgrounds and so for this first year, we want to be sure we have sufficient focus on adjusting to their off-field needs, specifically in the classroom.”

With twelve student-athletes already committed for the year-round program another twelve positions remain available. “Because of the uniqueness of PSA being the first professional-style youth academy in America that accepts players from all parts of the globe, we want to make sure that we offer enough opportunities by which players can show their ability. Recently, we have established a scouting network in Tennessee, Florida, Arizona, Texas and California,” says Armstrong.

Desmond Armstrong, and members of the PSA Scout Team, will be attending the multiple PSA ID Camps and PSA Fever 5 Futbol Tournaments scheduled for June, 2007. It is anticipated that final selections for the year-round academy positions will be completed at the conclusion of the Ohio – PSA ID Camp scheduled for the week of June 25<sup>th</sup>.

For more information on PSA Camps (Boys and Girls) and PSA Fever 5 Futbol Tournaments please visit [www.gopsa.com](http://www.gopsa.com) or [www.premiersocceracademies.com](http://www.premiersocceracademies.com) .

## **PSA**

Brad Friedel’s Premier Soccer Academy, a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organization, is the first of it’s kind residential soccer academy, located in Lorain, Ohio, to offer full scholarships to all athletes in an effort to develop the next generation of professional soccer players. Each year players from across the globe, ages 12-18, will be recruited based on ability and skill level, not the parent’s ability to pay.

Additional athletic, academic, and health/nutrition programs along with an assortment of different level coaching clinics, will be offered throughout the year targeting all ages and skill levels.

Facilities are state-of-the-art and include three and a half soccer fields, indoor field-house, 5,000 square foot workout facility, student housing and academic learning center. PSA is scheduled to open in June, 2007. The official website of PSA is [www.premiersocceracademies.com](http://www.premiersocceracademies.com).