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Senior Night

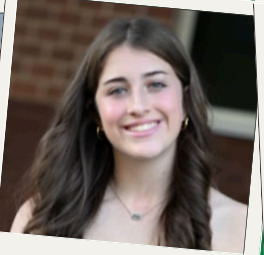
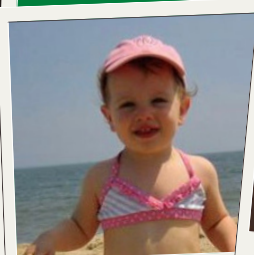


Friday, October 18, 2024



BULLDOGS 2024-25

00 Mary Pilkington Fr GK
2 Char Primich Jr Fwd
3 Natalie Gumagay Sr Mid
4 Sydney Mednik So Mid
5 Gaia Gross So Fwd
6 Angie Tukey So Mid
7 Noor Neama So Mid/F
8 Laila Foose Jr Mid CAPT
9 Veronica Lemos-Vejarano Jr Mid/F
10 Sofia Grundy Jr Def CAPT
11 Sofia Noguera Sr Fwd
12 Aida Sadjadpour Sr Def CAPT
13 Lexi O'Brien Sr Def
14 Kayla Wiederhorn Jr Mid
15 Katelin (KC) Chew So Mid/F
16 Sydney Stern Jr Mid/F
17 Ella Caughman Jr Def
18 Dani Huang Jr Def/F
19 Ruby Siegal Sr Def CAPT
21 Caroline Rilette Sr Def
25 Sarah Galbraith Sr GK
26 Cecilia Bernstein Sr GK
Coach Haroot Hakopian





**Natalie
Gumagay**

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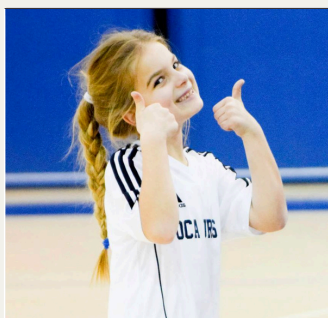
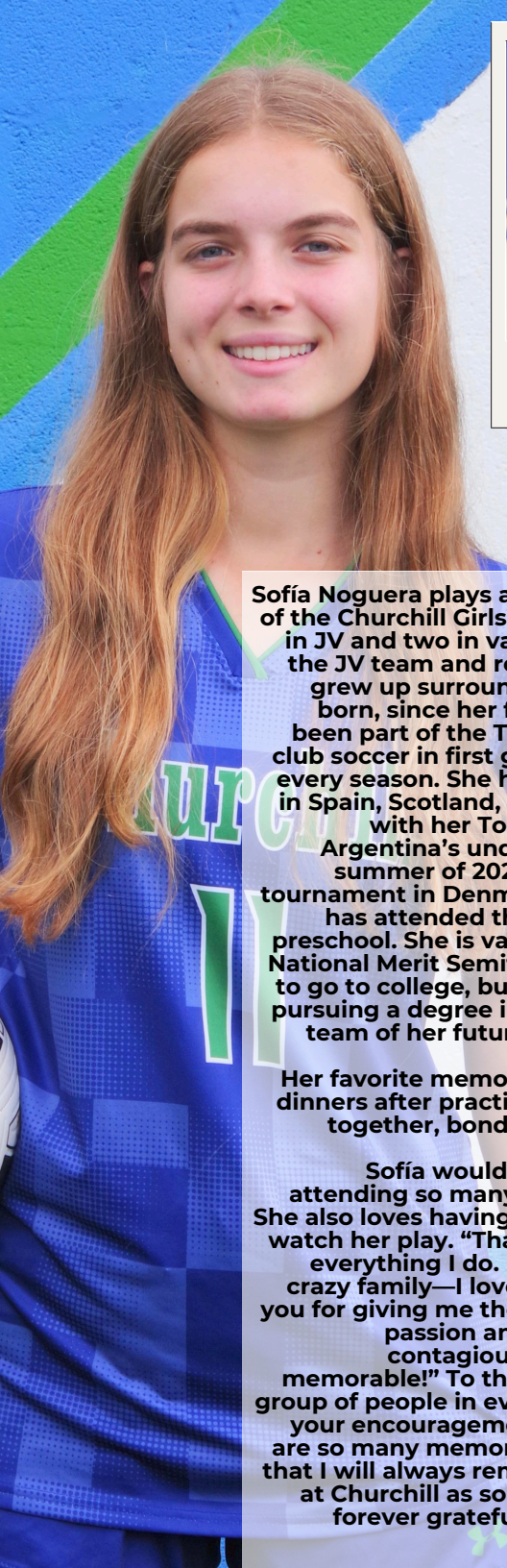
Midfield

Natalie Gumagay began playing soccer in kindergarten. Throughout her childhood, she balanced soccer, baseball, and softball. In 2019, she started playing travel soccer for the Bethesda ECNL II team, where she played both center and outside back. At Churchill High School, Natalie has been part of the soccer program for four years—two years on JV as a center back and midfielder, and two years on Varsity as a center defensive midfielder. Beyond Churchill soccer, she has been a four-year starter for the varsity softball team, serving as captain in both her junior and senior years. Natalie is also a member of the ASL, English, and Science Honor Societies, and enjoys spending time with her friends from Best Buddies. She plans to major in biology at a college with a medical school but doesn't know where yet.

Natalie's favorite memories with her Churchill team include game day rituals, bagel breakfasts, packed car rides while listening to and singing at the top of their lungs to the Pitch Perfect riff-off, and especially the team bonding beach trip.

Natalie would like to express her gratitude and say thank you to several people. To her parents and older brother: "Thank you for all your support in driving me to practices, games, and tournaments across the East Coast, and for being my number one fans. I've cherished our post-game car rides, especially when we search for food and bubble drinks (or smoothies) on the way home." To Coach H: "Thank you for giving me the opportunity to be part of this incredible program and for fostering a close-knit culture over the years. I also appreciate all the bagel breakfasts." To the team: "Thank you for all the memories throughout this season, especially our beach trip. I am forever grateful to have shared a locker room with such amazing teammates, and I look forward to the rest of our season."





**Sofía
Noguera**

#11



**Outside
Forward**

Sofía Noguera plays as an outside forward. Sofía has been part of the Churchill Girls Soccer Program for four years, two years in JV and two in varsity. As a sophomore she was captain of the JV team and received the "Offensive MVP" award. Sofía grew up surrounded by soccer from the moment she was born, since her four older siblings all play soccer. She has been part of the Toca Juniors Club since she began playing club soccer in first grade, playing one and even two years up every season. She has traveled to international tournaments in Spain, Scotland, France, Argentina, Denmark and Sweden with her Toca Juniors team. She even played against Argentina's under 20 Women's National Team and in the summer of 2024 they won first place in an international tournament in Denmark, Cup One. In addition to soccer, Sofía has attended the Argentine School every Saturday since preschool. She is valedictorian of the Argentine School and a National Merit Semifinalist. Sofia is not sure where she wants to go to college, but plans to continue studying Chinese and pursuing a degree in medicine. She is hoping to join the club team of her future university and play intramural leagues.

Her favorite memories with her Churchill team are the team dinners after practice. She loved sharing meals and chatting together, bonding as we prepared for upcoming games!

Sofía would like to thank her parents and siblings for attending so many games and tournaments over the years. She also loves having her younger cousins and aunt and uncle watch her play. "Thank you for your endless support towards everything I do. I could not imagine having a more soccer crazy family—I love you guys so much!" To Coach H: "Thank you for giving me the opportunity to be part of this team! The passion and dedication you have for the program is contagious and has made these last two years very memorable!" To the team: "Thank you for being an amazing group of people in every way. I appreciate your friendship and your encouragement and the team culture we share. There are so many memories it is hard to pick a favorite but I know that I will always remember the many experiences we shared at Churchill as some of my best times at Churchill. I will be forever grateful for the smart, kind, funny, and amazing people this program introduced me to."



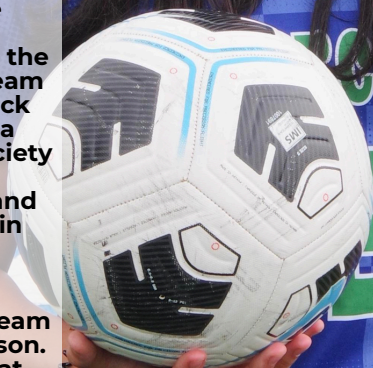
Aida Sadjadpour #12

**Center Defender
CAPTAIN**

Aida Sadjadpour plays center-back and has been on the Varsity team for 3 years. As a freshman, she earned the Defensive MVP Award where she was known for being quiet off the field but a "terror" for Bulldog opponents. She started playing at the age of 5 and captained her club team (FCGB) where she plays center-back or wherever she is needed. She is a member of the Spanish Honor Society and earned the Maryland Seal of Biliiteracy. College is in her plans and she would like to pursue a career in Foreign Affairs, school to be determined.

Aida's favorite memory with the team was the WJ playoff game last season. Churchill came from behind to beat WJ in penalty kicks after a long and intense game. Aida enjoyed the crazy celebration with her teammates and getting a chance to move forward in the playoffs.

Aida says: "Thank you to all the supportive parents, including my own, for the years spent planning, carpooling and the numerous events and celebrations. I am very grateful to Coach H who has built a wonderful team culture; I have made so many friends that I will have for years to come. Thank you to my teammates for always supporting me and making me feel appreciated."





**Lexi
O'Brien**

#13



**Outside
Defender**

Lexi O'Brien has been playing soccer since 1st grade, initially with MSI, then with Brit-Am, and now with Potomac, where she is also coached by H. She started as a striker before moving to play across the defensive line, primarily as an outside back. At Churchill, she played 2 years on the JV team before moving up to Varsity in her junior year. Lexi is a member of the English, French, Math, and Science honor societies. She is looking forward to studying biology in college, but is not sure where quite yet.

Lexi's favorites memories on the team include beating WJ in the playoffs last year and all the pre-game festivities.

To her parents: "thank you for your unwavering support in any dream I had, no matter how big or small. I could not be on this field, nor be the person I am today, without your endless encouragement and dedication to my success." To coach H: "thank you for putting so much time and energy into creating such a strong team culture. Our cohesiveness on and off the field is a reflecting of all your hard work." To her teammates: "thank you for making every moment on this team unforgettable. I am beyond grateful to call each one of you not just my teammates, but my family. You all are amazing soccer players, but above all amazing people, so I can't wait to see what your futures hold. P3 forever and always."



**Ruby
Siegal**

#19

**Outside Defender
CAPTAIN**

Ruby Siegal plays as an outside defender. Ruby started her Churchill soccer journey on JV her freshman year, has played Varsity for the past 3 years, and is captain for her senior year. She has been kicking a ball since she could walk and has loved playing for FCGB for the past few years. Ruby is also captain of the Churchill basketball team, an officer of the Math Honor Society, and a member of the Spanish Honor Society. She is currently undecided on her major.

Her favorite memories with the team feature going all out for spirit days, decorating the whiteboard before every game, and decorating the houses of new team members.

Ruby wants to express her gratitude to her parents for their endless support and for putting up with her smelly cleats. To Coach H for his incredible passion and commitment to the team. To her teammates for being the most loving and dedicated group of girls in the world. To Kinsey for always being there for her and ensuring the quickest and strongest recoveries. Ruby loves each and every member of this team and will always hold a special place in her heart for P3.





**Caroline
Rilette**

#21



**Center
Defender**

Caroline Rilette has been a center back and fullback at Winston Churchill High School for the past 2 years. She was on JV for her first year as a junior, where she earned the Bulldog Award, and on varsity for her senior year. Caroline started playing soccer at age 4, and has continued her soccer career outside of school with Bethesda Soccer Club. In school, she is a member of Churchill's Spanish Honors Society and Rho Kappa, Churchill's chapter of the National Social Studies Honors Society. In college she hopes to continue playing soccer at a club level and go into art history, archaeology, and museum studies.

Her favorite memory with the team was diving into the ocean after doing morning fitness at the beach trip. She loved waking up early, playing music while running, and becoming closer with members of the team that she didn't know as well. The beach trip was her favorite for a number of reasons: singing together in H's van on the way down, going to the beach at night, and getting ice cream daily. It was an experience she will never forget.

She would like to primarily thank her parents and sister for their support, constant car rides, and encouragement through the past 13 years while playing soccer. She would also like to thank all of her coaches, specifically H for the mindset he instills into his team. The way he leads as a coach is inspiring and has changed the way she thinks about the effort she puts into her life. Last but not least, Caroline can not express enough gratitude for the incredible girls on this team. They have never been anything but the most accepting, funny, and brilliant people. She has loved getting to know them all, decorating the locker room, and laughing at practices. They have changed her for the better.



Sarah Galbraith #25

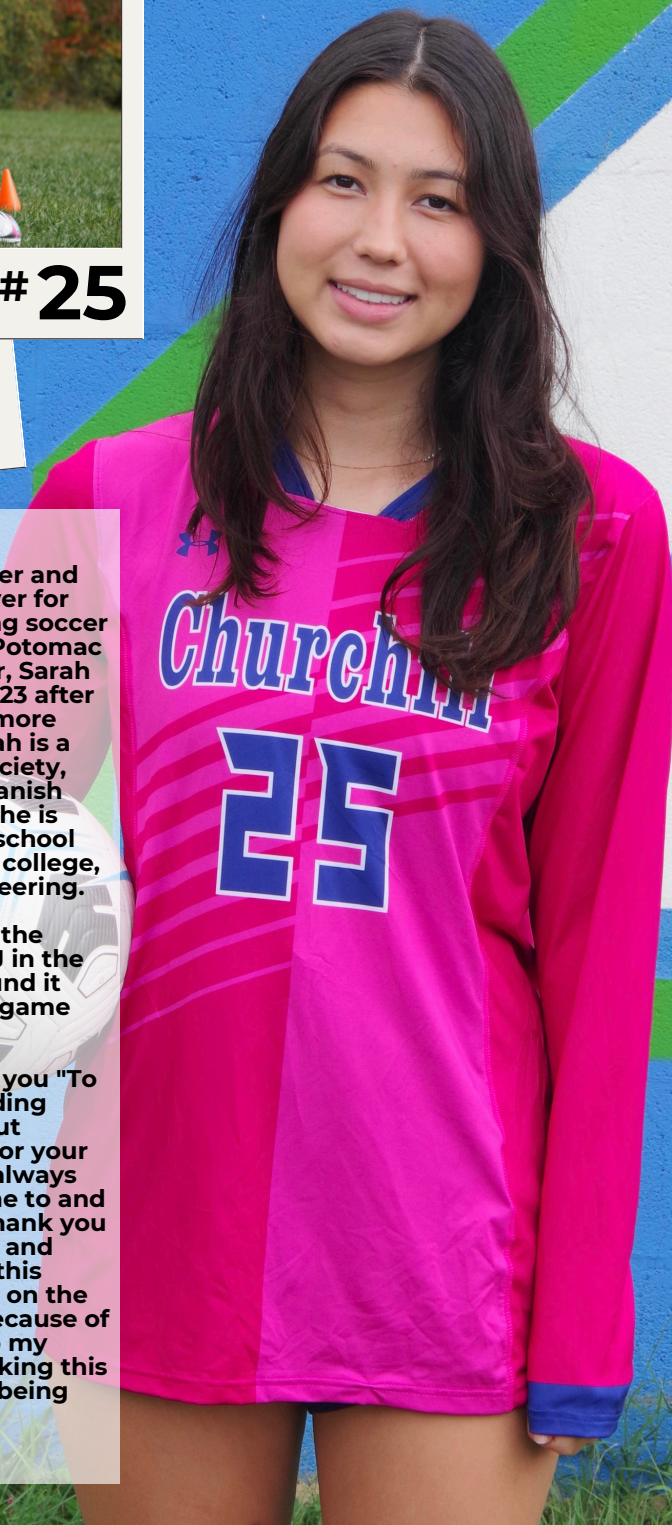


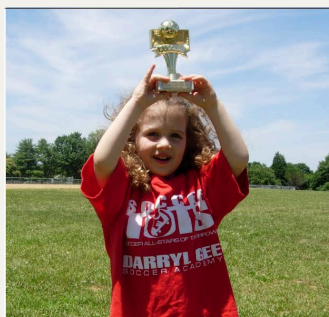
Goal Keeper

Sarah Galbraith is a goal keeper and has been a 4-year Varsity player for Churchill. She has been playing soccer since she was 5 years old for Potomac Soccer. During her Junior year, Sarah won Most Improved Player 2023 after she could not play her Sophomore year due to a wrist injury. Sarah is a member of National Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta, as well as Spanish and English honor societies. She is also the editor in chief of the school yearbook and plans to attend college, majoring in Biomedical Engineering.

Sarah's favorite memory with the team was winning against WJ in the playoffs last year. She also found it very amusing giving the post game interview with Aida.

Sarah would like to say thank you "To my parents for your never ending support not only for soccer, but everything in life. Thank you for your patience and finding time to always attend my games and drive me to and from soccer practices. To H, thank you for being such a good mentor and coach. I strongly believe that this team is so successful not only on the field, but also academically because of your support and help. And to my teammates, thank you for making this season so special and always being there for each other!





**Cecilia
Bernstein #26**



**Goal
Keeper**

Cecilia Bernstein has been playing soccer since she was two years old, starting her career with Darryl Gee Soccer Tots. Although she no longer plays for a club, her passion for the game has remained strong. Over time, she developed a deep love for the goalkeeper position, dedicating herself to mastering its unique challenges and responsibilities.

Ceci's favorite memories with the team are the beach trip, running around with the team trying to find P3s around the Rehoboth boardwalk, and racing to team dinners.

Ceci says: Thank you mom and dad for supporting me. You have been my #1 supporters and I couldn't have continued my soccer career without you guys. I wouldn't be the person I am without you, and I love you so much. H, your dedication to our team is so inspiring. Thank you for working hard to create a team culture that is unrivaled and brings everyone together. To my teammates, I couldn't have asked for a better team to be with. Everyone has made these last 4 years amazing and I will miss every single one of you. Thank you for being there through everything and I know we'll always share these memories forever.





Congrats Seniors!



There are no
goodbyes for
us. Wherever
you are, you
will always be
in my heart.

MAHATMA GANDHI

