

A photograph of Coach Fernando Sosa, a man with glasses and a white polo shirt, holding a soccer ball on a grassy field. In the background, several young players in white jerseys are visible, along with a chain-link fence and a building.

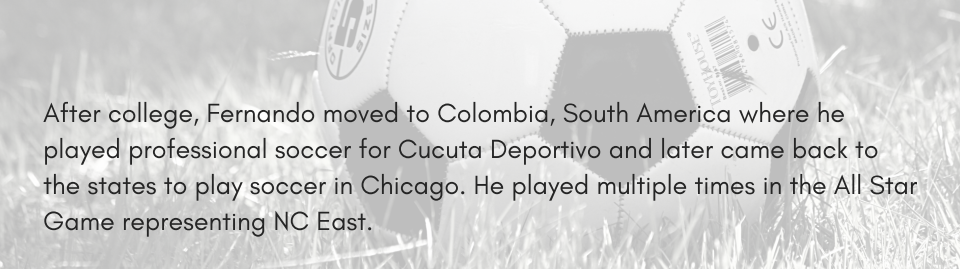
ABOUT COACH FERNANDO SOSA

Fernando Sosa credits his Uruguayan heritage for his soccer passion. A native of Uruguay, South America, soccer has been a part of his life from the beginning. Fernando's father, Augusto Sosa, played professionally in Uruguay and instilled the love of the game into Fernando at a very early age.

Fernando's exceptional skill set was apparent as he received the honor of All Conference, All State and All American in high school. Recruited by over one hundred schools, including #1 in the nation, Clemson, he decided to be the first ever scholarship player at the University of North Carolina, Charlotte. During his college career he surpassed expectations with being chosen All Conference three times and Pre Season All American. During his college career he worked at the UNCC soccer camp where he did group clinics and private lessons.

Fernando's college career was extraordinary and he continues to hold the All Time Leading Scoring record, Hat Tricks record, and Most Points record as well as single season records for Goals and Points at the University of North Carolina, Charlotte. He has been recognized at several events throughout the years as his records have gone unbroken since 1981.





After college, Fernando moved to Colombia, South America where he played professional soccer for Cucuta Deportivo and later came back to the states to play soccer in Chicago. He played multiple times in the All Star Game representing NC East.

Fernando also worked as a coach/trainer for Carolina Lightning here in Charlotte. Since Fernando's professional career he has enjoyed coaching for over twenty years. He ran an incredible soccer program at Concord First Assembly where he still holds the record for All Time Leading Wins in both men's soccer and ladies' soccer. His dedication to the soccer program was recognized many times during his career including receiving the honor of All Region Coach twice and All State Coach of the year four times.

Fernando was asked to coach the first ever NC vs SC Woman's Oasis Shrine Bowl game where he led his team to victory. Founder of C.L.E.A.T.S Soccer Camp, Fernando designed a camp program which set the standard for other camps while pouring into the youth of the community and instilling leadership skills in the 28 coaches that worked the camp each year.

Fernando now works alongside his brother, Nicolas Sosa, and long time friend, Noah Spencer, as assistant coach of the Providence High School Men's Soccer Team. The team went to the state semifinal and won an undefeated conference championship in 2017 in their first year as coaches.

Fernando's zest for soccer has been passed down to his wife, Dina, two daughters, Daniella & Julianna, and four grandkids, Miles, Norah, Edda, and Ray. Community and family are an essential part of Fernando's life and he continues to look forward to a future of being involved with an amazing soccer program.

