

EVANGEL CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

Boys Soccer Coach, Darin White Bio

Dr. Darin White comes to Evangel with an immense amount of coaching experience. Growing up Darin served as captain for the Alabama State Olympic Development Team and was the first player in the state to make the Region III ODP Pool. He also captained Vestavia Hills High School team before earning a scholarship to play for Birmingham Southern College. After his four-year playing career ended at BSC he went on to get his Ph.D. in marketing strategy/analytics at the University of Alabama.

He was founding men's head soccer coach at Union University, a Southern Baptist university in Tennessee, for 12 years where he won the [NCCAA National Championship](#) in 2003. His team also won the Buffalo Funds National Champions of Character Award the same season. Two years later Darin was named **2005 Coach of the Year by Adidas and National Soccer Coaches Association of America** (NAIA south region). During his time at Union, Darin coached several All-Americans and 13 young men that played for their country's national team, including Brazil, Canada, Guatemala, Serbia, Scotland, and Australia.

He stepped down from college coaching in 2005 in order to spend more time coaching his children's teams and helped found the Tennessee Rush Soccer Club in Memphis and served as Technical Director from 2006-08 where his 03 boys team won 5 division one Tennessee State Cup Championships and made it to the USYS Regional quarterfinals in 2008. Darin moved back home to Birmingham to work as a sports marketing professor for Samford University and started coaching for the Briarwood Soccer Club in 2015. His teams have won two Alabama State Cup Championships and made it to USYS President's Cup in 2019. Most recently his team won the 2019 Alabama Division 2 State League with a record of 7-0-2. Darin holds several national coaching licenses including the NSCAA Advanced National license.

When not coaching soccer, Darin serves as the Executive Director for the [Center for Sports Analytics](#) in the Brock School of Business at Samford University where he trains students to enter the business side of sports to be ambassadors for Christ in the sports business world. He has served as a consultant for some of the biggest sports teams in the world including Bayern Munich F.C., Dallas Cowboys, Miami Dolphins, and the Atlanta Braves. Students from his program currently work in the front office for NBA, NFL, MLB, and USL teams across the nation. The Center for Sports Analytics program also serves as the [official analytics partner](#) for Birmingham's professional soccer team --- Legion F.C.

Darin and his wife, Laura, have seven children and two grandchildren. They reside in Vestavia Hills and attend the Church at Brook Hills. His favorite aspect of coaching is to raise up the next generation of Kingdom-minded, Christ-treasuring young men and women to work or play in the sports world. His favorite passage in the Bible is Psalm 1.

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