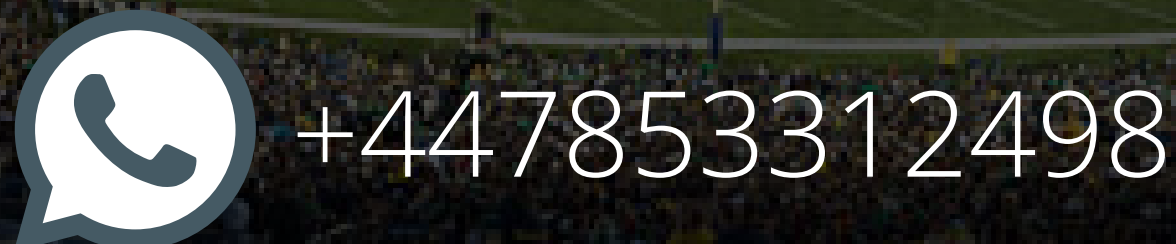


YDP USA

INFORMATION PACK



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ABOUT US

"At YDP we are passionate about helping young people fulfil their full potential in life, we have a huge array of different programmes across many sports that can help talented sportspeople achieve their dreams.

YDP USA was formed off the back of the original company Youth Dreams Project, which was created in 2014 by former professional footballer Luke Kennedy and current professional footballer Luke Steele to give better avenues in life for young people.

We look to provide a service that helps young sportspeople achieve a scholarship to an American college. We help guide both the player and their parents through what can seem quite a daunting process.

With years of experience in how the US college system works we now offer a bespoke service to each individual player we sign up. We aim to make the experience of moving to America a smooth transition and something you will look back on with fond memories.

I hope you find this information pack helpful, if you have any questions regarding any of this information please see our contact details listed on the final page."



Josh Carpenter
Head Of Sports Recruitment

BENEFITS OF THE US

COLLEGE ROUTE



America offers something different and exciting as apposed to going to a UK university - it gives you the opportunity to see the world whilst earning a university degree at the same time. You will meet people from all over the world and have the chance to experience the American college way of life.

It also gives you the chance to play your sport in a professional environment. American's take their sport very seriously, especially college sports. Many college American football games attract crowds of over 100,000 people. The sports facilities that US colleges possess are that of the highest professional standard and are almost unrivalled to what some universities are able offer here in the UK. Facilities will include: games field (often with stadium), training field, outstanding gym, professional changing rooms, physio rooms and more. They really do go all out for each sport they offer at the university.

On the academic side, US degrees have an excellent international reputation. Many US universities are ranked amongst some of the top educational institutions in the world, this is to do with the high academic standards they instill into their students. US universities constantly attract students from all over the world and are courageously working every year to change the education they deliver so that foreign students are able to find good career opportunities in their home countries.





STAFF PROFILES



Josh Carpenter

Head Of Sports Recruitment

Josh spent 5 years in the USA playing for William Carey University in the NAIA, in his final year he reached the semi-finals of the national tournament and was also named 2nd team All-American. Since returning to the UK in May 2019, Josh has made it his mission to help other young athletes achieve the best scholarships possible from US universities.



Luke Kennedy

Co-Founder of Youth Dreams Project

Luke has been a professional footballer at Peterborough United and Rushden and Diamonds FC. He now runs all of YDP and is always on the look out for talented athletes in his coaching sessions that could potentially compete in the US.



Luke Steele

Co-Founder of Youth Dreams Project

Luke has been a professional footballer for 18+ years and has played for clubs such as; Manchester United, Peterborough United, Barnsley, West Brom and Panathinaikos. He, along with Luke Kennedy, formed YDP back in 2014 to create opportunities for young people in sport. Luke is always on hand to offer key advise to any YDP USA players looking to embark on the journey of a lifetime.



STAFF PROFILES



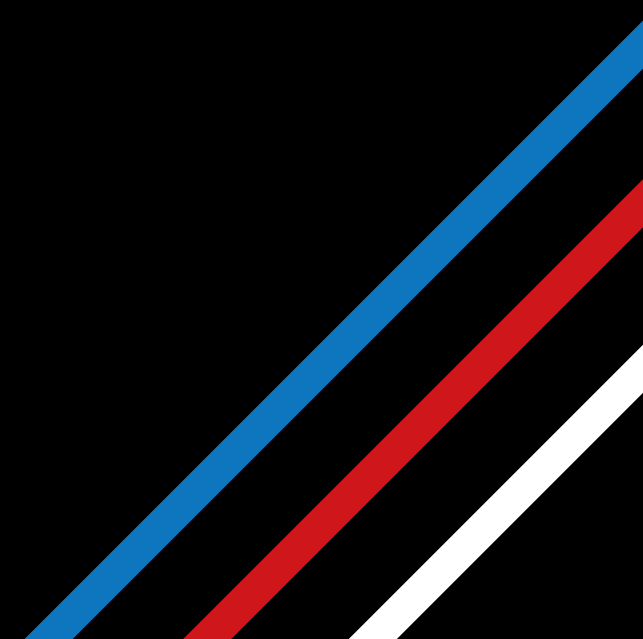
Matt Carpenter *Soccer Consultant*

Matt uses his 40+ years of football experience overseeing the southern region of the UK looking for talented sports people. Having been a parent of a former college athlete, Matt acts as a consultant for parents looking to send their child over to the US.



Joaquin Ruiz-Cabello *Soccer Consultant - Spain*

Joaquin is our soccer consultant in Spain, he is always looking for players he can help achieve a scholarship in the USA. Joaquin was named as a 1st team All-American for William Carey in 2018, he also won SSAC player of the year along with many other titles. He is one of the best players to ever play in the SSAC conference.





WHAT IS A SCHOLARSHIP?

Scholarships are a certain percentage of university tuition fees covered for student-athletes who show exceptional talent in their specific sport and in the classroom.

Each coach receives an athletic scholarship budget at the beginning of every season - with this, the coaches must try to build the best team possible with the budget they have. Scholarships are awarded on a year-to-year basis, if an athlete has performed well on the field, the coach may choose to increase the athlete's scholarship for the following season.

The US scholarship system offers a unique way to use your talent in sport to cover a certain amount of the expenses of university. The amount of scholarships offered differs from sport to sport and division to division. For more information on how many scholarships are offered in your sport please visit either ncaa.org or naia.org for further information



HOW THE US COLLEGE SYSTEM WORKS



To be able to attend a 4-year US college you firstly have to take the SAT or ACT entry test. It differs from different universities but, all of them will have a different score requirement on these tests. The minimum requirement for an NCAA/NAIA college is 5 GCSE's level 4-9 (A-C). US colleges tend to base their entry levels on GCSE's due to the fact they they do not have a 16-18 educational system, they go straight from high school into college so that is why they use our high school equivalent.

If you do not have the required grades to attend a NCAA/NAIA college then you will have the option of attending a junior college in the NJCAA athletic division or CCCAA if you are in California. There you will study for an associates degree which is a 2-year course, once you have completed this you will finish the remaining 2-year at either and NCAA or NAIA college.

You can choose what subject you would like to earn your degree in but you will have to check with the university beforehand to see if they are offering it. Most courses will last for 4 years but, they can be completed in a shorted or longer timescale depending on how many classes you take each term.



HOW THE US COLLEGE SYSTEM WORKS



The grading system is done on an A B C D Fail system. You score 4 points for an A, 3 points for B, 2 points for a C, 1 point for D and 0 for a fail. All grades taken are then accumulated to make what is called your GPA (Grade Point Average). Some universities work on the semester rota, so you will take around 5 classes per week in a 15 week block. Other universities work on the trimester rota where you will take around 3/4 classes per week in a 10 week block. If you to be able to continue to compete in college athletics you are reuired to keep above a certain GPA, this level differs from division to divison but the lowest you can have is a 2.0 (c average). If you fall below this grade you will be ineligible to play and risk having your scholarship cut.

Maintaining good grades is a crucial part of a college scholarship, the reality is that most college athletes will not go on to be professionals in their sport so having a degree to fall back will serve you well in the long-run.



COLLEGE SPORT IN THE US



There are 24 different sports you can compete in on a US college scholarship. Sports like; American football, basketball and baseball attract the largest crowds on game days . They are deemed as an elite level sport where the majority of NFL, NBA and MLB players play before they are drafted into the major leagues.

DIVISIONS

There are different governing bodies and divisions in college sport which we will help explain to you below:

The NCAA (<http://www.ncaa.org>) stands for "National Collegiate Athletic Association" and houses three of the four college leagues under one roof. The NCAA I is the largest and also strongest division, in which the biggest universities play.

Smaller colleges and universities play in the NCAA II, and the range of ability is also somewhat bigger here. Universities in the NCAA III do not award scholarships like universities in the other divisions, but those are still coached teams at your disposal. The NCAA III is comparably the weakest division. However, most universities there offer an excellent academic education and do usually offer academic and diversity scholarships.

The NCAA holds its own "Initial-Eligibility-Clearinghouse", which is responsible for the clearing the student-athletes to compete. In order to be allowed to play in the NCAA I and II, you must have registered.

COLLEGE SPORT IN THE US



The NAIA (<http://www.naia.org>) stands for "National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics". The level of performance in the NAIA is roughly comparable to that of the NCAA II, although fewer sports are offered in the NAIA.

The NJCAA (<http://www.njcaa.org>) stands for "National Junior College Athletic Association". These are 2 year colleges, athletes will attend these colleges for 2 years and then transfer over to either an NCAA college or NAIA college to finish their remaining 2 years. The level of sport at this level has a wide variation as there D1 level athletes playing at this level but, they need to attend a "Juco" to get their grades up. Coaches in the US would rather recruit athletes from junior colleges as opposed to outside of the US as they can see how the athlete competes in a college environment. Some states also have their own separate junior college divisions, such as the CCCAA in California.



COLLEGE SPORT IN THE US



American colleges across all divisions boast some of the best sporting facilities in the world, they take their college sports very seriously and they back that up with the money invested. See the images below of sporting facilities at US colleges:



Florida International University



Ole Miss



Louisiana State University

COLLEGE SPORT IN THE US



Grand Canyon State University



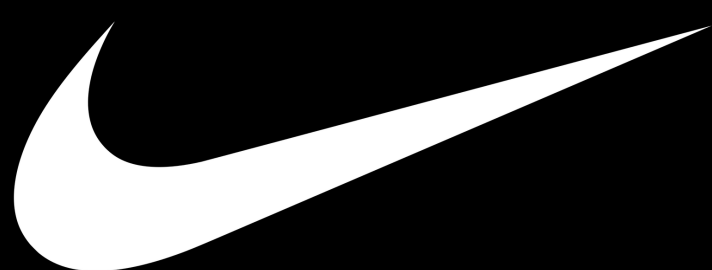
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OUR SERVICES



Below is a list of the services we provide:

- Provide guidance and support with Visa applications & relevant information.
- Assist with SAT/ACT entry test.
- Provide a full consultation with regards to finding the right college for the client.
- An 'on-call' service - ensuring availability of support and assistance at all hours of the day.
- Complete information of all the possible costs the client may incur during the process.
- Access to our broad range of US college coaches.
- Full access to our knowledge of the US college system.
- Full player evaluation to determine scholarship value.
- Help through NCAA and NAIA eligibility centres.
- Student and family pastoral support throughout the process.
- A personal highlight video.
- Assistance with finding the cheapest flights available.
- Full support throughout university life.
- Full YDP USA Nike training kit



PROCESS TIMELINE



Free Consultation



If an athlete applies online then one of our consultants will aim to contact them within 24 hours. We will request a Zoom call with the athlete and a parent to discuss whether America will be the right fit for them. On this call we will discuss; playing history, academic history and future goals.

Assessment



We will assess the athlete's ability by either; watching them play for their current team, watching them at one of our trial days or having the athlete send over video footage of them playing. We will also assess their academic ability by looking at their past and current grades.

Sign On To The YDP USA Network



Once we have established that the US is the right choice for the athlete, the athlete will sign on to the YDP USA network. This means that they will have full access to our scholarship service.

PROCESS TIMELINE



SAT/ACT Test



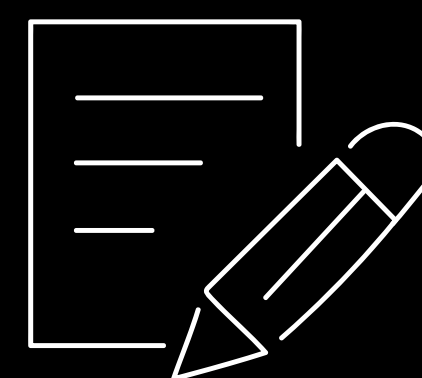
We highly recommend completing either of these tests as soon as possible and we have revision guides that we advise that our athletes use. Once the athlete has passed either of these tests, they will not have to retake, so passing it the first time will save the athlete a lot of time and stress.

Scholarship Offers



The athlete will start to receive scholarships offers around 6-10 months prior to them starting university. The amount of scholarship offers will vary for each athlete depending on what the coaches are looking for.

Visa / Eligibility Forms



Once the athlete has committed to a university they will have to complete their eligibility to play in either the NCAA or NAIA divisions. They will also need to complete applications for an F-1 student visa. We will be on hand to assist throughout both of these processes.

Book Flights And Head On The Journey Of A Lifetime!

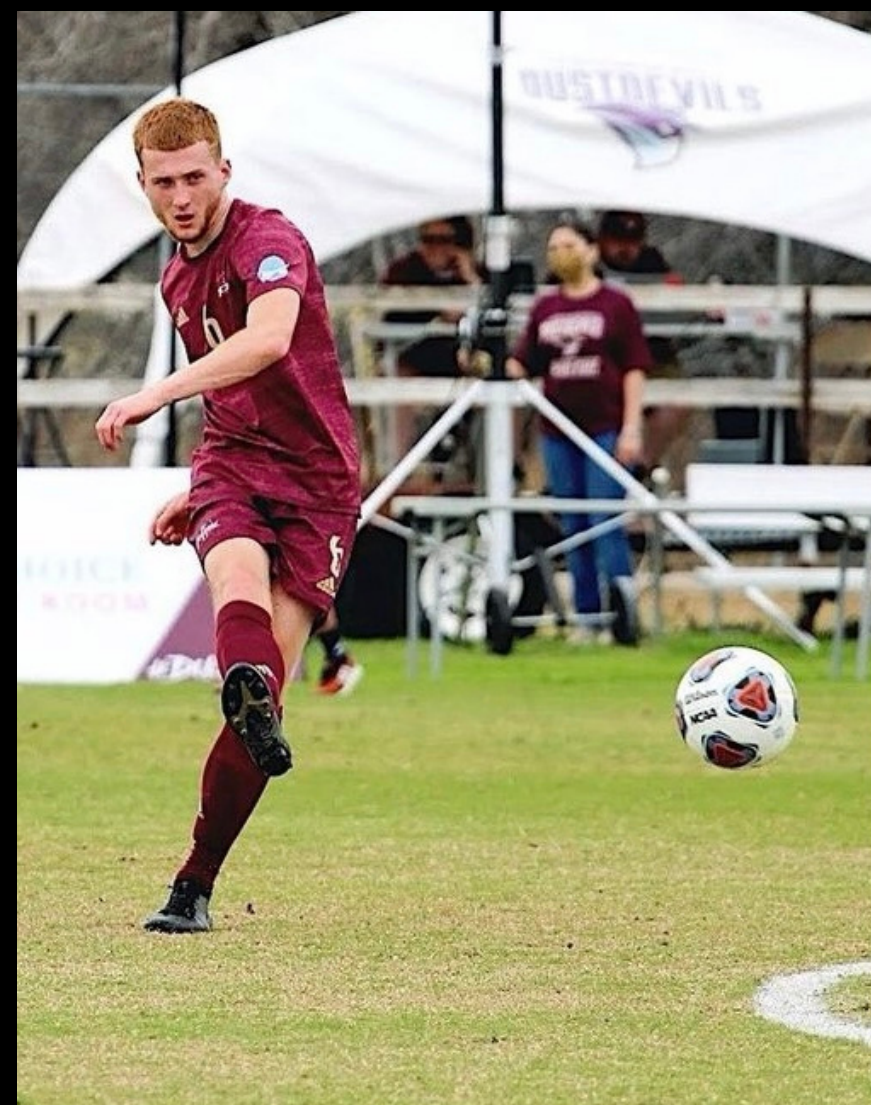


TESTIMONIALS



"Throughout my process with YDP and especially Josh Carpenter, I found them more than helpful with my move to the USA, and making sure that where I went was the best for me, from not just a footballing perspective but also from an academic and character view.

I would strongly recommend YDP to any aspiring athlete looking to further their chosen sport and academic studies"



Sammy Leonard-Mould
Texas A&M International University

"My husband and I would highly recommend YDP USA Scholarships. Josh has built a very positive relationship with our son, demonstrating an excellent understanding of his playing level and position, future sporting ambition and academic ability. From a parents' perspective, Josh's first hand experience and unflappable support throughout the application process was of great help to us. Our son recently flew out to the US to begin his University experience and played his first 90 minutes last week. He has found the technical and athletic abilities of his team mates to be of an extremely good standard and the University welcome and facilities overall of the highest quality. We're excited about the future for him and are very grateful to Josh for all his efforts in helping to make it happen."

Emma Liddle
Parent



FINANCES

One of the biggest myths surrounding college sport is that every athlete is on a "full-ride" which means that all of their expenses are paid for by the university. The reality is that the majority of athletes will be paying for their university, just at a reduced cost. This is where the "scholarships" come into play. Scholarships have a wide variation at the discretion of each coach. These are the costs that each athlete will have to consider before embarking:

Tuition Fees

These will be decided upon signing the scholarship with a college.

Visa Fee

\$300 (One-time fee)

Flights

£400-£1,000

YDP USA Fee

£1,375 (One-time fee)

SAT/ACT Test

£40-£100

NCAA/NAIA Eligibility Centre

£115 (One-time fee)



YOUTH DREAMS PROJECT

Luke Kennedy and Luke Steele founded Youth Dreams Project (YDP) in February 2014, with the aim to inspire and motivate all young people.

Our ethos is to deliver the highest standard of sports coaching, providing opportunities for as many young people as possible. We pride ourselves on our passionate delivery and commitment to positively impact the lives of the young people we get the privilege to coach.

Through sport, we can build self-esteem, give young people an outlet, encourage positive life choices and help them in every possible way to be happy and succeed in life. Through serious hard work, we have built an excellent reputation, enabling us to branch out across Cambridgeshire, Lincolnshire and Northamptonshire. We are committed to delivering high levels of quality coaching, work closely with all our clients and adhere to safeguarding procedures.

Coaching is our passion, but when wearing YDP Blue, we aim to do so much more than just coach. We want to inspire, motivate and enthuse the young people we meet, through fun sessions that leave a lasting impression.



NEXT STEPS



If this is something you or your child may be interested in then there are number of ways to start to the process:

- Sign up to a YDP USA trial day via ydpusascholarships.com
- Arrange a free consultation
- Arrange for a YDP USA staff member to attend a match
- Fill out an application form via ydpusascholarships.com

CONTACT DETAILS

If you have any questions regarding any of the information above please don't hesitate to get in touch.

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