



**BENNY ARTIAGA
HEAD COACH**

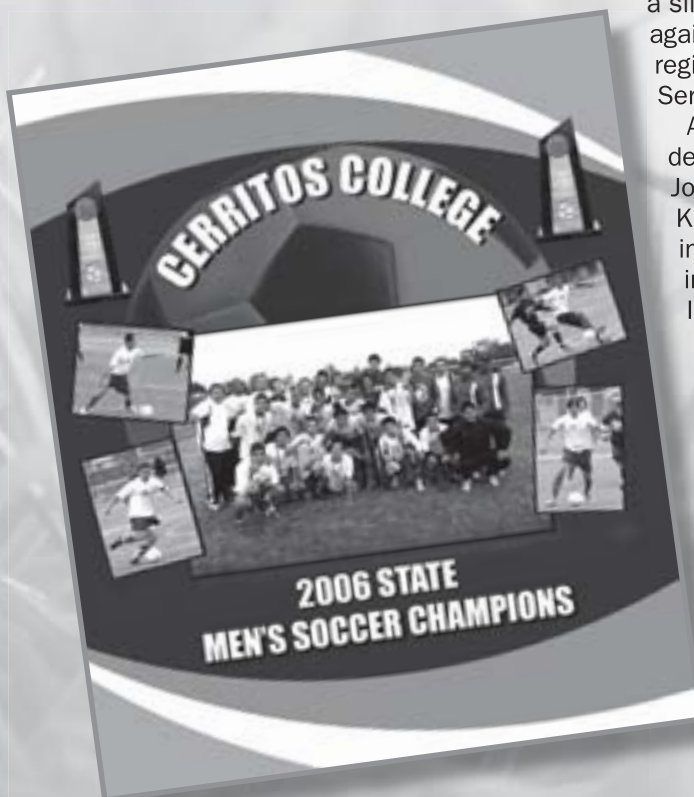
Benny Artiaga returns to Cerritos College for his third season as head coach with great excitement as 2007 figures to be a fun season. Recently hired as full-time Instructor/Coach, he hopes to duplicate a magical season that culminated with the Falcons winning their first state championship in school history, ranked first in the state and second in the nation. Winning a state championship also brought a lot of accolades, as Artiaga was voted the South Coast Conference Coach of the Year, Far West Coach of the Year, and to top it off, 2006 NSCAA Junior College National Coach of the Year. The trip to the state championship game was the second for the school, as Artiaga was an assistant coach during the 2004 season. In 2005, the Falcons advanced to the state playoffs before being ousted by semifinalist Rio Hondo.

Now entering his fifth year overall with the Falcon coaching staff, Artiaga was the lead assistant in the 2004 season, as the team finished the year ranked third in the nation and second in the state. He served as Interim Head Coach prior to the start of the 2004 season assuming roles with recruiting, scheduling, academics, budgeting and team management.

Artiaga holds a national Class B license from the United States Soccer Federation (USSF), National Fitness Level 1 diploma, also from USSF, and an advanced diploma from the National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA). He has also been invited to serve on the USSF soccer training staff. After playing for the Falcons on their 2001 team, Artiaga remained with the team in a coaching capacity. Among his qualifications are participating many years of CSL and playing under two soccer programs (Cerritos and Long Beach City College), while during his time enlisted in the military, he captained the United States Navy team to a silver medal in the 1996 RIMPAC Hawaii Tournament against Chile and participated against various select regional teams across the country, including a 1996 Armed Services Cup.

Artiaga graduated from USC in 2003 with a Bachelor's degree in Public Relations and an emphasis in Sports Journalism. He completed his Master's degree in Kinesiology/Sports Management from Long Beach State in 2005 and is currently working on his doctoral degree in Sports Psychology from the University of San Diego for Integrative Studies.

Professionally, he has worked for the Los Angeles Galaxy and in the USC Sports Information Office under Mike Garrett and Tim Tesselone, while also working as a personal fitness trainer for the USC athletic department for three years training many athletes from various sports. Artiaga also serves on the coaching staff with the Los Alamitos High boy's soccer team with Falcon assistants Donovan Martinez (Los Alamitos High boy's head coach) and Raul Avellaneda (JV head coach). During his time there, the Los Alamitos boys have captured consecutive conference championships by going undefeated, advanced to the Division 1 final four and finished last year ranked seventh in the nation. He also coaches a U-13 boys BlackStars team with LBSC.





DONOVAN MARTINEZ
ASSISTANT COACH

Donovan Martinez begins his third season as a member of the Cerritos College coaching staff. As a player, Martinez was an Olympic Development player in Northern California and was part of the Under-16 National Pool. He was a four-year varsity letterman at Fresno State and helped the team reach the Elite Eight as a freshman and won MPSL Scholar Athlete of the Year as a senior. Academically, Martinez received his Bachelors degree from Fresno State in Business Management and has been coaching at the high school ranks since 1994.

Martinez is also currently the head boy's soccer coach at Los Alamitos High alongside Falcon head coach Benny Artiaga. Over the last two seasons, he had led the Griffins to back-to-back Sunset League championships, while they were undefeated two seasons ago and finished the year ranked #7 in the country. Along with his other duties, Martinez also coaches with Crown City United Boys Under-11 and Girls Under-19 teams.

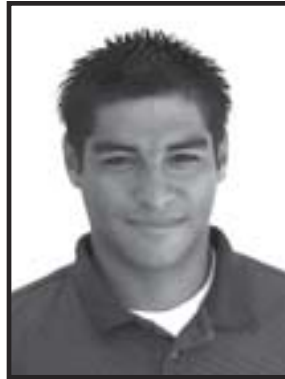


RAUL AVELLANEDA
ASSISTANT COACH

Now beginning his third season as an assistant coach, Raul Avellaneda was instrumental in helping the Falcons to their first state championship in school history last season. A student of the game, Avellaneda is a former Falcon player (1986-87) who has also played internationally in Uruguay, Costa Rica and Mexico for four years. Prior to playing at Cerritos, Avellaneda graduated from Downey High, where he was voted the team's Offensive Player of the Year

as a senior after scoring nine goals with 14 assists. In his two seasons with the Falcons, Avellaneda scored nine goals.

His coaching career also consists of serving on the coaching staff at Mater Dei High over the last two years. Last season they captured the CIF Division I Championship. He also currently coaches and the club level with the F.C. Irvine GU17 Silver soccer team that he helped move up from the Bronze level.



ABRAHAM MORAN
ASSISTANT COACH

Starting his first season with the Falcons, Abraham Moran was a member of the Cerritos College men's soccer team back in 2004 that reached the state championship game for the first time in school history. Moran then moved on to Kansas Wesleyan University and was a 2nd Team All-Kansas City Athletic Conference. He helped them win the conference tournament and advanced to the NAIA Region IV Semi-Finals, while the team finished 17-3-1 on the year. After finishing his playing career, Moran was an assistant coach last year at Salina Central High School in Kansas. Moran is currently working on his Bachelor's degree in Physical Education and also holds a Class "E" coaching license.



CHRIS LEKAVICH
ASSISTANT COACH

Joining the Cerritos College staff for his first season as the goalkeeper coach is Chris Lekavich. He has over 25 years of playing and training experience at various levels of the sport. In his training he has been able to improvise, adapt, and overcome all deficiencies existing in goalkeepers' forms prior to his training. Chris's training methods greatly improve the athletic skill and levels of his goalkeepers. Because of this, many of his students have been scouted to play for higher level teams, offered scholarships to colleges, and have won various prestigious titles and tournaments.

His coaching career consists of training goalkeepers for various clubs and privately. He was the goalkeeper trainer for Cerritos United Soccer Club and Cerritos High School. Lekavich is now the current trainer for F.C. Irvine and F.C. South Coast Bayern. He is also the goalkeeper trainer for Huntington Beach High School and Cypress High School. He also trains the keeper for an indoor arena soccer team and has trained approximately 50 or more private students ranging in age from 8 years old to 39 years old.

Lekavich went to Marina High School where he played on both the junior varsity and varsity teams, where he was a two-time all-league and All-CIF selection. Lekavich then went to Golden West College, where he continued to play soccer and began his pursuit for a college degree. He also played on the DSV Danubia Men's League team, until he entered the United States Marine Corps (USMC) in 1992.

While in the USMC, he played for various teams throughout his service before being honorably discharged in 1996. The teams Lekavich played for while in the Marine Corps include: Marine Team - Rota, Spain, School of Infantry Soccer Team - Camp Pendleton, West Coast All Star Team, All Marine Corps Team; and the Honorable Mention All Service Team.

In 1996, Lekavich received a full athletic scholarship to California State University of Fullerton to play Division 1 Soccer. He was formally trained in goalkeeping at Cal State Fullerton by Zack Abdel (a former Egyptian National Team goalkeeper and a holder of Class A Bundesliga coaching license; former goalkeeper trainer for the LA Galaxy; current trainer for Chivas USA and the US Men's National Team). Lekavich graduated Cal State Fullerton with a degree in History