



2008 Cerritos College Women's Soccer

COACHING STAFF



RUBEN GONZALEZ **HEAD COACH**

In just his third season as the head coach, Ruben Gonzalez took a Cerritos College women's soccer team where they had never gone before. With a stunning 2-1 win over Santiago Canyon College in the state championship game, Gonzalez became the first coach to guide the Falcons to the state championship.

Since his arrival, Gonzalez has led his teams to three straight South Coast Conference championships and has advanced to at least the second round of the Southern California Regional Playoffs. In his inaugural year, they won their first playoff game in the program's history, while they came within one win of advancing to the state tournament his second year. But his team put it all together his third year and won the state title and finished ranked #2 in the country. In his three years, Gonzalez has compiled an amazing 66-8-5 record on the year and a 30-3-3 SCC mark, while they have broken the single-season wins record each year. The team has gone from 20 wins in 2006 (ranked #19 in the country) to 22 in 2007 (ranked #15 in the country) and 24 last year.

Prior to coming to Cerritos, Gonzalez spent three seasons serving as the head women's soccer coach at Rio Hondo College and led them to two Foothill Conference championships and a combined 44-11-1 overall record. In addition, his conference record was a remarkable 32-3-1, as the team won their conference championship in his first and third year, while they placed second

the other season. His combined coaching record at both colleges is 110-19-5, while he is 62-6-4 in conference play.

Gonzalez played his college soccer at Cal State University, Los Angeles from 1989-92 under the direction of former World Cup International Mexican National Team player Leonardo Cuellar. In two of his seasons at CSULA, the college played at the Division I level, with the last two being at Division II, while Gonzalez was an All-Conference defender. He then graduated from CSULA with a Bachelor's degree in Physical Education.

Prior to coaching at Cerritos College, Gonzalez was an assistant coach at California State University, Los Angeles in 1993 before being named the head coach at Pius X High in Downey from 1994-95. He then moved on to St. John Bosco High in Bellflower from 1996-2000 as their assistant coach. In 1997, he became the men's assistant coach helping to begin the first men's soccer program at Rio Hondo College, which was the inaugural season for the team that went on to the state finals and ended the season ranked ninth in the nation. He remained at Rio Hondo College from 1997-2002 as their assistant coach and helped the team reach the Southern California regional Playoffs every year. While coaching at Rio Hondo College, Gonzalez helped to develop players that went on to play professionally, as well as at Division I and Division II universities. While coaching in college, Gonzalez has been actively coaching club soccer teams which include Whittier Soccer Club, Cerritos United Soccer Club and is currently coaching the San Gabriel Valley Flyers Girls Under 17 and Boys Under 15. ■

CERRITOS COLLEGE WOMEN'S SOCCER YEAR-BY-YEAR RECORDS

YEAR	HEAD COACH	OVERALL	CONFERENCE	POST SEASON
1995	Debbie Jensen	4-13-1	4-12-0	
1996	Debbie Jensen	12-8-0	12-6-0	
1997	Debbie Jensen	4-12-2	2-6-2	
1998	Debbie Jensen	2-16-0	2-14-0	
1999	Debbie Jensen	5-11-2	3-9-2	
2000	Debbie Jensen	6-11-3	4-10-2	
2001	Debbie Jensen	6-11-0	5-8-0	
2002	Debbie Jensen	13-7-1	9-4-1	Lost 1st Round
2003	Debbie Jensen	12-6-1	6-5-1	Lost 1st Round
2004	Debbie Jensen	4-10-5	1-8-3	
2005	Debbie Jensen/ Ruben Gonzalez	20-4-2	9-2-1	Lost 2nd Round
2006	Ruben Gonzalez	22-2-0	12-0-0	Lost 3rd Round
2007	Ruben Gonzalez	24-2-3	9-1-2	State Champions



ANA RAMIREZ
ASSISTANT COACH

Starting her fifth year on the coaching staff is former Cerritos College player Ana Ramirez. As of five years ago, Ramirez was a key member of two Falcon teams that advanced to the Southern California Regional Playoffs, and as a sophomore she earned the team's best Offensive Player and was an All-South Coast Conference 2nd Team selection. By the end of her Falcon career, Ramirez

had tied the school record for the most assist in a career (14). In addition to her duties with the Falcon team, Ramirez was given the opportunity to coach the junior varsity girl's team at Cypress High School and led them to a 10-0 record season and the league championship in 2005. The following year, she led them to a 7-3 season and a second place league finish. In their last two years, she has coached at La Serna High, spending one year as an assistant on the junior varsity team and serving as the head coach in 2008. She has a combined coaching record of 17-1-1, while they won the league championships. Ramirez finished the year assisting the varsity team during their run to the CIF Championship. ■



JAVIER ARELLANO
ASSISTANT COACH

Set to begin his third season with the Falcon coaching staff, Arellano came to Cerritos College after spending two seasons as an assistant coach at Rio Hondo College, where he helped lead them to the Foothill Conference championship in his final year. In addition to his coaching duties with Cerritos, Arellano is also an assistant coach on the Los Altos High boy's soccer team. While as a soccer play-

er at Los Altos High School, Arellano was named his team's captain as a senior and also held the same title on the cross country team. He was a two-time All-League selection in cross country and spent four years on the track team before moving on to Rio Hondo College, where he played soccer for two seasons. Arellano attended both Mt. San Antonio College and Rio Hondo College.. ■



GUILLERMO GONZALEZ
ASSISTANT COACH

Starting his second year with the Falcon coaching staff is Guillermo "Memo" Gonzalez, who comes in with professional playing experience, most recently playing midfielder for the Los Angeles Galaxy in Major League Soccer for four seasons. In his four years in MLS, Gonzalez did not see much playing time due to youth team commitments. Over his first two seasons, he played 12 games, and played none at all during his third and fourth seasons. He was waived by the Galaxy during the 2007 pre-season.

Gonzalez graduated from the Bradenton Academy in 2003, which is a full-time residency program for the US Under 17 Men's National Team. That same year he graduated, he was joined by pro players Eddie Gaven and Freddy Adu. At the time, Gonzalez became one of the youngest players in MLS history to be drafted when the Galaxy chose him as a Project-40 player with the eighth overall pick of the 2003 MLS SuperDraft. Gonzalez spent most of his first year in the pros with the Under-17 US national team, playing at the Under-17 World Championship in Finland. He also played on the US National Under-14, Under-15 and Under 20 teams.

His coaching experience now includes working with an Under-14 and Under-10 Boys teams, while he has also been a coach for an Under-19 Boys Premier team. Additionally, Gonzalez has been an assistant at Immaculate Heart High School and with the Under-15 boys team that was a semi-finalist for the National Cup. He also founded Memo's Kids Foundation, which holds camps for kids, as well as soccer clinics. ■



PAT ROSSI
ASSISTANT COACH

After alternating the 2005 and 2006 seasons with the Cerritos College men's and women's soccer programs, Pat Rossi will work with both teams this year. From 2002-03, he served as the head coach of the

Los Alamitos High junior varsity girls team before being promoted to the varsity coach from 2004-07. During his four years with the varsity program, Rossi posted a 70-18-13 (.757) record with three Sunset League titles (2004-06) and led them to the 2005 CIF Championship. That year, the team went 22-2-5 and was ranked #1 in the nation by Student Sports Magazine. Last year he was an assistant coach with the Cal State Long Beach women's team and has also coached the Cypress Futbol Club and was also the boys coaching director.

A graduate of Cerritos High, Rossi was an All-State selection and went on to play professionally for the Atlanta team, a 1st Division "B" team in Buenos Aires, Argentina; Real Hidalgo, a 2nd Division team in Pachuca, Mexico and Deportivo Tlanepantla, a 3rd Division team in Mexico. ■