

Aurora Youth Soccer grads commit to collegiate programs



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Aurora's developmental soccer program has long been considered a factory for collegiate talent, and this year's crop is no different. Aurora FC's class of 2018 has produced commitments to both Canadian and American universities for six members of the women's program, ready to hit the pitch with their new squads come the fall semester.

Andrea Meneses, a midfielder and two-time Ontario Youth Soccer League champion, will represent the Queen's Golden Gaels in Canadian U-Sports.

"I selected Queen's University because of the reputation of the Commerce program, the small community campus environment, and the amazing soccer program," said the Richmond Hill native. "I believe throughout my four years at Queens, I'll better myself as an athlete and develop skills to prepare me for my future career."

Quinn Josiah, who spent time with Aurora's senior program late in the 2017 season, will join the Prairie View A&M University Panthers as the team's newest goalkeeper. She enters a program competing in the NCAA's top division, as members of the highly-competitive Southwestern Athletic Conference.

Joining Josiah in the NCAA Division I is Emma Milne, committed to Liberty University to represent the Lady Flames.

The Uxbridge native, another member of Aurora's back-to-back Ontario champion squad, brings her skills at midfield to the Virginia-based Atlantic Sun Conference school.

"Emma is an energetic midfielder who can run all day long," said her coach, Land Wedemeyer. "Her work ethic and skill make her a great complement to the players around her."

The three new recruits doubles the commitment signings for the Aurora program this season, joining Michaela Iacono (Eastern Kentucky University), Laura Marelli (Guelph University), and Jessica Marino (McMaster University) who committed earlier this year.