



Real Jaco: Academy of Leadership and Soccer

November 1, 2018

Thank you to everyone who has supported us over the past three years. They have all been incredible, yet 2018 stands out as exceptional!

- **We kicked off our “Brighter Futures” program**, bringing five kids from Jaco to Maryland and Washington, D.C. in July. We plan to **double** that to ten kids in 2019 — and double that *again* to 20 in 2020.



Kids outside the US Embassy the day they received their visas. Jaco kids training with Rachel Nuzzolese in Ellicott City, Maryland.

- **Our U11 team advanced through the first two group stages** in LINAFA (Costa Rica's National Youth Soccer League / Tournament). The third group stage begins November 3, 2018.



- **Last week 6 Real Jaco players tried out** for one of Costa Rica's top futbol clubs — La Liga's elite academy team — 3 were offered contracts to play in 2019 and 3 passed the first round of tryouts and are invited back in December for 2cd round of tryouts.



Congratulations to Jeshoua, Dylan, Gergie, Steven, Branlla and Joe.

- **Our 4th Annual Summer Camp for Jaco Youth starts early this year**—November 1, filling the void created when the teacher’s strike resulted in the cancellation of the rest of the school year. Camp will continue through February 1, 2019.

And we have big plans to expand our programs for Summer Camp and 2019:

- **We’re adding English, Technology, and Communication & Public Speaking classes** in addition to our current camp curriculum and next year to fill the void in educational opportunities after the regular school day ends.

One of our key outcomes is to prepare our youth through both education and soccer to earn scholarships to US and European universities. As Oprah Winfrey said, ***“Education is the key to unlocking the world, a passport to freedom and a life of fulfillment.”***

- **Our “Brighter Futures” program will expand in January.** In partnership with International Soccer Academy (ISA), we’re sponsoring at least one player’s trip to Madrid, Spain to participate in international-friendly matches and train with Real Madrid and Atletico Madrid coaches.



Our prayers go out to Anthony Monsalvo and his family, Anthony was diagnosed with Leukemia in April 2018. We love you Anthony.



Luis Fernando Fallas

Congratulations to Luis Fernando Fallas, an incredible coach who has worked with Real Jaco the last three years. Luis is the former U23 Costa Rica National Team Coach and was recently selected by Paulo Wanchope to be his assistant coach in Heredia. Heredia is one of Costa Rica's Division I teams.

Thank you to Sergio Flores and Project 13.

Sergio, 14 players, and their families from Maryland traveled to Jaco for Spring Break, April 2018. It was an incredible experience for both US players and Jaco youth. Project 13 played three friendly matches against local teams and hosted a soccer clinic. We look forward to expanding this travel program in 2019 by inviting two to three US teams to visit Jaco in 2019 — offering young people the opportunity to experience different cultures.



Sergio Flores and Real Jaco players.



Project 13 team before game with Jaco.



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- Aki Lake & Craig Blackburn, **SAC Soccer Club**
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