

As part of Sporting Kansas City's commitment to encourage fitness and health education in the community, 22 young men and women were chosen to represent the first-ever "Sporting 22" class. Sporting 22 applicants are high school students that have developed initiatives designed to impact the health of children in the community, using soccer or related activities as a tool. Selection of the 22 winners was based on the creativity and innovation associated with their proposed initiatives, as well as their current performance in school.

We are pleased to announce that three members of the Kansas Rush Soccer Club were recipients of these awards which included a \$500 grant to start the program and a \$2,000 college scholarship.

Thomas Guthrie, U16 Kansas Rush Nike, conducted a two-day soccer clinic for children with special needs in the Exceptional Family Member Program.

Brian Ness, U16 Kansas Rush Nike, held a clinic teaching elementary school students basic soccer skills and techniques, such as dribbling and passing.

Natalie Terwilliger, Kansas Rush Alum, demonstrated the importance of fitness/stretching and the role it plays with injury prevention to the participants at the Kansas Rush youth soccer camps.