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Dear GDS Community,

We are excited to announce a great honor and recognition of one our very own.

United Soccer Coaches recently announced the association's 2022 National Coach of the Year recipients for senior and junior college, high school, and youth/club soccer, as voted on by the coaches in their respective divisions and levels.

Congratulations to **Greg Lekavich** for being named the **2022 NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL BOYS SOCCER COACH OF THE YEAR**, private school division. He joins the ranks of college coaches from UCLA, Johns Hopkins University, Syracuse University, and many more. Lekavich was ONE of TEN nominated regional winners in the United States that was vying for the title. He will be recognized at the national coaches' convention in Philadelphia in January. [Click here](#) for the full list.

Lekavich commented, "More than anything this recognition is reflective of the amazing players, parents, staff, and administrators that we have at Gaston Day. I feel fortunate to be part of a community that not only strives for, but achieves excellence." Director of Athletics, Casey Field noted, "Greg Lekavich is an incredible coach, and this honor is well-deserved. His knowledge, attention to detail, and preparation are second to none. More importantly, Greg has impeccable character, and he has run a first-class soccer program at Gaston Day. I am thrilled for him to be recognized on a national level for the great work he's been doing for years."

To qualify for consideration, a coach must be a member of United Soccer Coaches, as well as have a successful record for that season. In addition, the coach should exhibit such things as: knowledge of the game, community involvement, cooperation, consideration, and rapport with athletes, coaches, and referees.

Founded in 1941 and based in Kansas City, Mo., United Soccer Coaches has grown into the world's largest soccer coaches' organization that serves members at every level of the game. The mission of United Soccer Coaches is to provide programs and services that enhance, contribute to, and advocate for the development and recognition of soccer coaches, players, and the game we love.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION ON GDS ATHLETICS - Listen to our latest podcast episode - *Athletics is Part of Being a Well-Rounded Student***

In this episode GDS Director of Athletics, Casey Field, talks about the athletic program at Gaston Day School and how being part of a sport teaches you more than just physical attributes but they can also play a part in your mental well-being.

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