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## **Darrow School Enters Partnership with United Soccer Group—Names New Head Coach**

**New Lebanon, N.Y., July 10th, 2024**—Darrow School is excited to announce a pioneering partnership with the United Soccer Group (USG). This innovative collaboration, which harnesses Darrow's educational leadership and USG's youth soccer development expertise, is set to revolutionize the model of Prep School Soccer. It will provide our students with unique and unparalleled opportunities, igniting a new era in the soccer world at Darrow.

In addition to partnering with USG to bring athletes to the School, its co-founder, Rich Powell, accepted the role of Head Coach at Darrow. Hailing from the United Kingdom, Coach Powell has enjoyed a long and successful career in soccer. Since arriving in the U.S. in 2006, Coach Powell has held roles of Academy Director of the Soccer Domain Academy and Director of Coaching at the Pittsfield Soccer Club. From 2017, he has been the Head Boys Soccer Coach at Salisbury School in Salisbury, CT. Coach Powell has shown an ability to develop many student-athletes throughout his coaching career, guiding them to all three levels of college soccer. His vast network of connections will greatly assist Darrow Soccer players in pursuing their goal of becoming college athletes.

Kris Magargal, Director of Darrow Athletics, discussed the partnership. "Rich and USG offer just what Darrow was looking for in the direction of our soccer program. This partnership will elevate our School's program and provide student-athletes with a world-class education. We are incredibly fortunate that USG has chosen Darrow as a partner. Despite having numerous options, it became evident after our discussions that this partnership made perfect sense for both parties. We are confident that this is a significant step forward for Darrow's soccer program."

For more information about the Darrow Soccer partnership with USG, please contact Kris Magargal, Director of Darrow Athletics: at (518) 704-2754 or [magargalk@darrowschool.org](mailto:magargalk@darrowschool.org)

**About Darrow School:** Darrow School is an independent, co-educational boarding and day school located in New Lebanon, New York. Founded in 1932, Darrow serves diverse backgrounds and abilities, building on individuals' talents and interests to deepen thinking with specialized programs to explore the creative spaces where ideas intersect and solutions emerge. Our Active Curriculum, rooted in the liberal arts and sciences, is individually focused and combines innovative classroom instruction with project-based learning to educate future generations of global citizens who understand the wider world—and their place in it. For more information about Darrow School, please visit [www.darrowschool.org](http://www.darrowschool.org)

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