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2018 SEC Soccer Community Service Team Announced

Birmingham, Ala. – The SEC sponsors Community Service Teams for all 21 league sponsored sports. The Community Service Team looks to highlight an athlete from each school who gives back to their community in superior service efforts. The 14th annual women’s soccer Community Service Team follows:

Emma Welch, Alabama

Senior captain Emma Welch is the model example of what a positive influence a student-athlete can have on their community. From the moment she stepped her foot on campus at University of Alabama as a freshman, she has devoted time and effort into the surrounding community. Since fall of 2015, Welch has participated in ten community services events, with multiple visits to help at Alberta Apartments. Welch, especially outpours acts of service around the holidays by passing out candy to local children at the Halloween Extravaganza. She also, collects presents for children whose parents are incarcerated during the holiday season with Projects Angel Tree.

Taylor Beitz, Arkansas

Taylor Beitz has only been part of the Razorback soccer team for two seasons, but has embraced the program and the Fayetteville community, while becoming one of the standout student-athletes on and off the field at the University of Arkansas. Beitz is an active member of the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) and serves as the executive chair member, while also overseeing the health and wellness program for student athletes (HAWG). Over the last year, Beitz has volunteered in numerous Razorback soccer clinics including in Bentonville, Green Forest, Eureka Springs, as well as the summer camps that occurred on campus. Beitz also participated in Lift Up America, a partnership between the University of Arkansas, Tyson Foods and the Northwest Arkansas Food Bank to distribute food to Northwest Arkansas area agencies who serve people in need. Beitz was also a part of the Sweat Haws and Book Hogs programs that help promote health and wellness, along with the importance of reading to area schoolchildren. Beitz was involved with the “Reading with the Razorbacks” program last spring where current Razorbacks went to the local library and read books to kids while also signing autographs. Recently, Beitz has been an active volunteer at the Arkansas Children’s Shelter, the Arkansas Veterans Hospital and the Bentonville Boys and Girls Club.

Ashton Brock, Auburn

Brock has been a constant figure in the community during her time on The Plains. She has served as a member of the Auburn CONNECT Leadership Program since May 2017 – a program intended to help student athletes transition into a healthy and fun life in Auburn – and has played a major role as the program’s Executive Student Assistant Director (June 2017-January 2018) and Executive Director (January 2018 – present). Brock has also been a member of the National Society of Leadership and Success since January 2017 and is an active member of the Church of the Highlands. She has helped maintain homes as a part of Serve Day and gone to Columbus, Ga., to help provide for the homeless. Lastly, Brock has helped organize and staff Auburn Ignite each of the past two years, a night of worship sponsored by Auburn FCA.

Danielle Van Liere, Florida

Since the fall of 2017, Danielle Van Liere participated in six different community service activities for a total of 67 hours. These philanthropic activities include visiting children at the Shands Children Hospital to cheer up pediatric patients as well as joining the “Climb for Cancer”, where Danielle joined other Gator student-athletes participating in fun games and activities alongside children fighting cancer. In May 2018, Van Liere joined her summer league team, the Charlotte Eagles, on a 10 day mission trip to Medellin, Colombia. The trip included playing soccer with local youth and women’s teams while also sharing their Christian faith. Additionally in an effort to give back to the youth sports community, she volunteered more than 25 hours for the Gainesville Soccer Alliance, which is the local youth soccer club and a charitable nonprofit volunteer based organization.



Mollie Belisle, Georgia

Since arriving in Athens, Mollie Belisle has been a shining star on the Georgia soccer team. Her personality brightens people's day and her heart for others is evident in everything she does. Sidelined with an ACL injury this season, Belisle has been an encouraging voice for the Bulldogs, constantly showing support and bringing an uplifting spirit to the facility. Aside from school, soccer, and now rehab so that she can get back on the field with her fellow Bulldogs, Belisle is a mentor at Barrow Elementary School. She attends her mentee's soccer games and swim meets as well. Her love for children continues with her involvement with Extra Special People (ESP) and participates in the Special Olympics Prom, where she will be getting a pie in the face in the coming weeks. Through her involvement with Wesley, Belisle is a member of GROW. She went on a mission trip last year to Jamaica.

Payton Atkins, Kentucky

Senior Payton Atkins has devoted over 30 hours of her time as a Wildcat to community service with over seven different organizations. Atkins has been involved in the Special Olympics as a bowling volunteer, the UK Backpack Program, Feeding My Starving Children campaign, Lexington Humane Society, Hope Center's Adopt-a-Family, Salvation Army, UK Medical Center Hospital and the Lexington Futbol Club. All of these hours and organizations have seen time from Atkins within the past calendar year, showing her personal commitment to the Lexington community as a senior Wildcat.

Lucy Parker, LSU

Lucy Parker has shown a willingness to lend a helping hand during her first two years in Baton Rouge by helping out with numerous organizations in the community. She has donated ample amounts of her time with the LSU Food Pantry, an organization that preps meals for those in need. She welcomes new students to campus every August by spending time helping newcomers and their families move into their dorms. She has also participated in LSU's annual BOOzar event that welcomes families to campus every October near Halloween where kids can trick-or-treat while interacting with LSU athletes. The native of Cambridge, England, has also volunteered her time with activities such as the Special Olympics and assisting with bingo night at a local senior living center in Baton Rouge.

Marisa Kutchma, Ole Miss

A Saint Charles, Missouri native, Kutchma has established her role as a mentor in the Lafayette County community. This year, she partnered with a local rec soccer league through the Oxford Park Commission to help give guidance to youth in the area. She attended their games every week and gave guidance and support as they proceeded through their season. She also has spent time mentoring and tutoring with the Boys and Girls Club of Oxford. Kutchma has also used her voice to empower and encourage young women through the National Girls and Women in Sports Day. She uses these experiences to foster character and develop self-esteem for the youth who cross her path. Kutchma's community impact has extended far past the Oxford area. A future medical student with a passion for developing global health, over the past four years she has volunteered over 250 hours at Mercy Hospital and Barnes-Jewish Hospital in Saint Louis. This summer, the Rebel midfielder spent two weeks on a mission trip in Cusco, Peru, educating children and parents on standard health practices. Additionally, from 2011-15 Kutchma donated time annually to the New Life Evangelistic Center in Saint Louis, helping to feed and provide shelter to local homeless people.

Rhylee DeCrane, Mississippi State

Rhylee DeCrane led all MSU soccer student-athletes service hours in 2018. She has recorded over 120 hours of service since arriving in Starkville. The aspiring veterinarian volunteers at the West Point Humane Society and Palmer Home for Children along with time working with Habitat for Humanity and at the Bulldogs' soccer camps. The redshirt senior goalkeeper is an active member of the MSU M-Club and serves on the executive board. She is also a SAAC representative for the soccer program for the third consecutive year. This year, she worked with MSU's Dance Marathon and was part of the Bulldogs' National Girls and Women in Sport Day youth event. She also volunteers her time with numerous fun runs for charity including the annual Sprint with Super Gabe 5K in April and Dawg Walk for Breast Cancer Awareness in October.



Kelsey Dossey, Missouri

Dossey has recorded more than 54 hours of community service since she arrived in Columbia. The junior has spent extensive time volunteering for the Food Recovery Network, a student movement against food waste and hunger that recovers and donates meals across the country. She has also served numerous hours with the Food Bank for Central and Northeast Missouri in the past year. Dossey has also spent time serving at Caleb's Pitch to create art with young cancer patients. Additionally, Dossey has volunteered for National Special Olympics Day, Mizzou Moves, Girls on the Run, College Mentors for Kids, CMN Kids' Street Fair and at the Paxton - Keely Elementary School carnival. This past summer, Dossey traveled to Haiti with 10 Mizzou student-athletes to distribute shoes in various communities through Soles4Souls. Dossey spent six days on the island, helping fit underprivileged kids for shoes. The student athletes, including Dossey, helped to measure the children's feet, wash them if there was water at the site, and then put the shoes on their feet.

Jackie Schaefer, South Carolina

Jackie Schaefer is involved with the Personal Touch Program at Palmetto Health. She helps nurses and techs with various projects. She has worked in the Family Plan floor and Outpatient, working with a wide age range from a few months old to 80 years old. Some responsibilities and duties involved includes: distributing and retrieving meal trays; feeding patients; assisting patients in walking; transporting patients in; distributing/retrieving patient - specific snacks/juices as directed; offering relaxing backrubs as trained; assisting patients with personal hygiene needs; Newborn Nursery tasks; visiting and listening to patients; providing companionship and diversion; reporting changes in patient behavior to staff; and assisting staff with errands such as taking specimens to the lab which leaves staff able to perform more medically necessary tasks. Schaefer has also aided the Salvation Army is organizing their store. She has coached with the YMCA team, helping with the Fort Jackson Clinic teaching soccer skills.

Meghan Flynn, Tennessee

Since the spring of 2015, Meghan Flynn has partnered closely with Goals for Girls in Knoxville. The organization uses the sport of soccer as a tool to educate, guide and empower local underprivileged students. Bi-weekly activities include soccer lessons, games, mentoring sessions and teamwork building exercises, with the ultimate goal of teaching the participants academic and life skills. Flynn serves as a member of Tennessee's Student-Athlete Advisory Committee, helping plan service projects as part of the community service sub-committee. She has volunteered at events such as the

Race Against Racism 5K and MLK Day Parade, in addition to serving a Holiday Meal for the Homeless last year. Along with her duties with the SAAC community service sub-committee, Flynn is the organization's Social Media/Marketing Officer. She is also a member of the Phi Alpha Delta Pre-Law Fraternity at Tennessee, serving on the Community Service Committee for that group during the 2017-18 academic year.

Brittany Crabtree, Texas A&M

Brittany Crabtree made mission trips to Haiti in 2017 and 2018 with numerous Texas A&M student-athletes as a part of 'Mission of Hope'. She volunteered for "Erin's Dream Race", a local 5-K to raise money for the coalition against childhood cancer in 2016, '17 and '18. Crabtree has participated in Aggies Can, one of the largest student-athlete run canned food drives in the country all four years at Texas A&M. She has volunteered at Sports for Kids "Sports Fest", a free camp for youth in the Brazos Valley run by A&M student-athletes in 2017 and 2018. Crabtree has participated in youth education programs at Forest Ridge Elementary School and Greens Prairie Elementary School in the College Station school district. The captain has spearheaded the Aggies engagement with Turn It Gold, a nonprofit united in the fight against childhood cancer, as the soccer team hosts an annual fundraiser match to benefit the charity. She spent time with the organization Odyssey Teams in 2018.

Nia Dorsey, Vanderbilt

Nia Dorsey has been involved in a numerous amount of community service programs during her time at Vanderbilt. Over this past summer, she volunteered at a nonprofit in Nashville called Room In the Inn. She worked at the support desk to provide people with information over the counter medication, toiletries and socks. She also worked the lunch shifts to provide meals to the homeless and assist other volunteer groups. She was so inspired that she has her teammates collect toiletries from hotels every time we have an away game so that she can take them to Room In the Inn. She is a member of the Student Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) and she has gotten other teams to do the same thing when they travel. In the spring of her sophomore year, she volunteered once a week at a nonprofit in Nashville called Harvest Hands that focuses on education and empowering young members of the community. She mentored numerous 1st graders in 1-on-1 subject tutoring and homework assistance. At the end of her freshman season, she went on a mission trip to Costa Rica where she helped complete construction projects at an orphanage. She even organized athletic activities and participated in sports with the children at the orphanage. She helped serve the food at a soup kitchen for Nicaraguan refugees, too.