

## Yeagley Scholarship Story

What does the winningest coach in NCAA Division I men's college soccer history (544 victories and six national championships) do for an encore?

He gives back to the game he loves.



Jerry and  
Marilyn Yeagley

Why?  
Because when he looks back at the hundreds of players who suited up for him, including 49

All-Americans, five Hermann Trophy winners, three Missouri Athletic Club award winners, 20 national team players, and six World Cup players, as well as his 20 former players who became college coaches, he does not see the past, he sees the future. He sees the need to help pave the way for the next generation to successfully continue developing soccer.

Consequently, Jerry Yeagley and his wife Marilyn donated a significant gift to the NSCAA Foundation to provide scholarships to coaches from underserved communities and enable them to take NSCAA coaching education courses.

Again, why? Because Jerry and Marilyn well remember that coaching is not just about setting records and winning awards. During their first 10 years at Indiana University, when it was still a *club soccer team*, they worked hand in hand,

day in and day out, to keep the soccer program going. While washing uniforms by hand, lining the field, raising travel expenses, and hanging game notices around campus, Jerry and Marilyn learned first hand about the needs of young coaches, including the need for coaching education.



George Perry  
Greg Mauch

As soon as some former Indiana University players heard about Jerry and Marilyn's generosity, they decided they also wanted to contribute. Under the leadership of Greg Mauch and George Perry, they

contacted the NSCAA Foundation about adding their own gifts to Jerry and

Marilyn's gift to create a named and endowed scholarship fund—a living legacy—in honor of their coach and his wife.

With the NSCAA Foundation's guidelines in hand, Greg and George personally wrote to other former Indiana University players asking for support. Within a few months, the initial goal of \$25,000 had been reached, and The Jerry and Marilyn Yeagley Scholarship Fund established. It was the first such named



endowed fund established under the NSCAA Foundation's "*Honor Your Coach*" model. And the fund continues to grow as more and more alumni donate.

Soon after, three more named endowed scholarship funds were established—The Michael L. Curry Fund, The Walter Chyzowych Fund, and The adidas Fund.

Now, each year at the NSCAA Convention, Jerry and Marilyn are pleased to award a scholarship to a coach to attend an NSCAA Coaching Academy diploma course. Even in retirement, Jerry and Marilyn are making a positive difference in the soccer community.

If *you* would like to learn more about doing as these people did to honor *your* coach by raising the funds necessary to create a named endowed scholarship fund in *your* coach's name, please contact the NSCAA Foundation at [info@nscaafoundation.org](mailto:info@nscaafoundation.org) or call 913.362.1747 and select option 7.

