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2026 MEDIA GUIDE



MEDIA GUIDELINES & POLICIES

To maintain a safe, professional, and well-coordinated working environment at BMO Stadium, we ask all credentialed media to review the following 2026 Media Guidelines. These standards are in place to support a smooth match-day experience.

GENERAL GUIDELINES

All credentialed media shooting or filming the match are required to wear a media bib at all times, which will be distributed at the credential desk, and must be worn for the entirety of the match.

Shooting or filming on the west sideline of BMO Stadium is strictly prohibited unless escorted by a PR Photo Marshal. This includes during pre-match Starting XI and any halftime or post-match on-field activities

Please **DO NOT** enter the Green Rooms on the Field Level. These are for ACFC staff only.

All credentialed media are expected to conduct themselves in a professional and respectful manner at all times. Harassment of any kind, use of foul or abusive language towards any ACFC staff, or behavior deemed inappropriate by club staff will not be tolerated and will result in immediate removal from the venue and revocation of credentials for the remainder of the season.

DO NOT take a photo of your credential and post it to the internet/social media, whether it is public or private.

Please DO NOT take photos with any players, ACFC investors, or celebrities attending the match. Failure to comply with this rule, will result in revocation of credentials.

Failure to comply with these guidelines may result in immediate revocation of credentials for the current match and may lead to denial of future credential requests.

CREDENTIAL AND BIB PICK-UP

Media Check-in will open in Gold Lot adjacent to BMO Stadium two hours prior to kickoff. Please note, media will not be able to enter the stadium until that time, even with a season credential. Photo identification is required for credential pick-up.

Credential pick-up will close 30 minutes after kickoff.

Media members capturing photos or video **MUST** submit their ID at the credential tent to receive a bib, no exceptions. After the match, please return your bib to the Field Club Lobby desk (bottom of the Grand Lobby stairs) to retrieve your ID.

NOTE: If you anticipate arriving after the credential tent closes, please notify Alexyz Liggins at (951) 233-2202 in advance.

MEDIA ENTRY

All media with valid credentials will enter BMO Stadium through the Media Entry gate, on the Southwest side of the Stadium, located to the left of the credential tent.

Press Box media will continue through the security tunnel to the service elevator, then continue up to the Sunset level (4th floor). Please do not use the elevators located in the Grand Lobby.

Photographers will continue through the security tunnel and turn left into the main concourse, where they will head to the elevator in the Northwest corner of the stadium. After taking the elevator down to the field level, photographers will walk through the North Hallway underneath the Supporter's Section towards the Northeast corner to their dedicated seat area. Please **DO NOT WALK ON OR ACROSS THE FIELD AT ANY TIME.**

A seating chart will be posted in the Northeast tunnel and will be strictly enforced. All photographers must stay within the designated area behind the video board.

If you encounter any players en route to the photo section, do not stop for any photos or videos under any circumstances.

PRESS BOX GUIDELINES

Admittance is limited to working media members with credentials only. The Press Box is a working environment for writers, reporters, and match-day personnel. Cheering is not allowed in the press box.

Under no circumstances are photographers or videographers permitted to capture photo or video content from the Press Box. All video and photo capture must take place from the designated positions on the field level.

Seating charts will be posted throughout the Press Box. Media members must sit in their designated seats only. Abuse of the Press Box and media privileges will result in forfeiture of credentials.

Food and drinks will be provided to working media (press and photo) in the Press Box two hours before kickoff. The Press Box, located on the Sunset Level at BMO Stadium.

PHOTOGRAPHER GUIDELINES

Photo positions will be assigned and posted in the tunnel leading out to the field. Stools will be labeled with name and outlet. Abuse of the photo work areas and media privileges will result in forfeiture of credentials.

Photographers may only shoot game action from their designated assigned seat and may not roam around arena to capture any content at any time unless approved to do so by PR staff.

Workspaces are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Field-level media are encouraged to set up their computers behind their shooting location, staying clear of the walkway.

Media are not permitted to sell their photos for their own monetary gain. Photographers must be shooting for a media outlet in order to cover the match.

STARTING XI PHOTOS

HOME STARTING XI

Photographers wishing to capture the home team Starting XI must line up in the Northwest tunnel behind the barricades after warmups have concluded. PR staff will escort approved media to the pitch for access.

AWAY STARTING XI

Photographers wishing to capture the away team Starting XI must line up in the Southwest tunnel (video corner) of the stadium after warmups have concluded. PR staff will escort approved media to the pitch for access.

ON-FIELD CONDUCT & ACCESS RULES

Once escorted to the field, media must remain behind the designated pitch line and outside of the technical box at all times, leaving clear space for players and coaches to walk to the bench.

Failure to follow positioning instructions or PR staff direction may result in removal from the area and/or credential revocation.

VIDEOGRAPHER GUIDELINES

Videographers must only shoot footage from the southwest corner of the stadium on the field level. Video positions are assigned. Please note that you can only enter and exit the field video positions from the southwest corner. Please do not store your equipment in the tunnel walkway. You are only permitted to film the first 15 minutes of each half and cannot post clips of the match until the final whistle. All wireless microphones must be cleared by ACFC Staff before gameday.

FAN/CROWD SHOTS

If you would like to enter the Supporter Section on the North End of the stadium to get crowd shots, you must speak with a PR staff member stationed on the field or in the Press Box. They will then notify an ACFC Community Team member in the North End who can meet you and escort you. Please do not enter the supporter section without notifying someone.

LIVE SHOTS

If you have a request to go live at any point on match day, please contact media@angelcity.com as soon as possible to arrange your requests..

POST GAME PRESS CONFERENCE & MIXED ZONE

All credentialed media can access the Post-Game Press Conference located on the field level in the Interview Room beginning approximately 15 minutes after the final whistle. The press conference will feature the ACFC Head Coach in addition to up to 2 ACFC players.

If any media member requests to speak to an individual that is not in the Post-Game Press Conference, there will be a mixed zone opportunity by request that will operate concurrently to the press conference. Any request to speak to a player in the mixed zone must be submitted to the ACFC PR Team before the press conference begins.

As players leave and/or linger around the stadium, under no circumstance are media members allowed to request any photos, videos, or interviews from them.

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STADIUM INFO





STADIUM & FACILITIES

BMO STADIUM

3939 S FIGUEROA ST, LOS ANGELES, CA 90037

Angel City FC plays its home games at BMO Stadium, a 22,000-seat venue designed by global design firm Gensler that opened in 2018. Originally the home of MLS's Los Angeles Football Club, BMO is the first open-air stadium built in Los Angeles since Dodger Stadium in 1962.

The actual field at BMO is 86,000 square feet of natural Bermuda grass, a turf variety adapted for Southern California weather. The closest seats to the pitch at BMO are just 12 feet from the touchline, and every seat is within 135 feet of the field.

Located in Exposition Park, BMO Stadium anchors the south end of the Figueroa corridor and has views of the Downtown LA skyline. The venue is located near the convergence of the 10 and 110 freeways and easily accessible via the Metro Expo line.

Fan Fest & Sol Rosa Rally

- Angel City hosts a Fan Fest or Sol Rosa before every home game, featuring sponsor activations, rotating food carts, and performances by local artists. The festivities are held north of the stadium's Northwest Plaza, near Christmas Tree Lane. When they are not hosting Fan Fest, you can expect a Sol Rosa Rally throughout the Concourse which also includes sponsor activations, spirit stations and much more.

Box Office

The BMO Stadium Box Office is located at the northwest corner of the stadium and is open 2-6 p.m. every Tuesday. It opens at 10 a.m. on event days. Hours are extended to accommodate the needs of specific events. To purchase tickets, please visit **www.angelcity.com**.

Training Ground

Angel City's training facility is at California Lutheran University. As a part of an ongoing partnership, ACFC provides internships to Cal Lutheran students, has staff members serve as guest lectures in sports classes, and hosts entrepreneurial workshops at the team's front office located in Santa Monica.

ANGEL CITY FC

PERFORMANCE CENTER

ACFC PERFORMANCE CENTER

In January 2025, Angel City officially opened the Angel City FC Performance Center on the campus of California Lutheran University in Thousand Oaks, a state-of-the art dedicated training ground purpose renovated for women athletes. The 50,000 complex is the largest dedicated practice facility in the NWSL.

Features of the ACFC Performance Center include:

- A 5,400-square-foot gym equipped with brand-new performance and sport science technology in addition to direct pitch access with roll-up doors
- Custom lockers for players, coaches, staff
- Dedicated locker room for players under 18
- New hydrotherapy area including cold and hot plunge pools and saunas
- A private outdoor relaxation lounge
- A 3,400-square-foot medical treatment and rehabilitation area, a private recovery room, private doctor's office and medical staff offices
- Elevated nutrition area for athletes to fuel with fresh, nutritious meals prepared onsite
- Children's playroom to support the families of our players and staff including a TV, toys, coloring books, and a private restroom
- Custom pre- and post-training nutrition and supplement area
- A 930-square-foot team meeting and film room
- Coaching and performance offices for soccer operations staff
- A fit-for-purpose studio onsite for content capture and interviews
- A custom boot wall with space for 90 pairs of cleats
- A dedicated press conference and media work room

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SCHEDULE



2026

ACFC REGULAR SEASON SCHEDULE



**CHICAGO
STARS**

SUNDAY | MARCH 15



**BAY
FC**

SATURDAY | MARCH 21



**HOUSTON
DASH**

FRIDAY | MARCH 27



**ORLANDO
PRIDE**

FRIDAY | APRIL 3



**PORTLAND
THORNS**

SUNDAY | APRIL 26



**UTAH
ROYALS FC**

SATURDAY | MAY 2



**SAN DIEGO
WAVE**

SATURDAY | MAY 9



**PORTLAND
THORNS**

SUNDAY | MAY 17



**KANSAS CITY
CURRENT**

WEDNESDAY | MAY 20



**HOUSTON
DASH**

SATURDAY | MAY 23



**NORTH CAROLINA
COURAGE**

SUNDAY | MAY 31



**ORLANDO
PRIDE**

FRIDAY | JULY 3



**SAN DIEGO
WAVE**

SATURDAY | JULY 11



**CHICAGO
STARS**

SATURDAY | JULY 18



**RACING
LOUISVILLE FC**

SUNDAY | JULY 26



**KANSAS CITY
CURRENT**

SATURDAY | AUGUST 1



**SEATTLE
REIGN FC**

SUNDAY | AUGUST 9



**WASHINGTON
SPIRIT**

SUNDAY | AUGUST 16



**NJ/NY
GOTHAM**

SUNDAY | AUGUST 23



**NORTH CAROLINA
COURAGE**

WEDNESDAY | AUGUST 26



**BOSTON
LEGACY FC**

MONDAY | AUGUST 31



**RACING
LOUISVILLE FC**

SATURDAY | SEPTEMBER 5



**DENVER
SUMMIT FC**

FRIDAY | SEPTEMBER 11



**SEATTLE
REIGN FC**

WEDNESDAY | SEPTEMBER 16



**UTAH
ROYALS FC**

SUNDAY | SEPTEMBER 20



**WASHINGTON
SPIRIT**

SATURDAY | SEPTEMBER 26



**NJ/NY
GOTHAM**

SUNDAY | OCTOBER 4



**DENVER
SUMMIT FC**

SATURDAY | OCTOBER 17



**BAY
FC**

SATURDAY | OCTOBER 25



**BOSTON
LEGACY FC**

SUNDAY | NOVEMBER 1

HOME

AWAY

2026

ACFC BROADCAST SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME(PT)	BROADCAST
MAR. 15	vs Chicago Stars	4:00 PM	Victory+
MAR. 21	at Portland Thorns	7:00 PM	Prime Video
MAR. 30	vs Seattle Reign	5:00 PM	CBSSN
APR. 12	at Houston Dash	2:00 PM	NWSL / P+
APR. 18	vs Gotham FC	7:30 PM	NWSL
APR. 25	at Orlando Pride	5:00 PM	Prime Video
MAY. 2	at Washington Spirit	5:00 PM	Prime Video
MAY. 9	vs Utah Royals	7:30 PM	NWSL / P+
MAY. 17	at Bay FC	7:00 PM	ION
MAY. 24	vs Racing Louisville	7:00 PM	ION
JUNE. 7	vs Chicago Stars	7:00 PM	ION
JUNE. 14	vs NC Courage	7:00 PM	ION
JUNE. 20	at Kansas City Current	5:00 PM	Prime Video
AUG. 1	at Seattle Reign	7:30 PM	NWSL / P+
AUG. 9	at San Diego Wave	7:00 PM	ION
AUG. 15	at Utah Royals	7:00 PM	NWSL / P+
AUG. 21	vs Orlando Pride	7:30 PM	CBSSN
SEPT. 1	vs Bay FC	6:00 PM	CBSSN
SEPT. 7	at Gotham FC	2:00 PM	ESPN
SEPT. 13	at NC Courage	9:30 AM	CBS
SEPT. 18	vs Washington Spirit	7:30 PM	CBSSN
SEPT. 27	at Racing Louisville	4:30 PM	ION
OCT. 6	vs Kansas City Current	7:30 PM	CBSSN
OCT. 12	vs Houston Dash	2:00 PM	ESPN
OCT. 19	vs Portland Thorns	2:00 PM	ESPN
NOV. 2	at Chicago Stars	12pm or 2pm	National Hold



ALPHABETICAL & NUMERICAL ROSTER



#19 GOALKEEPER | DOB 3/22/2001 | 6'0"

ANGELINA ANDERSON

(an-juh-LEE-nuh AN-der-sun)
COUNTRY: United States
HOMETOWN: Danville, CA
LAST TEAM: College, California, Berkley
ACQUIRED VIA: 2023 NWSL DRAFT (R3, P27)

#24 FORWARD | DOB 06/08/1999 | 5'7"

PRISCA CHILUFYA

(PRISS-kuh chee-loo-FEE-yuh)
COUNTRY: Zambia
HOMETOWN: Kitwe, Zambia
LAST TEAM: Orlando Pride
ACQUIRED VIA: Trade from ORL (10/09/2025)

#17 MIDFIELDER | DOB 03/09/2007 | 5'5"

KENNEDY FULLER

(KEN-uh-dee FULL-uh)
COUNTRY: United States
HOMETOWN: Southlake, Texas
LAST TEAM: Club Solar SC
ACQUIRED VIA: Signed via U-18 Entry (3/6/24)

#3 DEFENDER | DOB 02/07/2005 | 5'6"

SAVY KING

(SAV-ee KING)
COUNTRY: United States
HOMETOWN: West Hills, Calif.
LAST TEAM: Bay FC
ACQUIRED VIA: Trade via Bay FC (02/03/25)

#27 FORWARD | DOB 01/24/2007 | 5'7"

MAITHÉ LÓPEZ (LOAN)

(mai-TAY LOH-pehs)
COUNTRY: Colombia
HOMETOWN: Bucaramanga, Colombia
LAST TEAM: Real Santander
ACQUIRED VIA: Int'l Transfer via Real Santander (02/21/25)

#30 GOALKEEPER | DOB 11/16/2003 | 5'7"

FAITH NGUYEN

(FAYTH WIN)
COUNTRY: United States
HOMETOWN: Costa Mesa, California
LAST TEAM: Texas Tech
ACQUIRED VIA: Preseason Signing (01/14/2026)

#6 DEFENDER | DOB 07/01/1999 | 5'7"

EMILY SAMS

(EH-muh-lee SAMZ)
COUNTRY: United States
HOMETOWN: Boise, Idaho
LAST TEAM: Orlando Pride
ACQUIRED VIA: Trade from ORL (01/09/2026)

#8 MIDFIELDER | DOB 12/28/1999 | 5'5"

ARY BORGES

(AH-ree BOR-jess)
COUNTRY: Brazil
HOMETOWN: Sao Luis, Maranhao, Brazil
LAST TEAM: Racing Louisville FC
ACQUIRED VIA: Preseason Signing (01/06/2026)

#10 FORWARD | DOB 08/03/1994 | 5'7"

CLAIRE EMSLIE (SEI)

(KLAIR EMZ-lee)
COUNTRY: Scotland
HOMETOWN: Penicuik, Scotland
LAST TEAM: Everton Football Club
ACQUIRED VIA: 2022 Expansion Draft (R2)

#11 DEFENDER | DOB 09/13/1992 | 5'4"

SARAH GORDEN

(SAIR-uh GOR-din)
COUNTRY: United States
HOMETOWN: Elk Grove, Illinois
LAST TEAM: Chicago Red Stars
ACQUIRED VIA: Trade from CHI (12/2/21)

#16 MIDFIELDER | DOB 11/01/2003 | 5'7"

CARINA LAGEYRE

(kuh-REE-nah Luh-GEER)
COUNTRY: United States
HOMETOWN: Cooper City, Florida
LAST TEAM: Duke University
ACQUIRED VIA: Preseason Signing (01/07/2026)

#13 MIDFIELDER | DOB 04/22/1998 | 5'7"

NEALY MARTIN

(NEE-lee MAR-tin)
COUNTRY: United States
HOMETOWN: Birmingham, Alabama
LAST TEAM: NJ/NY Gotham FC
ACQUIRED VIA: Trade (09/09/2025)

#12 MIDFIELDER | DOB 08/11/2004 | 5'9"

MAIARA NIEHUES

(my-AR-uh NOOS)
COUNTRY: Brazil
HOMETOWN: Itapiranga, Santa Catarina, Brazil
LAST TEAM: Sporting Clube de Portugal (Sporting CP)
ACQUIRED VIA: Int'l Transfer (03/27/2025)

#13 GOALKEEPER | DOB 02/28/1995 | 5'10"

HANNAH SEABERT

(HAN-uh SEE-bert)
COUNTRY: United States
HOMETOWN: Riverside, California
LAST TEAM: Sporting Clube de Portugal (Sporting CP)
ACQUIRED VIA: Int'l Transfer (05/30/2025)

#4 DEFENDER | DOB 11/02/2003 | 5'7"

KARSYN CHERRY

(KAR-sin CHAIR-ee)
COUNTRY: United States
HOMETOWN: Lafayette, Ind.
LAST TEAM: University of Louisville
ACQUIRED VIA: Preseason Signing (01/07/2026)

#18 FORWARD | DOB 05/24/2000 | 5'6"

JUN ENDO

(June END-oh)
COUNTRY: Japan
HOMETOWN: Shirakawa, Fukushima, Japan
LAST TEAM: Nippon TV Tokyo Verdy Beleza
ACQUIRED VIA: Int'l Transfer (12/20/21)

#32 FORWARD | DOB 06/05/2001 | 5'9"

SVEINDÍS JÓNSDÓTTIR

(SVEN-diss YONS-dot-ehr)
COUNTRY: Iceland
HOMETOWN: Keflavík, Iceland
LAST TEAM: VfL Wolfsburg
ACQUIRED VIA: Int'l Signing (05/21/2025)

#2 FORWARD | DOB 05/07/1990 | 5'7"

SYDNEY LEROUX

(SID-nee Luh-ROO)
COUNTRY: United States/Canada
HOMETOWN: Surrey, B.C.
LAST TEAM: Orlando Pride
ACQUIRED VIA: Trade from ORL (06/29/22)

#25 DEFENDER | DOB 06/25/2002 | 5'8"

SOPHIA MATTICE

(soh-FEE-uh mah-TICE)
COUNTRY: United States
HOMETOWN: Folsom, California
LAST TEAM: University of Kentucky
ACQUIRED VIA: Trialist Signing (05/16/2025)

#9 FORWARD | DOB 06/29/2007 (AGE:17) | 5'10"

CASEY PHAIR

(KAY-see FAIR)
COUNTRY: United States
HOMETOWN: Southlake, Texas
LAST TEAM: Club Solar SC
ACQUIRED VIA: signed via U-18 Entry (3/6/24)

#15 DEFENDER | DOB 12/29/2005 | 5'9"

EVELYN SHORES

(EV-uh-lin SHORZ)
COUNTRY: United States
HOMETOWN: Atlanta, Georgia
LAST TEAM: University of North Carolina
ACQUIRED VIA: Collegiate Signing (07/10/2025)

#99 MIDFIELDER | DOB 07/27/2005 | 5'5"

TAYLOR SUAREZ

(TAY-ler SWAH-rez)
COUNTRY: United States
HOMETOWN: Charlotte, North Carolina
LAST TEAM: Florida State University
ACQUIRED VIA: Signed with Angel City FC (01/08/2026)

#20 DEFENDER | DOB 12/02/2005 (AGE:18) | 5'4"

GISELE THOMPSON

(jih-ZELL TOMP-sun)
COUNTRY: United States
HOMETOWN: Studio City, California
LAST TEAM: Total Futbol Academy (MLS Next)
ACQUIRED VIA: Int'l Transfer (12/20/21)

#7 MIDFIELDER | DOB 01/31/1997 | 5'3"

HINA SUGITA

(HEE-nuh soo-GEE-tah)
COUNTRY: Japan
HOMETOWN: Fukuoka, Japan
LAST TEAM: Portland Thorns FC
ACQUIRED VIA: Trade from POR (09/30/2025)

#33 FORWARD | DOB 11/14/2002 (AGE:22) | 5'8"

RILEY TIERNAN

(rye-LEE TEER-nan)
COUNTRY: United States
HOMETOWN: Voorhees, NJ
LAST TEAM: College, Rutgers
ACQUIRED VIA: Trialist signing (3/03/25)



2026 NUMERICAL ROSTER

PLAYER	POSITION	HEIGHT	DOB	PRONUNCIATION	HOMETOWN
2 Sydney Leroux	F	5'7"	05/07/1990	SID-nee luh-ROO	Vancouver, BC, CAN
3 Savy King	D	5'6"	02/07/2005	SAH-vee KING	West Hills, Calif.
4 Karsyn Cherry	D	5'7"	11/02/2003	KAR-sin CHAIR-ee	Lafayette, Ind
6 Emily Sams	D	5'7"	07/01/1999	EH-muh-lee SAMZ	Boise, Idaho
7 Hina Sugita	M	5'3"	01/31/1997	HEE-nuh soo-GEE-tah	Fukuoka, Japan
8 Ary Borges	M	5'5"	12/28/1999	AH-ree BOR-jess	Sao Luis, Maranhao, Brazil
9 Casey Phair	F	5'10"	06/29/2007	KAY-see FAIR	Warren Township, NJ
10 Claire Emslie	F	5'7"	08/03/1994	KLAIR EM-slee	Penicuik, Scotland
11 Sarah Gorden	D	5'4"	09/13/1992	SAIR-uh GOR-din	Elk Grove, IL
12 Maiara Niehues	M	5'9"	08/11/2004	my-AR-uh NOOS	Itapiranga, Santa Catarina
13 Hannah Seabert	GK	5'10"	02/28/1995	HAN-uh SEE-bert	Riverside, Calif.
14 Nealy Martin	M	5'7"	04/22/1998	NEE-lee MAR-tin	Birmingham, Alabama
15 Evelyn Shores	D	5'9"	12/29/2005	EV-uh-lin SHORZ	Atlanta, Ga.
16 Carina Lageyre	M	5'7"	11/01/2003	kuh-REE-nah luh-GEER	Cooper City, FL
17 Kennedy Fuller	M	5'5"	03/09/2007	KEN-uh-dee FULL-er	Southlake, TX
18 Jun Endoe	F	5'6"	05/24/2000	JOON EN-doh	Shirakawa, Fukushima, Japan
19 Angelina Anderson	GK	6'0"	03/22/2001	an-juh-LEE-nah AN-der-sun	Danville, Calif.
20 Gisele Thompson	D	5'4"	12/02/2005	jih-ZELL THOMP-sun	Studio City, Calif.
24 Prisca Chilufya	F	5'7"	06/08/1999	PRISS-kuh chee-loo-FEE-yuh	Kitwe, Zambia
25 Sophia Mattice	D	5'8"	06/25/2002	soh-FEE-uh mah-TICE	Folsom, Calif.
27 Maithé López (On loan)	GK	5'7"	01/24/2007	mai-TAY LOH-pehs	Costa Mesa, Calif.
30 Faith Nguyen	F	5'7"	11/16/2003	FAYTH WIN	Keflavík, Iceland
32 Sveindís Jónsdóttir	F	5'9"	06/05/2001	SVEN-diss YONS-dot-ehr	Voorhees, NJ
33 Riley Tiernan	F	5'8"	11/14/2002	RYE-lee TEER-nin	Glendale, Ariz.
99 Taylor Suarez	F	5'5"	07/27/2005	TAY-ler SWAH-rez	Charlotte, NC

ACFC ROSTER

ALEX STRAUS
HEAD COACH



07



**SYDNEY
LEROUX**
ATTACKER



**SAVVY
KING**
DEFENDER



**KARSYN
CHERRY**
DEFENDER



**EMILY
SAMS**
DEFENDER



**HINA
SUGITA**
MIDFIELDER



**ARY
BORGES**
MIDFIELDER



**MAIARA
NIEHUES**
ATTACKER



**CLAIRE
EMSLIE**
ATTACKER



**SARAH
GORDEN**
DEFENDER



**MAIARA
NIEHUES**
MIDFIELDER



**HANNAH
SEABERT**
GOALKEEPER



**NEALY
MARTIN**
MIDFIELDER



**EVELYN
SHORES**
DEFENDER



**CARINA
LAGEYRE**
MIDFIELDER



**KENNEDY
FULLER**
MIDFIELDER



**JUN
ENDO**
ATTACKER



**ANGELINA
ANDERSON**
GOALKEEPER



**GISELE
THOMPSON**
ATTACKER



**PRISCA
CHILUFYA**
ATTACKER



**SOPHIA
MATTICE**
DEFENDER



**MAITHÉ
LÓPEZ (ON LOAN)**
ATTACKER



**FAITH
NGUYEN**
GOALKEEPER



**SVEINDÍS
JÓNSDÓTTIR**
ATTACKER



**RILEY
TIERNAN**
ATTACKER



**TAYLOR
SUAREZ**
ATTACKER



TECHNICAL STAFF





MARK PARSONS

Sporting Director

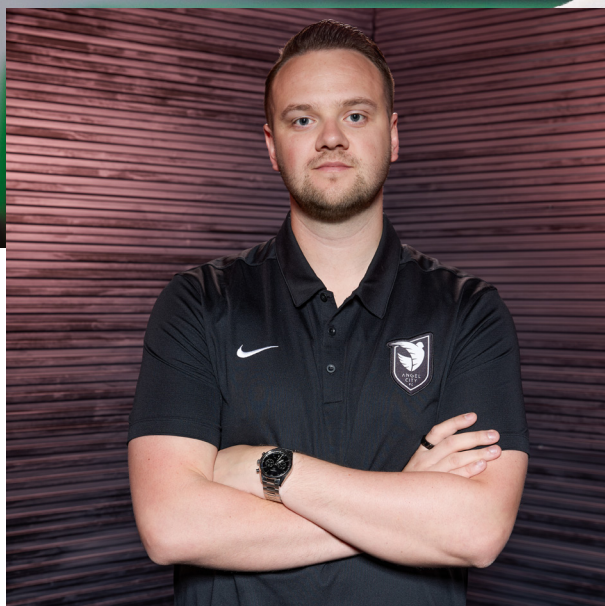
Mark Parsons has served as Sporting Director for Angel City since January 2025.

Parsons had a successful career as a coach in the NWSL and elsewhere before taking on the Sporting Director role. His NWSL experience began in 2013, when he was named head coach of the Washington Spirit mid-season. He led the group from a last-place finish in 2013 to two consecutive playoff appearances, including an appearance in the NWSL Final in 2015.

He was head coach of the Portland Thorns from 2016–2021, leading the team to five top-three finishes. Parsons helped the club acquire a long list of world-class players, including Sophia (Smith) Wilson, Sam Coffey, Lindsey (Horan) Heaps, Emily Sonnett, Ellie Carpenter, Amandine Henry, and Nadia Nadim, as well as up-and-coming players such as Olivia Moultrie, Yazmeen Ryan, and Morgan Weaver. Under his leadership, the team won two NWSL Shields, in 2016 and 2021, and a championship in 2017.

After leaving Portland, Parsons served as head coach for the Netherlands Women's National Team from 2021–2022. During his tenure, he guided the Dutch to the quarterfinals of the 2022 UEFA European Women's Championships.

He most recently had a second stint at the Spirit in 2023.



MATT WADE

Assistant General Manager

Angel City hired Matt Wade in September 2024.

He most recently served as head of sporting strategy at Feyenoord in the Netherlands, where he helped the club win three trophies in three seasons. Prior to Feyenoord, he worked as a consultant at Bloom Sports Partners and Sportsology, working on projects in the NFL, NBA, MLS, European football, and the NWSL. His first job in sport was as an account manager with Catapult Sports, a manufacturer of wearable athlete tracking devices that provides data to organizations in 39 different sports.

Wade has a degree in criminology from the University of Leeds.

A native of Manchester, England, Wade lives with his wife, Rachael, and their wire-haired vizsla, Winston.



ALEX STRAUS

HEAD COACH

Alex Straus was announced as Angel City's head coach in April 2025 and began his tenure in June 2025. He has accomplished significant milestones throughout his storied coaching career. He began at Varegg in 2010 while still playing, later becoming assistant coach at Nest-Sotra, where he helped secure promotion to Norway's First Division. From 2014–2017, he worked at Strømsgodset as an assistant coach and head of youth development before transitioning to women's football.

Straus made history by leading Sandviken to their first-ever Toppserien league title and a Norwegian Cup final in 2021. After Sandviken merged with SK Brann, he became the inaugural head coach of Brann Kvinner, where he led them to a second title before moving to FC Bayern Munich Women in July 2022. At Bayern, Straus continued his success, guiding the team to consecutive Frauen-Bundesliga championships in 2022/2023 and 2023/2024, as well as a Supercup der Frauen victory in 2024/2025.

Straus has also coached Norway's U-23 and U-19 women's teams, further showcasing his ability to develop talent at all levels. His philosophy of long-term growth, tactical innovation, and fostering resilience has made him one of football's most respected coaches.



SAM LAITY

Senior Assistant Coach

Sam Laity was hired as the interim head coach of Angel City FC in January 2025 before the hiring of Alex Straus.

Before coming to ACFC, Laity was most recently the head coach of the Houston Dash from 2022 to 2023. Before that, he was an assistant coach for the Seattle Reign for 10 years, starting in the NWSL's inaugural 2013 season. Laity helped coach the Reign to five playoff appearances, including two Shield wins, in 2014 and 2015. He also served as interim head coach for Seattle for six matches in 2021, coaching the team to a 6-2-0 (W-L-D) record. From 2016 to 2019, he was a coach in the Reign's academy system.

Previously, Laity was director of the Pacific Northwest Soccer Club in Tukwila, Washington, as well as working as a coaching education and licensing coordinator for the National Soccer Coaches Association of America. He coached for a number of Seattle-area youth clubs after moving to the US from his native Plymouth, England, where he started his coaching career working in girls' school programs.



ELERI EARNSHAW

First Assistant Coach

Eleri Earnshaw is an assistant coach for Angel City FC and has been with the club since its inaugural 2022 season.

Before joining Angel City, Earnshaw coached NCAA D1 soccer at Fordham University, LIU Brooklyn, and Yale University. Earnshaw led the NJ/NY Gotham FC Reserves team to an undefeated season and WPSL Conference Championship in 2022. She holds an MS in exercise physiology from LIU Brooklyn and a BS in biology from Iona College, where she was a three-year captain under then-Head Coach Emma Hayes. She played professionally for Arsenal and represented the Welsh National Team at the senior and youth levels.

Earnshaw is currently pursuing a PhD in performance psychology and a UEFA A license. A native of Rhyl, Wales, Earnshaw enjoys hiking, camping, anything outdoors, and vegan food.

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KIRSTY HICKS

Director of Performance

- 2026 marks Kirsty Hicks' first full season as Director of Performance with Angel City FC after joining the club in the latter part of 2025 as a consultant.

In this role, she leads the club's performance strategy across training, match preparation, recovery, and athlete monitoring, integrating sport science, cutting-edge research, and performance services to optimise player performance, recovery, and adaptation, while identifying opportunities to enhance performance processes across the club.

Prior to joining Angel City FC, Kirsty has previously worked with elite organisations including Liverpool Ladies Football Club, Newcastle United Women, and The FA, and most recently served as Director of Performance and Innovation for the Washington Spirit, overseeing applied performance science and innovation initiatives. Alongside her applied work in professional football, she is an Associate Professor in the Department of Sport, Exercise and Rehabilitation at Northumbria University in Newcastle upon Tyne, England, with an extensive publication record advancing female athlete health and wellbeing through the Women's Sport and Wellbeing IDRT. Her world-leading research integrates menstrual cycle considerations, hormonal influences, and sex-specific exercise prescription, directly informing high-performance practice and improving outcomes for female athletes at the highest levels of competition.

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HOLLY WALUSZ

Director of Medical

The 2026 season marks Holly's second with the club and her first as the Director of Medical.

In her role, Hollie oversees and leads all medical operations for the players including daily care needs, injury prevention, rehabilitation, and return-to-play strategy.

She takes a player-centered, collaborative approach, partnering closely with the high performance team to support athlete health, well being and sustained performance throughout the season.

Prior to joining ACFC, she was the Head Athletic Trainer at Boston University, where she provided the complete spectrum of medical care for the student-athletes and helped direct patient care and management of the sports medicine unit.



TONY VIGIL

Head of Recruitment

Tony returns home to LA to join ACFC after serving as the Academy General Manager for Houston Dynamo FC in MLS.

During his time there, Houston saw a significant rise in professionally signed academy players along with an increase in youth national team selections across multiple countries.

Prior to his time at the Dynamo, the Antelope Valley-native was the Academy Manager for LAFC where he helped build the infrastructure and player pools from the club's inception. At ACFC, he will be responsible for leading talent identification across professional, collegiate and youth levels.



KEVIN MORENO

Goalkeeping Coach

Head of Goalkeeping Kevin joined Angel City FC in the summer of 2025, overseeing the training and development of the club's goalkeepers.

He arrived at ACFC following extensive experience at professional clubs and goalkeeper training organizations in Spain, including FC Barcelona and Athletic Club de Bilbao, as well as previous coaching experience in the USL.

Kevin is studying to complete the UEFA Goalkeeper A License, and holds the UEFA A License for out-field coaching.



CASSIDY CHRIEST

Technical Assistant Coach

Cassidy joins ACFC following her time as Head Coach of the U-14 Houston Dynamo Academy in the MLS Next league.

She is currently a candidate on the Elite Formations Coaching License (EFCL), a prestigious coaching course hosted in partnership between Major League Soccer and the French Football Federation.

Her role at ACFC includes overseeing Individual Development Plans (IDPs) that address each player's unique strengths, drive high-level execution of actions, and support their overall goals.



MARISA LECONTE

Senior Director, Soccer Operations

Marisa Leconte has been with the club since 2022. In her crucial role, Leconte connects soccer operations to the business functions of the club, and is a critical piece in establishing club culture, communications, and overall operations and experience for everyone.

Before joining ACFC, Leconte worked with the Elite Clubs National League (ECNL) for over seven years as both the events director and program manager. Her extensive experience in soccer and operations also includes stints with the University of Minnesota Athletics and National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA). Leconte played collegiate soccer at Marshall University, where she was named to the Dean's list for all four years.



OLIVER BLITZ

Performance Analyst

Oliver Blitz has been Angel City's performance analyst since January 2024.

Before joining ACFC, Blitz was a performance analyst at Florida State when the Seminoles won the 2023 women's soccer national championship. The team were ACC regular season and tournament champions in 2022 and 2023. Previously, Blitz was team manager at the University of Missouri, and assistant director of coaching at Sporting Columbia Soccer Club in Columbia, Missouri.

Blitz has a BS in sport management from the University of Missouri and an MS in sport management from Florida State. He also holds a USSF D coaching license and an ISPAS Level 1 license.

Outside of work, Blitz enjoys playing guitar, hiking, and playing soccer.



BROCK CHARTIER

Head Equipment Manager

Brock Chartier has been with Angel City since 2022, where he oversees equipment needs for players and technical staff.

Before joining ACFC, Chartier served as equipment manager for the United States Air Force Academy in Colorado, overseeing track and field, cross country, and football equipment needs. His transformation of the track and field and cross country equipment room and offerings for the players and staff was one of his major accomplishments at the academy.

Chartier also had stints at the University of Oregon, Sporting Kansas City, and his alma mater, Missouri Western State University. He received his master's in sports management at Missouri Western and his undergraduate degree at Illinois College, where he was a four-year varsity soccer player.

During his downtime, Chartier, a native of Ottawa, KS, spends time with his goldendoodle, Beckham, and enjoys snowboarding, paddle boarding, playing soccer, and taking long hikes.



YUMA MORIYA

Performance Analyst

Yuma joins ACFC from the Washington Spirit, where he was a performance analyst for the past two years, both of which saw the Spirit make the playoffs, including the championship match in 2024 and 2025. His skills are a key addition to the club's analysis department.



MATT BRANDT

Head Athletic Trainer

Matt joins ACFC after four years in the athletic training department at UCLA for the men's soccer program, as well as track and field.

Prior to his time at UCLA, he spent six years at Cal State Northridge working primarily with the women's soccer and softball programs. The California-native also served as an intern with the Florida men's and women's swim and diving team.

As Head Athletic Trainer at ACFC, he will oversee athletic training services for all players including injury prevention, assessment, treatment, rehabilitation, and return-to-play support.



ALESSANDRO CIARLA

Performance Rehab Coach

Alessandro Ciarla joins ACFC after five seasons with the Washington Spirit, where he served as Head Athletic Trainer.

During his time in Washington, he played an integral role in the club's 2021 NWSL Championship run and helped guide the team to runner-up finishes in 2024 and 2025, supporting player health and availability through multiple title campaigns.

Prior to his work in the NWSL, Ciarla spent seven years with a leading soccer training academy serving as Director of Sports Performance and Rehabilitation. At Angel City FC, Ciarla will focus on supporting players' return-to-play as they transition back to full competition.



BRITTANY HONG

Player Care Manager

Brittany Hong has been with Angel City since June, 2024.

Before Angel City, Hong had worked as an academic and athletic college recruiter for high school and transfer students since 2008. In 2009, she founded the CQ Soccer Academy at Champion's QUEST Athlete Academy in Los Alamitos, where she served as director until 2018. She has also worked as a strength and conditioning specialist and has a certification from the National Strength and Conditioning Association.

Hong holds a BS in athletic training from the University of Tampa, where she played varsity soccer. She is currently working towards an MBA at Cal State, Long Beach.

A native of Camarillo, California, she enjoys camping with her husband, Eddie, and dogs, Divot and Bogey. She has run five marathons—including the Boston Marathon—for the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention team, raising over \$18,000 in donations.



HALEY COLE

Player Care Assistant

Haley supports the club's Player Care Manager, overseeing player housing, assisting with player appearances, and creating a high-quality experience for every player. She attended Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in upstate New York and played soccer as a dual major in Business Management and Communication.



CATY LESSE

Assistant Equipment Manager

Caty Lesse has been with Angel City since May 2024. Prior to joining the club, she most recently worked in Match Operations for BMO Stadium starting in 2022, for Angel City, LAFC, and international matches. Her other professional experience includes working as a match observer for USL side Monterey Bay FC in Monterey, California, as well as in operations at the Athletics, PE, and Recreation department at Caltech.

Lesse, who attended the University of Oregon, was born and raised in Sierra Madre, California, where she began playing soccer as soon as she could walk. In her free time, she enjoys boating and taking trips to Catalina Island.



LIZ LAGASSE

Director of Soccer Operations

Liz joins ACFC after nearly four years in the soccer operations department at the Portland Thorns beginning as a manager and working her way up to director.

Her strong experience in the NWSL will further elevate ACFC's soccer operations and player support. Prior to her time with the Thorns, she was at the University of Virginia working in operations for women's lacrosse and swimming and diving. She holds a Master's in Sports Business and Administration from Temple University.



MAX OKEN

Operations and Facilities Manager

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ISABELLA VELJACIC

Facilities Coordinator

Isabella joins ACFC following the completion of her Master's in Management from Cal Lutheran University. She played soccer at CLU for five seasons. At ACFC, she oversees the daily operations of the club's state-of-the-art performance center, ensuring the space, schedules, and resources are set up for players and staff to do their jobs smoothly.



PLAYER PROFILES



#2 FORWARD | DOB 05/07/1990 | 5'7"

SYDNEY LEROUX

(SID-nee luh-ROO)

HOMETOWN: Surrey, B.C.**COLLEGE:** UCLA**NWSL CLUB HISTORY:** LA, ORL, KC, WNY, BOS**LAST TEAM:** Orlando Pride**ACQUIRED VIA:** Trade from ORL (06/29/22)**COUNTRY**

Canada / United States



- On October 29, 2024 signed a new three-year contract with ACFC through 2027.
- On October 20, 2024 scored her 48th career NWSL regular season goal, becoming 8th on the all-time scoring list in a tie with ACFC forward and teammate Christen Press.
- The mother of two (son Cassius and daughter Roux).
- Acquired by trade on June 29, 2022 from Orlando Pride in exchange for a 1st round draft pick and allocation money.
- Drafted into the WPS by Atlanta Beat before heading to Boston to begin NWSL career.
- A member of the USWNT from 2011-2017, scoring 35 international goals.
- Scored her first professional goal and hat trick with the Boston Breakers in 2013.
- In 2014, she helped lead the Seattle Reign to the Supporter Shield title.
- In 2017, after returning from international duty and pregnancy, scored her first goal with FC Kansas City against her former team.
- Led the Orlando Pride in scoring in 2018 and 2021.
- As a freshman at UCLA, she led the Bruins in scoring for three consecutive seasons, also notching the most career game winners by goals by a Bruin.
- Played center field for a Little League team growing up; inducted into the Little League Hall of Excellence in 2017

**CAREER
STATS**

YR	TEAM	GP	GS	MIN	G	A
2025	ACFC	0	0	0	0	0
2024	ACFC	24	18	1,168	7	1
2023	ACFC	13	5	518	2	1
2022	ACFC	3	2	182	0	0
2022	ORL	37	6	567	2	1
2021	ORL	23	23	2,015	8	2
2019	ORL	3	0	31	0	0
2018	ORL	20	15	1,432	6	2
2017	KC	23	23	2,007	6	2
2015	WNY	3	3	269	1	0
2014	SEA	22	21	1,873	5	0
2013	BOS	19	19	1,694	11	2
TOTAL		160	136	12,267	48	11

#3 DEFENDER | DOB 02/07/2005 | 5'6"

SAVY KING

(SAV-ee KING)

HOMETOWN: West Hills, Calif.**COLLEGE:** N/A**NWSL Club History:** LA, Bay FC**LAST TEAM:** Bay FC**ACQUIRED VIA:** Trade via Bay FC (02/03/25)COUNTRY
United States

- Selected second overall in the 2024 NWSL Draft by Bay FC, becoming the third-youngest draftee in league history at 18 years old.
- In her rookie NWSL season (2024), made 20 appearances across all competitions, recording two assists in 1,220 minutes and helping Bay FC reach the playoffs in its inaugural season.
- Signed with Angel City FC ahead of the 2025 season.
- Started five matches in her first season with Angel City FC before being sidelined for the remainder of the year due to a medical incident on the field on May 9, 2025.
- Called into the U.S. Women's National Team Futures Camp in January 2025 by head coach Emma Hayes.
- Helped the U.S. U-20 Women's National Team earn a bronze medal at the 2024 FIFA U-20 Women's World Cup.
- Competed at the 2022 FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup and helped the U.S. win the 2022 Concacaf Women's U-17 Championship.
- Played at the University of North Carolina (2023), starting all 23 matches as a freshman and logging a team-high 2,030 minutes.
- Played the full 90 minutes in 19 matches during her freshman season.
- Earned 2023 United Soccer Coaches All-Atlantic Second Team, All-ACC Second Team, and ACC All-Freshman Team honors.
- Helped North Carolina advance to the 2023 NCAA Tournament quarterfinals.
- Named one of five nominees for the 2023 U.S. Soccer Young Female Player of the Year award.

CAREER
STATS

YR	TEAM	GP	GS	MIN	G	A
2025	ACFC	8	8	708	0	0
2024	BAY	18	12	1,106	0	2
TOTAL		26	20	1,814	0	2

#4 DEFENDER | DOB 11/02/2023 11/02/2023 | 5'7"

KARSYN CHERRY

(KAR-sin CHAIR-ee)

HOMETOWN: Lafayette, Indiana

COLLEGE: University of Louisville

NWSL Club History: LA

LAST TEAM: College, University of Louisville

ACQUIRED VIA: Preseason signing (01/07/2026)



COUNTRY
United States

- On January 7, 2026, signed with Angel City FC as a preseason addition ahead of the 2026 NWSL season.
- Appeared in 69 career matches at the University of Louisville, making 68 starts and totaling 5,610 minutes across four seasons.
- Finished her collegiate career with 12 goals and established herself as a consistent attacking presence from the back line.
- In 2025, started 19 matches during her senior season, recording three goals while anchoring the Cardinals' defense.
- Served as team captain in 2025, leading Louisville to a historic undefeated home season.
- Named 2025 Second Team All-ACC following her senior campaign.
- Earned 2025 Second Team All-American honors.
- Helped guide Louisville to its first NCAA Tournament appearance since 2019 and its first ACC Tournament appearance since 2020.
- In 2024, started 17 matches and led the team with six goals.
- In 2023, made 17 starts as she continued to establish herself as a key contributor in the ACC.
- As a freshman in 2022, scored her first collegiate goal in her first career start and added two additional goals in her debut season.

CAREER STATS

NWSL REGULAR SEASON DEBUT COMING SOON



#6 DEFENDER | DOB 07/01/1999 | 5'8"

EMILY SAMS

(EH-muh-lee SAMZ)

HOMETOWN: Boise, Idaho

NWSL CLUB HISTORY: ORL, LA

LAST TEAM ORL

COLLEGE: Florida State University

ACQUIRED VIA: Trade from ORL (01/09/2026)



COUNTRY
United States

- Earned her first senior U.S. Women’s National Team call-up in 2024 and was part of the gold medal-winning squad at the 2024 Olympic Games in Paris.
- Made her senior international debut on October 27, 2024, starting and playing 90 minutes in a 3–1 victory over Iceland.
- On January 27, 2026, was named captain of the U.S. Women’s National Team for the first time in a 5–0 international friendly victory over Chile.
- Scored her first senior international goal and recorded her first assist in that match, earning Woman of the Match honors.
- Has represented the United States at the U-19, U-20, and U-23 levels.
- Acquired by Angel City FC via trade from Orlando Pride on January 9, 2026.
- Selected third overall in the first round of the 2023 NWSL Draft by Orlando Pride.
- As a rookie in 2023, led all NWSL rookies in minutes played (1,977), blocks (18), and clearances (73).
- Helped Orlando record an NWSL-record 23-match unbeaten run in 2024, winning both the NWSL Shield and NWSL Championship.
- Named 2024 NWSL Defender of the Year and earned NWSL Best XI First Team honors.
- Selected to the NWSL Best XI of the Month in May and September 2024.
- In 2025, appeared in 27 matches (24 starts), logging 2,362 minutes.
- At Florida State University, made 62 appearances (61 starts), scored six goals, and helped lead the Seminoles to the 2021 NCAA National Championship.
- Earned ACC Defensive Player of the Year, All-ACC First Team, College Cup All-Tournament Team, and United Soccer Coaches First Team All-American honors during her collegiate career.

CAREER
STATS

YR	TEAM	GP	GS	MIN	G	A
2025	ORL	25	24	2,183	0	0
2024	ORL	25	24	2,186	1	3
2023	ORL	22	22	1,976	0	0
TOTAL		72	70	6,345	1	3

#7 MIDFIELDER | 01/31/1997 | 5'3"

HINA SUGITA

(HEE-nuh soo-GEE-tah)

HOMETOWN: Fukuoka, Japan**NWSL CLUB HISTORY:** POR, LA**LAST TEAM:** POR**COLLEGE:** N/A**ACQUIRED VIA:** Trade from POR (09/30/2025)COUNTRY
Japan

- Has earned 51 caps with the Japan Women's National Team.
- Represented Japan at the 2019 and 2023 FIFA Women's World Cups and the 2020 Olympic Games in Tokyo.
- Won the Golden Ball at both the 2014 FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup and the 2016 FIFA U-20 Women's World Cup.
- Acquired by Angel City FC via trade from Portland Thorns FC on September 30, 2025.
- On November 18, 2025, signed a three-year contract extension with Angel City FC, keeping her with the club through the end of the 2029 season.
- Started each of Angel City's final four matches of the 2025 regular season, playing 90 minutes in all four appearances.
- Entered the NWSL in 2022 with Portland and helped the club win the 2022 NWSL Championship.
- Recorded 13 goals and 14 assists during three seasons with the Thorns, ranking sixth in club history in assists.
- Has made 86 NWSL appearances with 75 starts, totaling 6,624 career minutes.
- Prior to joining the NWSL, played for INAC Kobe Leonessa.
- Helped INAC Kobe Leonessa win back-to-back JFA Empress Cups in 2015 and 2016.
- Named the 2016 JFA Best Young Player.

**CAREER
STATS**

YR	TEAM	GP	GS	MIN	G	A
2025	ACFC	4	4	360	0	0
2025	POR	22	18	1,543	0	3
2024	POR	21	18	1,666	2	4
2023	POR	18	16	1,305	6	3
2022	POR	21	19	1,735	5	4
TOTAL		86	75	6,609	13	14

#8 MIDFIELDER | 12/28/1999 | 5'5"

ARY BORGES

(AH-ree BOR-jess)

HOMETOWN: Sao Luis, Maranhao, Brazil**NWSL CLUB HISTORY:** LOU, LA**LAST TEAM:** LOU**COLLEGE:** N/A**ACQUIRED VIA:** Preseason Signing (01/06/2026)COUNTRY
BRAZIL

- Has earned 49 caps with the Brazil Women's National Team.
- Made her senior international debut in September 2020.
- Helped Brazil win the 2022 Copa América Femenina title.
- On July 24, 2023, scored her first senior international goal in the 19th minute and recorded a hat trick in Brazil's 4-0 FIFA Women's World Cup group stage victory over Panama, earning Player of the Match honors.
- Finished the 2023 FIFA Women's World Cup with three goals and one assist.
- Has represented Brazil in the FIFA Women's World Cup, Copa América, SheBelieves Cup, and Olympic qualifying competitions.
- Signed with Angel City FC on January 6, 2026
- Made 53 NWSL appearances with Racing Louisville from 2023-2025.
- Scored her first NWSL goal on April 1, 2023, in a 2-2 draw against the Washington Spirit.
- In 2025, appeared in 21 matches, logging 1,404 minutes and scoring six goals in all competitions.
- Played for Palmeiras from 2020-2022 in Brazil's top division.
- Scored 34 goals in 83 appearances with Palmeiras.

**CAREER
STATS**

YR	TEAM	GP	GS	MIN	G	A
2025	LOU	21	16	1,404	1	0
2024	LOU	14	10	826	1	2
2023	LOU	18	17	1,454	1	0
TOTAL		53	43	3,684	3	2

#9 FORWARD | DOB 06/29/2007 | 5'10"

CASEY PHAIR

(KAY-see FAIR)

HOMETOWN: Warren Township, New Jersey

COLLEGE: N/A

NWSL Club History: LA

LAST TEAM: Player Development Academy

ACQUIRED VIA: U-18 signing (01/18/24)



COUNTRY
South Korea

- Signed with Angel City FC on January 18, 2023, becoming the youngest player in club history at the time of signing.
- Made her professional debut on July 26, 2024, in the NWSL x Liga MX Femenil Summer Cup in a victory over Bay FC.
- Has earned 14 caps with the South Korea Women's National Team, recording four goals.
- Became the youngest player in FIFA Women's World Cup history when she appeared at the 2023 tournament.
- Was the first Korean-American to receive a call-up to the senior South Korea Women's National Team.
- Called into the South Korea Women's National Team for the 2026 AFC Women's Asian Cup in Australia.
- Scored a hat trick for the South Korea U-17 Women's National Team.
- Recorded five goals in two matches at the U-17 level for South Korea.
- Attended Pingry School, scoring 25 goals in 15 matches as a freshman.
- Trained with Player Development Academy (PDA) in Warren Township, New Jersey.



CAREER
STATS

YR	TEAM	GP	GS	MIN	G	A
2025	ACFC	5	0	85	0	0
2024	ACFC	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL		5	0	85	0	0

#10 FORWARD | DOB 08/03/1994 | 5'7"

CLAIRE EMSLIE

(KLAIR EMZ-lee)

HOMETOWN: Penicuik, Scotland**COLLEGE:** Florida Atlantic**NWSL Club History:** LA, ORL**LAST TEAM:** Everton Football Club**ACQUIRED VIA:** 2022 Expansion Draft (R2)COUNTRY
Scotland

- In November 2024, signed a new two-year contract with ACFC through 2026.
- On June 8, 2024 earned her 50th career NWSL regular season match appearance vs. NJ/NY Gotham FC.
- On May 3, 2024 became the first player in Angel City club history to score a goal in three consecutive matches.
- Earned her first NWSL career brace, leading the club to a 2-1 victory over the North Carolina Courage on April 21.
- Emslie has been featured in regular appearances with Scotland Women's National Team.
- Signed with Angel City in the 2022 NWSL Expansion Draft.
- She was selected for the 2019 World Cup team.
- Named second team All-Conference USA while playing at Florida Atlantic University.
- Was the Captain of the Under-15, 17, and 19 Scottish National Team...played for Scotland in the UEFA European Championship at the U17 competition...played club soccer for Hibernian FC.
- During her professional career, Emslie has rostered with Bristol City (2016), Manchester City (2017-2019), the Orlando Pride (2019), Melbourne City (2019), and Everton (2020-2022). She was born in Penicuik, Scotland.

CAREER
STATS

YR	TEAM	GP	GS	MIN	G	A
2025	ACFC	8	7	519	0	1
2024	ACFC	26	24	1,960	7	2
2023	ACFC	19	16	1,271	3	5
2022	ACFC	10	9	782	3	0
2019	ORL	11	9	771	0	1
TOTAL		74	65	5,302	13	9

#11 DEFENDER | DOB 09/13/1992 | 5'4"

SARAH GORDEN

(SAIR-uh GOR-din)

HOMETOWN: Elk Grove, Illinois**COLLEGE:** DePaul**NWSL Club History:** LA, CHI**LAST TEAM:** Chicago Stars FC**ACQUIRED VIA:** Trade from CHI (12/2/21)COUNTRY
United States

- Made her 100th career match appearance in a 2-1 victory over the North Carolina Courage on April 21.
- Named to the 2023 NWSL Best XI honors.
- Nominated for the NWSL Defender of the Year award.
- Earned NWSL Best XI honors in the month of August.
- In 2023, recorded 11 blocks and 21 interceptions in 2,070 minutes. She also had a 79% passing success rate with 1,096 total passes.
- After returning from tearing her ACL early in the 2022 preseason, Gordon earned the 2023 Iron Woman award for playing every minute of every match in the 2023 NWSL Season.
- Acquired by Angel City through a trade with Chicago on December 2, 2021.
- In her career, has recorded 170 clearances and 103 interceptions.
- During her last season with the Red Stars, appeared in 27 games, including the NWSL Championships, and became Chicago's first Iron Woman, playing every minute of the 2021 season.
- Played with Chicago from 2016-2021, appearing in 78 matches.
- In 2016, was drafted by the Chicago Red Stars with the second pick of the third round.
- She is the first DePaul player to be drafted into the NWSL.
- During her senior year, played in all 20 matches and earned All-Big East First-Team honors.
- Was a dual-sport athlete in soccer and track-and-field, and a Three-time member of BIG EAST Conference All-Academic

**CAREER
STATS**

YR	TEAM	GP	GS	MIN	G	A
2025	ACFC	26	26	2275	0	0
2024	ACFC	24	24	2,058	0	0
2023	ACFC	22	22	1,890	0	0
2022	ACFC	0	0	0	0	0
2021	CHI	24	24	2,160	0	0
2019	CHI	23	23	2,053	0	0
2018	CHI	17	12	1,248	0	0
2017	CHI	5	3	224	0	0
2016	CHI	4	0	110	0	0
TOTAL		119	108	9,833	0	0

#12 MIDFIELDER | 08/11/2024 | 5'9"

MAIARA NIEHUES

(my-AR-uh NOOS)

HOMETOWN: Itapiranga, Santa Catarina, Brazil**NWSL CLUB HISTORY:** LA**LAST TEAM:** Sporting Clube de Portugal (Sporting CP)**COLLEGE:** N/A**ACQUIRED VIA:** Int'l Transfer (03/27/2025)COUNTRY
Brazil

- Received her first senior call-up to the Brazil Women's National Team in 2026.
- Previously represented Brazil at the U-20, U-18, U-17, and U-16 levels from 2020-2022.
- Appeared in two matches at the 2024 FIFA U-20 Women's World Cup.
- Across youth international competitions, recorded eight goals and four assists.
- Signed with Angel City FC via international transfer on March 27, 2025.
- Scored her first Angel City FC goal on September 1, 2025, in a 2-1 victory over Bay FC.
- Spent three seasons with Sporting CP, making 57 appearances in all competitions.
- Scored 18 goals and added three assists in 3,214 minutes with Sporting CP.
- Played for S.C. Internacional from 2020-2022 across the senior and youth levels.
- Helped Internacional's U-20 side reach the 2022 National Championship match.

**CAREER
STATS**

YR	TEAM	GP	GS	MIN	G	A
2025	ACFC	14	4	477	2	0
TOTAL		14	4	477	2	0

#13 GOALKEEPER | DOB 02/28/1995 | 5'10"

HANNAH SEABERT

(HAN-uh SEE-bert)

HOMETOWN: Riverside, California**NWSL CLUB HISTORY:** LA**LAST TEAM:** Sporting Clube de Portugal (Sporting CP)**COLLEGE** Pepperdine University**ACQUIRED VIA:** Int'l Transfer (05/30/2025)**COUNTRY**
United States

- Signed with Angel City FC on May 30, 2025 to a contract through the 2026 season, joining as a free agent from Sporting Clube de Portugal (Sporting CP).
- Made her Angel City FC and NWSL debut on August 16, 2025.
- Served as Team Captain for Sporting CP during the 2024–25 season.
- Has made 87 appearances since 2021, totaling 7,885 minutes played in all competitions, the most by a goalkeeper in Sporting CP club history.
- Helped Sporting CP win the 2022 Portugal Cup and the 2024 Portugal Super Cup.
- Named Liga BPI Goalkeeper of the Year three times.
- Previously competed for Vålerenga in Norway's Topserien and Fortuna Hjørring in Denmark's Danish Women's League.
- Helped win the 2020 Norwegian League title, 2020 and 2021 Norwegian Cup titles, the 2019 Danish Cup, and the 2018 Danish League title.
- Named the 2018 Danish League Player of the Year.
- At Pepperdine University, made 82 appearances totaling 7,582 minutes, recording a program-record 331 saves and 28 shutouts with a .813 save percentage.
- Named 2016 West Coast Conference Goalkeeper of the Year and earned 2016 All-WCC First Team honors.

**CAREER
STATS**

YR	TEAM	GP	GA	SV	SV%	SHO
2025	ACFC	4		14	78.9	2
TOTAL		4	4	14	78.9	2

#14 MIDFIELDER | DOB 04/22/1998 (AGE:18) | 5'7"

NEALY MARTIN

(NEE-lee MAR-tin)

HOMETOWN: Birmingham, Alabama

NWSL CLUB HISTORY: LOU, NJ/NY, LA

LAST TEAM: NJ/NY

COLLEGE: University of Alabama

ACQUIRED VIA: Trade (09/09/2025)



COUNTRY
United States

- Acquired by Angel City FC via trade from NJ/NY Gotham FC on September 9, 2025.
- On December 2, 2025, signed a one-year contract extension with Angel City FC through the end of the 2027 season.
- Started all six of Angel City's remaining 2025 regular season matches, playing 90 minutes in each appearance.
- Recorded her first assist for Angel City FC on November 2, 2025, against the Chicago Stars.
- Entered the NWSL in 2021 with Racing Louisville after earning a roster spot through an open tryout.
- Made 18 appearances during Louisville's inaugural 2021 season and added 11 appearances in 2022.
- Joined NJ/NY Gotham FC in 2023, starting 13 of 15 appearances.
- On November 11, 2023, became the first field player in NWSL history to serve as an emergency goalkeeper in a playoff match, stepping in during stoppage time of the 2023 NWSL Championship and helping Gotham secure a 2-1 victory.
- In 2024, set career highs with 25 appearances, 22 starts, and 1,917 minutes, while leading Gotham with 44 interceptions.
- Also recorded career-best marks in 2024 in passing accuracy (82.8%) and tackles (35).
- Earned her first U.S. Women's National Team call-up in January 2025.
- At the University of Alabama (2016-2019), appeared in 76 matches and served as team captain during her junior and senior seasons.



CAREER
STATS

YR	TEAM	GP	GS	MIN	G	A
2025	ACFC	7	6	585	0	1
2025	NJ/NY	16	12	1,060	0	1
2024	NJ/NY	25	22	1,911	0	0
2023	NJ/NY	12	13	1,066	0	1
2022	LOU	11	8	611	0	0
2021	LOU	18	13	1,290	0	0
TOTAL		92	74	6,523	0	3

#15 DEFENDER | DOB 12/29/2005 | 5'9"

EVELYN SHORES

(KEN-uh-dee FULL-uhr)

HOMETOWN: Atlanta, Georgia

NWSL CLUB HISTORY: LA

LAST TEAM: University of North Carolina

COLLEGE: University of North Carolina

ACQUIRED VIA: Collegiate Signing (07/10/2025)



COUNTRY
United States



- Signed with Angel City FC to a contract through the 2028 season.
- Made her professional and NWSL debut on August 1, 2025, starting against the Seattle Reign.
- Scored her first NWSL goal on September 18, 2025, in a 2-2 draw against the Washington Spirit.
- Has represented the United States at the U-23 and U-20 levels.
- In 2025, was the only collegiate player named to the U.S. U-23 Women's National Team roster.
- Scored her first international goal in a 2-1 victory over Germany with the U-23 USWNT.
- Called into the first U.S. U-23 Women's National Team camp of 2026 (Feb. 27-March 7, South Florida).
- Helped the U-20 USWNT win the 2022 Sud Ladies Cup.
- Played at the University of North Carolina and helped the Tar Heels win the 2024 NCAA National Championship.
- Made 23 appearances in 2024, recording five goals and four assists in 1,001 minutes.
- Named to the 2023 ACC All-Freshman Team.
- Ranked No. 33 on Top Drawer Soccer's 2023 Midseason Top-100 Freshman list.

CAREER
STATS

YR	TEAM	GP	GS	MIN	G	A
2025	ACFC	12	12	983	1	0
TOTAL		12	12	983	1	0

#16 MIDFIELDER | DOB 11/01/2003 | 5'7"

CARINA LAGEYRE

(kuh-REE-nah luh-GEER)

HOMETOWN: Cooper City, Florida

NWSL CLUB HISTORY: LA

LAST TEAM Duke University

COLLEGE: Duke University

ACQUIRED VIA: Preseason Signing (01/07/2026)



COUNTRY
United States

- Signed with Angel City FC on January 7, 2026 to a three-year contract.
- Has represented the United States at the U-15, U-17, and U-20 levels.
- Competed at the 2022 FIFA U-20 Women's World Cup with the U.S. U-20 Women's National Team.
- Helped the U.S. U-20 Women's National Team win the 2022 Sud Ladies Cup.
- Won the 2019 UEFA Women's Development Tournament with the U.S. U-17 Women's National Team.
- Played at Duke University, appearing in 65 matches with 59 starts and logging 3,962 minutes.
- Scored six career goals at Duke, including three game-winning goals.
- Contributed to 56 team victories and two NCAA College Cup appearances (2024, 2025).
- In her senior season (2025), started all 22 matches, recording two goals and 1,835 minutes as Duke posted a 17-5-1 record.
- Was ranked No. 4 overall nationally in the Class of 2022 and the top-ranked midfielder from the state of Florida.

CAREER STATS

NWSL REGULAR SEASON DEBUT COMING SOON

#17 MIDFIELDER | DOB 03/09/2007 | 5'5"

KENNEDY FULLER

(KEN-uh-dee FULL-uh-r)

HOMETOWN: Southlake, Texas

COLLEGE: N/A

NWSL Club History: LA

LAST TEAM: Club Solar SC

ACQUIRED VIA: U-18 Entry (3/6/24)



COUNTRY
United States



recently trained with the U.S. U-20 Women’s National Team as part of preparations for the 2026 FIFA U-20 Women’s World Cup in Poland.

and four goals and recorded three assists in 26 matches during the 2025 NWSL season.

and her first career NWSL regular-season goal in the 12th minute of a 3–2 victory over Racing Louisville FC on June 19, 2024.

- Signed with Angel City FC on March 6, 2024, through 2026 with an option through 2027 via the NWSL U-18 Entry Mechanism.
- Served as captain for the U.S. U-17 Women’s National Team.
- Scored eight goals in five appearances for the U.S. U-17 Women’s National Team, helping lead the squad to the 2024 Concacaf Women’s U-17 Championship title in Mexico.
- Helped the U.S. U-17 Women’s National Team qualify for the 2024 FIFA U-17 Women’s World Cup.
- The second-youngest player to sign a contract in Angel City FC history, behind Casey Phair.
- Trained with Chelsea FC Women for three weeks at the end of 2023 under then-manager Emma Hayes.
- Helped the U.S. U-16 Women’s National Team win the Mondial Montaigu Tournament in France.
- Originally committed to play at the University of North Carolina beginning in the fall of 2024.
- Completed high school in two and a half years in order to enroll in college early.
- In her final season at Southlake Carroll High School, recorded 55 goals and 26 assists while leading the team to a 29–1 record and district title.
- Won 2023 Texas State and District MVP honors, Gatorade Texas Player of the Year, and Dallas Morning News Soccer Player of the Year.

CAREER
STATS

YR	TEAM	GP	GS	MIN	G	A
2025	ACFC	26	21	1,850	4	3
2024	ACFC	19	10	979	1	0

TOTAL 45 31 2,829 5 3

#18 MIDFIELDER | DOB 05/24/2000 | 5'6"

JUN ENDO

(june END-oh)

HOMETOWN: Shirakawa, Fukushima, Japan**COLLEGE:** JFA Academy Fukushima LSC**NWSL Club History:** LA**LAST TEAM:** Nippon TV Tokyo Verdy Beleza**ACQUIRED VIA:** Int'l Transfer (12/20/21)COUNTRY
Japan

- Signed with Angel City FC on December 20, 2021 from Nippon TV Tokyo Verdy Beleza ahead of the club's inaugural season.
- On April 29, 2022, made her NWSL debut in Angel City's first-ever regular season match, assisting the opening goal and scoring the second in a victory over the North Carolina Courage.
- In September 2024, agreed to a new two-year contract extension through the 2027 season.
- Represented Japan at the 2023 FIFA Women's World Cup, recording one goal and two assists as the team advanced to the quarterfinals.
- Was the youngest player selected to Japan's 2019 FIFA Women's World Cup roster.
- Selected to Japan's senior national team for the 2019 SheBelieves Cup, making her first appearance against the United States on February 27, 2019.
- Debuted professionally with Nippon TV Tokyo Verdy Beleza in 2018 in the Nadeshiko League Division 1.
- Helped Beleza win the 2019 AFC Women's Club Championship.
- Represented Japan at the 2018 FIFA U-20 Women's World Cup, playing in all six matches and scoring two goals as Japan won the championship.
- Represented Japan at the 2016 FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup, playing in four matches and scoring three goals as Japan finished runner-up.

**CAREER
STATS**

YR	TEAM	GP	GS	MIN	G	A
2025	ACFC	10	6	444	0	1
2024	ACFC	0	0	0	0	0
2023	ACFC	17	10	909	3	2
2022	ACFC	22	22	1,925	1	3
TOTAL		39	32	2,834	4	5

#19 MIDFIELDER | DOB 03/22/2001 | 6'0"

ANGELINA ANDERSON

(an-juh-LEE-nuh AN-der-sun)

HOMETOWN: Danville, California**COLLEGE:** California, Berkley**NWSL Club History:** LA**LAST TEAM:** College, California, Berkley**ACQUIRED VIA:** 2023 NWSL Draft (R3, P27)**COUNTRY**
United States

- In January 2025, Anderson was called into the USWNT senior camp for the first time in her career by USWNT Head Coach Emma Hayes.
- On January 12, 2023, drafted No. 27 overall by Angel City.
- On October 30, 2023 agreed to a two-year contract extension through the end of 2025
- On September 1, 2023, Angelina made her NWSL debut, earning her first clean sheet of her pro career.
- In 2022, Anderson capped her senior season off with 42 saves in 21 matches, finishing with a .712 save percentage.
- As a junior for the Golden Bears, she recorded a 337 minute shutout streak during the 2021 season, which came across five games, including three consecutive shutouts.
- In 2020, Anderson posted four shutouts and 68 saves while tallying a .800 save percentage. She was named to the Second Team All-Pac-12 as a sophomore.
- As a freshman for the Golden Bears, she was awarded First Team All-Pacific, First Team All-Region, First Team All-Pac-12, Pac-12 Goalkeeper of the Year, Pac-12 Freshman of the Year, and four Pac-12 Goalkeeper of the Week honors.
- In 2018, she served as Captain and starting Goalkeeper for the Under-17 United States Women's National Team at the FIFA Under-17 Women's World Cup in Uruguay.

**CAREER
STATS**

YR	TEAM	GP	GA	SV	SV%	SHO
2025	ACFC	22	37	68	67.0	2
2024	ACFC	3	6	17	73.9	0
2023	ACFC	4	3	19	86.4	1
TOTAL		29	46	104	71.0	3

#20 DEFENDER | DOB 12/02/2005 | 5'4"

GISELE THOMPSON

(juh-ZELL TOMP-sun)

HOMETOWN: Studio City, California

COLLEGE: N/A

NWSL Club History: LA

LAST TEAM: Total Futbol Academy (MLS Next)

ACQUIRED VIA: U-18 Entry (12/7/23)



COUNTRY
United States

- Signed with Angel City FC on December 7, 2023, via the NWSL U-18 Entry Mechanism, four days before her 18th birthday.
- On January 29, 2026, signed a two-year contract extension through the 2028 season.
- Named to the U.S. Women’s National Team roster for the 2026 SheBelieves Cup, marking her seventh senior national team call-up under head coach Emma Hayes.
- In January 2026, appeared in two USWNT friendlies, contributing to a 6-0 victory over Paraguay and a 3-0 win over Chile.
- Helped the U.S. U-20 Women’s National Team earn a bronze medal at the 2024 FIFA U-20 Women’s World Cup.
- Helped the U.S. earn silver at the 2023 Concacaf Women’s U-20 Championship.
- Helped the U.S. U-17 Women’s National Team win the 2022 Concacaf Women’s U-17 Championship and competed at the 2022 FIFA U-17 Women’s World Cup.
- Helped the U.S. earn bronze at the 2023 Pan American Games.
- May 3, 2025, became part of the first sister duo in NWSL history to combine for a goal when she scored her first professional goal off an assist from her sister, former ACFC forward Alyssa Thompson, in a 4-3 victory over the Washington Spirit.
- On May 18, 2024, became one of the first sisters in NWSL history to appear in the Starting XI for the same club in the same match, alongside former ACFC forward Alyssa Thompson
- On October 20, 2024, recorded her first NWSL assist in a 1-1 draw against the Utah Royals FC at BMO Stadium.
- Originally committed to Stanford University prior to entering the NWSL.
- Won the 2021 United Women’s Soccer Championship with Santa Clarita Blue Heat.
- Helped Harvard-Westlake win the 2021 SoCal Regional title.



CAREER
STATS

YR	TEAM	GP	GS	MIN	G	A
2025	ACFC	23	21	1,657	1	5
2024	ACFC	15	10	882	0	1
TOTAL		38	31	2,539	1	6

#24 FORWARD | DOB 06/08/1999 | 5'7"

PRISCA CHILUFYA

(PRISS-kuh chee-loo-FEE-yuh)

HOMETOWN: Kitwe, Zambia**NWSL Club History:** ORL, LA**LAST TEAM:** ORL**COLLEGE:** N/A**ACQUIRED VIA:** Trade from ORL (10/09/2025)
COUNTRY
 Zambia


- Acquired by Angel City FC via trade from Orlando Pride on October 9, 2025, along with a 2025 international roster spot.
- Has represented the Zambia Women's National Team since 2018.
- Appeared in all three group stage matches for Zambia at the 2024 Olympic Games in Paris.
- Was an alternate for Zambia at the 2023 FIFA Women's World Cup.
- First called into the senior national team in 2018 for the Women's Africa Cup of Nations and Tokyo Olympic qualifiers.
- Joined Orlando Pride in January 2025 following a transfer from FC Juárez.
- Made 16 appearances with Orlando in 2025, scoring two goals.
- Scored a late equalizer against the Utah Royals in August 2025.
- Played two seasons with FC Juárez in Liga MX Femenil, scoring 14 goals in 48 appearances.
- Scored 14 goals in 18 appearances for Tomris Turan during the 2022–2023 season, including two goals in the UEFA Women's Champions League.
- Helped Tomris Turan win the 2022–2023 Kazakh Women's Championship.
- Previously competed for Fatih Karagümrük in Turkey and began her professional career with Red Arrows in Zambia in 2021.

**CAREER
STATS**

YR	TEAM	GP	GS	MIN	G	A
2025	ACFC	3	0	36	0	0
2024	ORL	16	4	512	2	0
TOTAL		19	4	548	2	0



#25 DEFENDER | DOB 06/25/2002 | 5'8"

SOPHIA MATTICE

(KRIS-tin PRESS)

HOMETOWN: Folsom, California

NWSL CLUB HISTORY: LA

LAST TEAM: University of Kentucky

COLLEGE: University of Kentucky

ACQUIRED VIA: Trialist signing (05/16/2025)



COUNTRY
United States

- Moved to the Angel City FC active roster on a short-term contract on May 17, 2025
- Signed a contract extension through the 2026 season
- Trained with Angel City FC beginning at the 2025 Coachella Valley Invitational preseason tournament in February 2025.
- Played at the University of Kentucky as a graduate senior, appearing in 18 matches and recording two goals and one assist.
- Named to the 2024 SEC Preseason Watchlist.
- Recorded a career-high 28 shots and 12 shots on goal during her final collegiate season.
- Previously competed at the University of Portland.
- Appeared in nine matches in 2020, scoring one goal and one assist.
- Named to the 2020 All-WCC Freshman Team.
- Led Portland in assists (three) during the 2022 season and earned All-WCC Honorable Mention honors.

CAREER STATS

YR	TEAM	GP	GS	MIN	G	A
2025	ACFC	3	0	27	0	0
TOTAL		3	0	27	0	0

#27 FORWARD | 01/24/2007 | 5'7"

MAITHÉ LÓPEZ (ON LOAN)

(mai-TAY LOH-pehs)

HOMETOWN: Bucaramanga, Colombia**COLLEGE:** N/A**NWSL Club History:** LA**LAST TEAM:** Real Santander**ACQUIRED VIA:** Int'l Transfer via Real Santander (02/21/25)

COUNTRY

United States

- Signed with ACFC for four years and was loaned to Lexington Sporting Club Women of the USL Super League in an effort to maximize her development as a professional
- Called up to the 2025 Senior Colombia Women's National Team training camp roster in preparation for the 2025 SheBelieves Cup
- Started in the 2026 SheBelieves Cup for Columbia against the United States.
- Helped the U-20 Colombia Women's National Team to the Quarterfinals of the 2024 FIFA U-20 Women's World Cup, earning one assist in 232 minutes played in five match appearances
- Appeared in the 2024 U-17 and U-20 South American Championships
- Appeared in the 2024 U-20 Sud Ladies Cup
- Appeared in three matches for Colombia during the 2024 FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup the following month, tallying 210 minutes on the pitch
- Made her professional debut for Real Santander in Colombia's Liga Femenina on June 8, 2024 against Deportivo Pereira, where she scored her first career goal in the 37th minute of the match

**CAREER
STATS****NWSL REGULAR SEASON
DEBUT COMING SOON**

#30 GOALKEEPER | 11/16/2023 | 5'7"

FAITH NGUYEN

(FAYTH WIN)

HOMETOWN: Costa Mesa, California

NWSL CLUB HISTORY: LA

LAST TEAM: College, Texas Tech

COLLEGE: Texas Tech

ACQUIRED VIA: Preseason Signing (01/14/2026)



COUNTRY
United States



- Signed with Angel City FC on January 14, 2026 to a six-month contract ahead of the 2026 NWSL season.
- Trained with Angel City FC during the summer of 2025 prior to signing.
- Played two seasons at Texas Tech (2024–2025), making 41 appearances and logging 3,693 minutes.
- Posted a 27-7-7 record with 127 saves and a .789 career save percentage at Texas Tech.
- Recorded 19 clean sheets, ranking fifth in program history.
- Finished 10th all-time in saves in Texas Tech program history.
- Earned First Team All-Big 12 honors in 2024.
- Named Second Team Collegiate Sports Communicators All-American in 2024.
- Selected Big 12 Goalkeeper of the Week twice in 2024.
- Began her collegiate career at UCLA (2021–2023).
- Member of UCLA's 2022 NCAA National Championship team.
- Helped UCLA win Pac-12 Championships in 2021 and 2023.

CAREER STATS

NWSL REGULAR SEASON DEBUT COMING SOON

#32 FORWARD | 06/05/2001 | 5'9"

SVEINDÍS JÓNSDÓTTIR

(SVEN-diss YONS-dot-ehr)

HOMETOWN: Keflavík, Iceland**NWSL CLUB HISTORY:** LA**LAST TEAM:** VfL Wolfsburg**COLLEGE:** N/A**ACQUIRED VIA:** Int'l Signing (05/21/2025)COUNTRY
Iceland

- Signed with Angel City FC on May 21, 2025 as a free agent through the 2027 season.
- Made her NWSL debut on August 2, 2025, starting for Angel City FC.
- Scored her first NWSL goal on September 13, 2025.
- Recorded 12 starts during her first NWSL season with Angel City FC.
- Has earned 48 caps with the Iceland Women's National Team, recording 12 goals and 12 assists.
- Made her senior international debut in September 2020, scoring a brace in her first appearance.
- Called into the 2026 Iceland Women's National Team for its opening FIFA Women's World Cup qualifying matches.
- Previously represented Iceland at the U-19 level, recording 10 goals and seven assists.
- Spent four seasons with VfL Wolfsburg, making 93 appearances in all competitions with 22 goals and 16 assists.
- Won the 2022 Frauen-Bundesliga title with Wolfsburg.
- Competed on loan with Kristianstads DFF in 2021, scoring six goals in 21 appearances.
- Won the 2020 Icelandic Championship with Breiðablik.
- Named 2020 Úrvalsdeild Player of the Year and Golden Boot winner.
- Named Icelandic Women's Footballer of the Year in 2021.

CAREER
STATS

YR	TEAM	GP	GS	MIN	G	A
2025	ACFC	13	12	1,026	1	1
TOTAL		13	12	1,026	1	1

#33 FORWARD | DOB 11/14/2002 | 5'8"

RILEY TIERNAN

(rye-LEE TEER-nan)

HOMETOWN: Voorhees, NJ**COLLEGE:** Rutgers**NWSL Club History:** LA**LAST TEAM:** College, Rutgers**ACQUIRED VIA:** Trialist signing (3/03/25)

COUNTRY
United States

- Signed Angel City FC ahead of the 2025 season as a non-roster invitee and earned a full contract following preseason play.
- Made her NWSL debut on March 16, 2025, starting and playing 90 minutes in a 1–1 draw against the San Diego Wave.
- Scored her first NWSL regular-season goal on March 30, 2025, in a 2–1 victory over Seattle Reign FC.
- Appeared in all 26 NWSL regular-season matches in 2025, making 26 starts and logging 2,193 minutes.
- Scored eight goals and added one assist in her rookie season.
- Led all NWSL rookies in scoring in 2025.
- Her eight goals rank second among rookies in NWSL single-season history and set a new Angel City FC single-season scoring record.
- Named NWSL Rookie of the Month in May and June 2025.
- Selected to the NWSL Best XI of the Month in May 2025.
- Nominated for the 2025 NWSL Rookie of the Year award.
- Played at Rutgers University, appearing in 83 matches and scoring 19 goals in 6,544 minutes.
- Set the Rutgers all-time assist record with 34 career assists, ranking sixth in Big Ten history.
- Named 2021 Big Ten Freshman of the Year and earned All-Big Ten First Team honors.

**CAREER
STATS**

YR	TEAM	GP	GS	MIN	G	A
2025	ACFC	26	26	2,193	8	1
TOTAL		26	26	2,193	8	1

#99 MIDFIELDER | DOB 07/27/2025 | 5'5"

TAYLOR SUAREZ

(TAY-ler SWAH-rez)

HOMETOWN: Charlotte, North Carolina

COLLEGE: Florida State University

NWSL Club History: LA

LAST TEAM: College, Florida State University

ACQUIRED VIA: Preseason Signing (01/08/2026)



COUNTRY
United States



- Signed with Angel City FC on January 8, 2026 to a three-year contract after departing Florida State University following her sophomore season.
- Has represented the United States at the U-17, U-18/19, U-20, and U-23 levels.
- Called into the first U.S. U-23 Women's National Team camp of 2026
- Competed at the 2024 FIFA U-20 Women's World Cup, helping the United States earn a bronze medal.
- Started at the 2022 CONCACAF Women's U-17 Championship and recorded the game-winning assist in the final against Mexico.
- Competed at the 2022 FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup, scoring one goal.
- Played two seasons at Florida State (2024–2025), making 36 appearances with 26 starts and logging 1,969 minutes.
- Recorded eight goals and 14 assists during her collegiate career.
- Helped Florida State win the 2025 NCAA National Championship and the 2024 ACC Tournament Championship.
- Earned Second Team All-American honors following the 2025 season.
- Named Second Team All-ACC and selected to the NCAA Tournament All-Tournament Team in 2025.
- Finished her high school career with 73 goals and 59 assists.
- Was a two-time Gatorade North Carolina Player of the Year and two-time North Carolina Soccer Coaches Association State Player of the Year.

CAREER STATS

NWSL REGULAR SEASON DEBUT COMING SOON



TEAM



HISTORY

ANGEL CITY FC - CLUB TIMELINE

A brief breakdown of our club's history & key milestones along the way.



July 21, 2020

Angel City FC is awarded an NWSL expansion franchise, becoming the league's 11th team.



August 23, 2021

Christen Press signs with Angel City FC, becoming the club's first-ever player.



April 29, 2022

Angel City FC plays its inaugural match, defeating the North Carolina Courage in front of a sold-out home crowd.



October 20, 2023

Angel City FC competes in the NWSL Quarterfinals, marking the club's first postseason appearance.



September 5, 2024

Bob Iger and Willow Bay officially become controlling owners of Angel City FC.



January 15, 2025

Mark Parsons is appointed Sporting Director and General Manager.



January 21, 2025

Angel City FC officially opens its Performance Center.



June 1, 2025

Alex Straus is named Head Coach.



October 19, 2025

Angel City FC hosts a joint retirement celebration honoring Christen Press and Ali Riley — recognizing Press as the club's first player and Riley as its first captain.

ACFC TEAM HISTORY

Angel City Football Club's story began in July 2020, when founders Kara Nortman, Natalie Portman, and Julie Uhrman announced the creation of an NWSL expansion team that would take the field in 2022. From the start, ACFC set out to redefine what a professional sports franchise could look like: one built on purpose, equity, and impact both on and off the pitch.

The club's historic inaugural match took place on April 29, 2022, with a 2-1 win over the North Carolina Courage in front of a sold-out crowd of 22,000 at BMO Stadium. On the field, Angel City delivered a strong debut campaign, finishing eighth (of 12) with eight wins and 29 points, just four shy of playoff qualification. That season also featured two international friendlies: a 1-0 win over Liga MX Femenil powerhouse Tigres UANL, and a hard-fought 0-2 loss to the Mexico Women's National Team.

Angel City's sophomore season began unevenly, but a major turning point came in June 2023 when Becki Tweed was promoted from assistant coach to interim head coach. Under Tweed's leadership, the team surged, posting the league's best record in the second half and going undefeated until late September. ACFC clinched its first-ever playoff berth with a commanding 5-1 home victory over eventual Shield winners Portland Thorns FC, becoming only the third NWSL expansion team to reach the postseason within its first two seasons.

The 2024 campaign brought mixed results on the pitch but new milestones off it. ACFC's performance in the inaugural NWSL x Liga MX Femenil Summer Cup was a highlight, with the team going undefeated through the group stage before a narrow semifinal exit to NJ/NY Gotham FC. The midseason tournament also marked the remarkable return of forward Christen Press, who scored in her 100th NWSL appearance; her first goal in more than two years; cementing her place among the league's all-time top scorers. Another standout moment came in August, when Angel City recorded the biggest win in club history, a 7-0 victory over FC Juárez.

Beyond results, Angel City has set a new global standard for fan engagement in women's sports. In its inaugural season, the club sold out four matches and led the NWSL in attendance with an average of 18,534 fans. That momentum only grew: in 2024, ACFC once again sold out four home matches and averaged 19,313 per game, maintaining its place as one of the best-supported women's sports teams worldwide. The club's impact was further underscored in September 2024, when it was named the most valuable women's sports team in the world following a controlling ownership sale to Willow Bay, Dean of the USC Annenberg School for Communication and Journalism, and Bob Iger, then-CEO of Disney.

From the outset, ACFC has exemplified a new model of purpose-driven sports ownership. Through its groundbreaking 10% Sponsorship Model, each partner commits 10% of sponsorship funds directly to community organizations advancing causes such as sports equity, education, and food security. In 2024, the club expanded this vision with the launch of Angel City Impact, a community-powered fund developed in partnership with the City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks. The initiative provides low- and no-cost soccer opportunities for girls and gender-expansive youth across 104 sites in Los Angeles, reaching more than 15,000 young people each year.

Central to Angel City's identity is its vibrant supporter culture. The club's six official supporter groups—Mosaic 1781, Pandemonium, PodeRosas, Rebellion 99, Relentless Ladies, and Valkyries—bring unmatched passion and energy to every home match. Together, they create the electrifying heartbeat of La Fortaleza, the north-end safe-standing section at BMO Stadium, where drums, chants, and banners fuel the team through ninety minutes of relentless support.

From its trailblazing founders to its community-centric business model and record fanbase, Angel City FC has rewritten the playbook for what a professional sports team can be: a movement as much as a club, proving that purpose and performance can thrive side by side.



SYMBOLS

The Story of our Crest

BREAKING THE MOLD

The angel wing breaks free from the shield, symbolizing how Angel City FC breaks the mold of a traditional sports team, breaks from convention, and will break through any barriers in our way.

NOT JUST AN ANGEL

The shape of our angel wings is inspired by a fierce bird of prey that lives year-round in Southern California: the Red-tailed Hawk. Our mission on the field is to win, we are hunting for victory. Also, like many birds of prey, the female hawk is more powerful than the male. Just sayin'.

TOGETHER WE SUCCEED

There are 12 feathers on the crest. Only when these 12 feathers are used together can we move forward. Championships are not won by only the 11 starters on the field, but by the entire roster, staff, and every supporter. They are the 12th feather! We cannot succeed alone.



THE ANGLE

The slope of the shield's top line is 22° off the horizon. The horizon is our starting point, the place from where we will take flight. Volemos! The 22° angle represents the year of our team's inaugural season: 2022. Also, it honors the 22 players, representing both sides, needed to compete in the beautiful game.

THE FUTURE IS BRIGHT

Our angel is flying upward toward the sun, toward the moon... toward the light! The upper right corner of the shield represents the sunrises and moonbeams that guide our way. Our mission is to have a positive impact on the game and our community. We will always strive to be better, to soar higher, and to shine light on others.

UNAPOLOGETIC OPTIMISM

The pink-to-orange color gradient is reminiscent of the sunrises and sunsets, for which Los Angeles is famous. The colors symbolize the optimism our team will always have and from which we will never back down. We each pound our own piece of pavement, but at the end of every day, we all look west to the same sunset. And after the sun has gone, we know the sun will rise again tomorrow.

L.A. ALL THE WAY

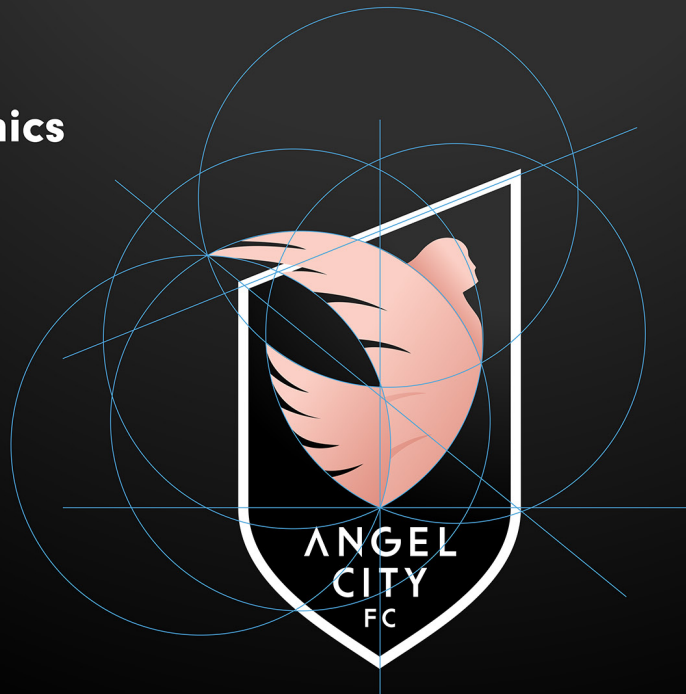
The design of some feathers are inspired by palm leaves. In every part of this massive and amazing city, palm trees live. This is our home and it must be represented in our crest. While we will soar to great heights, our priorities are strongly grounded.

HONOR THE PAST

The base of our shield shape pays homage to traditional soccer crests and soccer history. Angel City FC is here because of the trailblazers, the pioneers, the giants who came before us. Our crest proudly stands on their shoulders.

SYMBOLS

Crest Mechanics



The crest's 22 degree angle, vertical axis, and horizontal axis intersect with circles that make up the shape of the emblem. This creates balance in the crest.



JERSEY HISTORY & DETAILS





FLARE KIT

A new look. Designed with edge, for the club and city that refuses to play it safe. Angel City FC is the contrast of glamor and grit, elegance and fire, light and dark. With a new kit that is poised for the runway, but raw enough for the pitch.

OUR FIRST-EVER CENTER CREST

The new center crest layout is embraced by a pattern that draws the eye inward.
A design that puts our club at the center, infused with Angel City DNA.

METALLIC CREST

Our first ever special finish on a jersey, honoring our fifth season.

FROM SOL TO SOUL

An art deco sunbeam pattern radiates from the heart, bursting out from our crest.
A superhero moment for our club and city.

SOL ROSA SHINES THROUGH

In a unified design move, DoorDash, NYX Professional Makeup, and Sprouts Farmers Market show up and show out for LA, all in sol rosa.



LOS ANGELES KIT

The 2025 season will see the second, and final, year of the Moonlight jersey that places the wing from Angel City's crest in a gritty asphalt-like texture over a black background, a reference to the determination and resolve needed to conquer the path ahead.

The wings themselves recall the club's motto, Volemos, and remind us to keep flying in our fight for equity.

This season also kicks off the beginning of the club's new secondary kit, Los Angeles. The jersey pays homage to the culture and history of Los Angeles with an all-over pattern highlighting the city's most iconic landmarks. The toile-inspired design consists of a cream background repeating illustrations that honor modern and historic LA, allowing both local and global fans to find representation within the pattern.

Historic Los Angeles landmarks represented in the intricate design include:

- LACMA City Lights
- Vision Theatre, Leimert Park
- Korean Friendship Bell, San Pedro
- Watts Towers
- Mariachi Plaza, Boyle Heights
- 6th Street Bridge with low rider
- Little Tokyo Lanterns
- Chinatown Dragon Gate
- Echo Park Lake
- Santa Monica Pier

In addition to honoring landmarks, symbolic designs incorporated in the pattern include:

- Surf van - representing the Pacific Coast Highway
- Fruit stand - found throughout LA neighborhoods
- Red-tailed hawk - LA's fiercest bird of prey and depicted in the ACFC crest
- Boom box - honoring LA hip hop culture
- Palm trees - iconic to LA's landscape
- California poppy - California State Flower
- Birds of paradise - official flower of Los Angeles
- Tattoo-inspired text:
 - "Volemos"
 - "Los Angeles" / "LA"
 - "Angel City Football Club" / "ACFC"
 - 7.21.21 - The date that ACFC was announced as an expansion team in LA



Moonlight & Sol Kit

The 2024 season kicks off with two all-new kits: the primary Moonlight jersey, and the sunrise-hued Sol secondary.

These two contrasting looks are in conversation with each other, each representing an aspect of the club that cannot exist without the other. Moonlight speaks to grit and determination, while Sol radiates joy and optimism.

Continuing with the home color palette established with ACFC's inaugural jerseys (see Jersey History below),

Moonlight places the wing from Angel City's crest in a gritty asphalt-like texture over a black background, a reference to the determination and resolve needed to conquer the path ahead. The wings themselves recall the club's motto, *Volemos*, and remind us to keep flying in our fight for equity.

The sunrise-toned gradient of the Sol jersey, meanwhile, sends the message that even after the darkest night, the sun will always rise another day.

JERSEY HISTORY

Over their first two seasons on the field, Angel City players wore three different jerseys, each reflecting a chapter in the evolution of the club.

DAWN AND DAYLIGHT

ACFC's two inaugural kits celebrated the club's birth, marking the beginning of a new era in LA sports and the NWSL. Each speaks to a different facet of the Angel City's identity; the home jersey, called Dawn, was inspired by the club itself, while the away jersey, Daylight, was in conversation with the city we call home.

With its black background and geometric sunrise pattern, Dawn evoked the moment just before sunrise when first light appears on the dark horizon. The Art Deco-style pattern is a nod to LA's historic architecture, while the zigzag configuration recalls that of the city's official flag. The club motto, *VOLEMOS*, appears on the nape of the neck, a reminder to always keep flying for greater heights together.

The away kit, Daylight, was a streetwear-inspired look drawing on LA's iconic palm trees to tell a story about the whole city, from the concrete to the coast. The club's signature shade of pink, Sol Rosa, evoked a sunrise, radiating warmth and optimism.



REPRESENT

With Dawn carrying over into 2023, ACFC's second season brought a new away kit, the Represent jersey.

This jersey celebrated the multifaceted, ever-evolving nature of LA's urban landscape. The map design begins with the coastline and covers the greater Los Angeles area before fading out in a gradient—making clear that Angelenos aren't defined by borders. The half-tone design treatment breaks the image into tiny pieces, representing the multitude of cultures and identities found in the LA area. The "VOLEMOS" neck hit was designed by local artist Rachel Gomez, whose work is inspired by the Chicano culture she grew up in.

To further drive home its inclusive, expansive vision of LA, Represent also came with the option for fans to customize their jersey with one of 11 unique patches designed by artists, community leaders, and visionaries from across the region. Each patch represented a different facet of the city, from its music and food scenes, to the Black, Asian-American, and Indigenous communities that call it home.





EXECUTIVE BIOS





WILLOW BAY

A broadcast journalist, media pioneer, and digital communication leader, Willow Bay is a controlling owner of Angel City and the dean of the USC Annenberg School for Communication and Journalism, where she has advanced student-centered, industry-engaged curricula and programs, increased access to new technology and data solutions, and expanded scholarship support for the next generation of media innovators.

The first female dean of USC Annenberg, Bay oversees nearly 300 faculty and staff, and nearly 3,000 undergraduate and graduate students across the fields of communication, journalism, public relations and public diplomacy.

Prior to her role as dean, Bay spent three years as director of the Annenberg School (2014–17), guiding the launch of the state-of-the-art media center in Wallis Annenberg Hall, introducing the school's new Bachelor of Arts in Journalism degree program and welcoming the first cohort of the school's nine-month Master of Science in Journalism program.

Sports has also been an area of focus for Bay beginning with empowering athletes to tell their own stories on NBC's "NBA Inside Stuff" and, most recently, helping to establish USC as the premier hub for the study and practice of sports journalism. In 2024, Bay and the "NBA Inside Stuff" team received the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame's Curt Gowdy Transformative Media Award.

Bay also currently serves as vice chair of the Los Angeles County Museum of Art's Board of Trustees as well as chair of the International Women's Media Foundation's Los Angeles Advisory Committee.



BOB IGER

Bob Iger is a controlling owner of Angel City FC and the CEO of the Walt Disney Company.

At Disney, Iger has led a significant, enterprise-wide transformation, overseeing the acquisitions of Pixar (2006), Marvel (2009), Lucasfilm (2012), and 21st Century Fox (2019). He has also helped Disney embrace new platforms and technologies, including the launch of the Disney+ streaming service in November 2019.

During Iger's tenure, The Walt Disney Company has been recognized as one of the "Most Reputable Companies" in both America and the world by Forbes magazine (2006–2019); one of the "Best Employers" in both America and the world by Forbes magazine (2019 and 2018, respectively); one of the "World's Most Admired Companies" by Fortune magazine (2009–2021); and one of the "World's Most Respected Companies" by Barron's (2009–2017).

Previously, Iger was president and COO of ABC from 1994 until its acquisition by Disney in 1996. Iger was named president of Disney in 2000, transitioning to CEO in 2005. He retired from his position as CEO in 2020 before returning in 2022.

In 2023, Iger was featured on the cover of Time as part of its annual 100 Most Influential People issue. He was named Time's Businessperson of the Year in 2019 and one of Forbes magazine's "World's Most Powerful People" in 2018.

Iger was inducted into the Television Academy Hall of Fame in January 2020, and the Broadcasting and Cable Hall of Fame in 2015. He currently serves on the boards of the 9/11 Memorial & Museum and Bloomberg Philanthropies. From 2011–2019 he was a member of the Apple board of directors.



NATALIE PORTMAN

Natalie Portman is an Angel City co-founder and an Academy Award-winning actress (*BLACK SWAN*, director, and activist. In Summer 2024, Portman made her television debut as 'Maddie Schwartz' in *LADY IN THE LAKE*, which aired on AppleTV+.

In 2021, Natalie and her producing partner, Sophie Mas, inked a first-look TV deal with Apple TV+ for their production company MountainA. MountainA produced the Golden Globe and Film Independent Spirit Awards-nominated dark comedy, *MAY DECEMBER*, directed by Todd Haynes, where Natalie stars opposite Julianne Moore. For this role, Natalie received a Golden Globe nomination for Best Actress—Musical or Comedy and a Film Independent Spirit Award for Best Lead Performance.

MountainA also produced the 2023 MAX docuseries *ANGEL CITY*, which follows the creation of the Angel City Football Club, a LA-based women's soccer team that Portman founded in 2020. Her other past production credits include the documentary *EATING ANIMALS*, which she executive produced and narrated. The film examines mankind's dietary choices and is based on Jonathan Safran Foer's memoir. Coming next, MountainA is set to produce the rainbow fantasy *ARCO* from French director Ugo Bienvenu, set in the futuristic world of year 2932. This project marks MountainA's first animated feature since its launch and is currently in the finalization process. MountainA is also co-producing the upcoming film *THE GALLERIST*, directed by Cathy Yan and starring Portman amongst an ensemble cast. *THE GALLERIST* follows a desperate gallerist who conspires to sell a dead guy at Art Basel Miami. The film is set to begin shooting later this year.

She was previously seen on the big screen with her return to the Marvel universe as 'Jane Foster' in *THOR: LOVE AND THUNDER*, as well as Pablo Larraín's film, *JACKIE*, in which she starred as First Lady Jacqueline F. Kennedy. For the role, Portman was nominated for an Academy Award, a Golden Globe, a Screen Actors Guild Award, a BAFTA Award, and won the Critics' Choice Award. She wrote, directed, produced, and starred in *A TALE OF LOVE AND DARKNESS*, which made its world premiere at the 2015 Cannes Film Festival and its North American premiere at the 2015 Toronto International Film Festival. Next up, Portman will be starring in the upcoming adventure epic *FOUNTAIN OF YOUTH*, directed by Guy Ritchie and set to release in mid-2025. The film also stars John Krasinski, Domhnall Gleeson, and Eiza González.

In Fall 2020, Portman released her debut picture book, *NATALIE PORTMAN'S FABLES*, which is a New York Times' Bestseller.

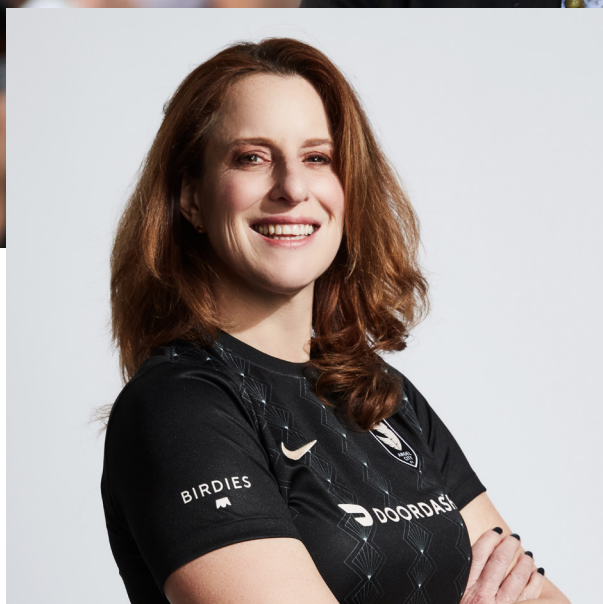
Portman is a Harvard graduate with a degree in psychology and studied at Hebrew University in Jerusalem.



JULIE UHRMAN

Julie Uhrman is the CEO and Co-Founder of Angel City Football Club (ACFC), Los Angeles' professional women's soccer team co-founded by Uhrman, Natalie Portman and Kara Nortman. Under her leadership, ACFC is the world's most valuable women's professional football team, setting new standards for impact by reallocating 10% of all sponsorship back into the LAf community. She has received numerous accolades, including being named to the 2023 Gamechanger class by the Sports Business Journal, the Brand Genius Award by ADWEEK, Inc. Female Founders 250 List, and one of the 50 Most Inspirational Figures in Sport by Sports Illustrated.

Julie Uhrman, CEO and Co-Founder of Angel City Football Club (ACFC) in LA, founded the club alongside Natalie Portman and Kara Nortman in 2020. Under her leadership, ACFC is the world's most valuable women's pro football team, setting new standards for impact by reallocating 10% of all sponsorship back into the LA community and leading the league year over year in ticket sales, attendance and sponsorship revenue. She's received numerous accolades, including Brand Genius and Most Influential in Sports by Adweek, Inc. Female Founders 250 List, and one of the 50 Most Inspirational Figures in Sport by Sports Illustrated.



KARA NORTMAN

Kara Nortman is a co-founder of Angel City and a managing partner at Monarch Collective, an investment platform dedicated to accelerating equity in global sport.

Prior to Monarch, Kara was a Managing Partner at Upfront Ventures, where she worked for eight years. Before joining Upfront, Kara spent close to seven years at IAC where she co-headed the M&A group and later served in operating capacities as the SVP and General Manager of Urbanspoon and Citysearch. She served on the board of IAC's mobile technology incubator (Hatch Labs), where she incubated Tinder in their seed round. Earlier in her career Kara worked at Battery Ventures, Microsoft and Morgan Stanley.

Kara is also a founding member of All Raise, a VC-led Nonprofit dedicated to increased diversity in funders and founders, and she advised the Women's National Soccer Team Players Association during their pay equity fight.

Kara holds an AB in politics from Princeton University and an MBA from Stanford University.



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COMMUNITY IMPACT 10%





Angel City Funding Model

Impact is a core part of Angel City Football Club's identity, and it's been built into the club's business model from the beginning. Through the pioneering ACFC 10% Sponsorship Model, 10% of each corporate partnership goes directly to support a community organization. Since 2021, ACFC has donated over \$4.8 million to the community via the club's sponsorship model.

Impact Pillars

* The central mission of ACFC's community impact is to drive towards equity to change the game both on and off the pitch. The club's approach is multigenerational and focuses on girls, women, and gender-expansive individuals. We partner with organizations working under our two impact pillars: essentials and education.





ESSENTIALS

The Essentials pillar includes programs focused on opportunities to play and fundamental needs. Food security, community heritage and identity engagement, volunteerism, transportation, and soccer programs all fall under this category.

OPPORTUNITIES TO PLAY

Girls Play Los Angeles (GPLA) and Football for Her are two of the play equity programs in ACFC's impact ecosystem.

Girls Play LA (GPLA), a program of the City of Los Angeles's Department of Recreation and Parks, provides low-cost sports leagues, camps, and clinics for girls and gender-expansive youth, with a focus on under-resourced communities. Program support includes recreational leagues at 104 sites and a leadership academy that targets high school-aged youth across five sites. Through collaborations with partners like BMO, youth are receiving sports-based youth development skills that will support them on and off the pitch.

Other programs under the play equity umbrella include camps and clinics throughout the LA area, as well as the Play with Pride Cup Tournament and Desert Pride Cup Tournament, which provide playing opportunities for adults from the LGBTQ+ community.





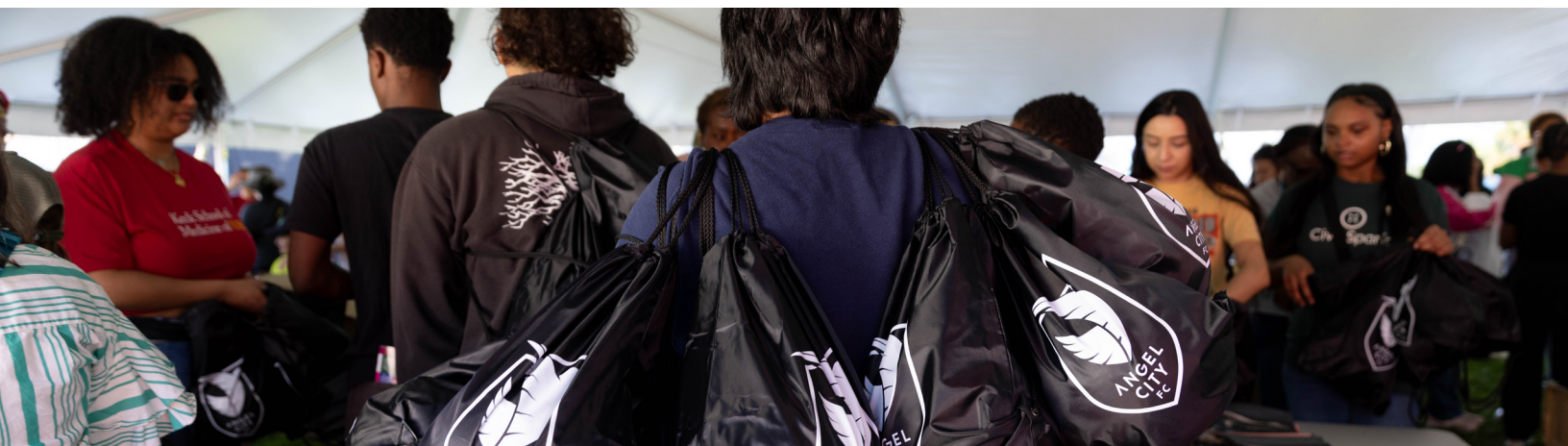
FOOD SECURITY & ACCESS

Angel City and its partners support a range of food security programs. This includes partnerships with All Peoples Community Center and the Los Angeles LGBT Center on their food distribution initiatives in collaboration with DoorDash. To date over 2.6 million meals have been distributed.

COMMUNITY HERITAGE AND LEARNING ENGAGEMENT

At Angel City, we consider every person's ability to be their authentic self just as essential as our other basic needs. That's why the celebration of diversity is woven throughout our impact ecosystem. We reflect the diversity of our city through the events and celebrations we support. Through volunteerism, we offer opportunities to connect our community through service.

Diversity isn't just our strength—it's who we are.





EDUCATION

* The Education pillar includes personal development and professional development. Sports internship programs, community development workshops, and coach education all fall under this category.

PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

ACFC supports programs aimed at developing career and leadership skills. The Artists in Residence program, led by the Las Fotos Project and sponsored by NYX Professional Makeup and Pasun, gives young photographers the opportunity to photograph Angel City home games throughout the season. Participants work with a mentor and get to showcase their work digitally and at in-person exhibitions.

The SOAR program, sponsored by Bandai Namco and Anthropologie, empowers young women and gender-expansive youth in the GPLA Leadership Academy program to build confidence, develop leadership skills, and explore future careers in sports. Through interactive workshops, mentorship, and hands-on experiences, participants grow as leaders both on and off the field.

STEM in Soccer bridges the exciting worlds of soccer and STEM to provide teenage girls and gender-expansive youth with the unique opportunity to learn about the technological advances transforming the sport. Through hands-on projects and access to subject matter experts from ACFC and Mindera Technologies, participants explore diverse STEM applications within a professional sports environment.

Garden School Foundation provides a Nutrition Education program sponsored by Sprouts Farmers Market that provides inclusive nutrition education to athletes in the GPLA Leadership Academy program. Through hands-on workshops, participants explore how food fuels their bodies and athletic performance while reflecting on culture, identity, and access.

The Twinning Project is a UK-based non-profit that pairs up—or “twins”—professional soccer teams with local prisons and jails to provide educational services to incarcerated people. In 2023, Angel City became the first professional women’s sports team to launch a women’s Twinning Project Program in the United States. This intervention program sponsored by Pasaadena City College aims to support character development and mental and physical health of incarcerated individuals through soccer and has partnered with LA County Sheriff’s Department and California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation.



PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

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ACFC supports programs aimed at career and organizational development.

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The Player 22 Program is dedicated to equipping retired professional women's soccer players with the skills and resources necessary for success beyond their playing careers. The program provides funding, resources, and education to empower participants to excel in new industries and business ventures.

The ACFC Coach Network aims to build a pipeline for women and gender-expansive individuals to enter the coaching space. Through the California State Soccer Association—South (CalSouth), in partnership with Gatorade, Football Manager, and Yerba Madre, coaches receive opportunities for licensing, education, networking events, and access to paid coaching opportunities.

The Community Workshop Program provides free professional and skill-building workshops designed to support LA-based community organizations and their leaders. ACFC is committed to empowering local change-makers, who are often limited by funding, with the tools they need for strategic growth and impact. In partnership with Slalom and goodr the workshops foster a culture of resource-sharing and collaborative support to strengthen community organizations' capacity for change-making.

