

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Haley Wark

Former Surrey United Soccer Club player, Haley Wark sat down for a conversation about how her time at Surrey United provided her with experiences she carries with her in her adult years. Haley is now the Creative Director of an architectural product manufacturer in Abbotsford, BC which allows her to travel all over the world. She came into this position at a young age thanks, in part, to her schooling that was ultimately paid for through a soccer scholarship, that provided her with the opportunity to complete 5 years of University in Marketing and Public Relations.



How has Surrey United contributed to your overall success? The skills I learned training at SUSC moulded me into a player good enough to be scouted by schools all over the States. In my grade 12 year I had some difficult decisions to make and ended up going to University in Iowa. When I got home sick, I had the opportunity to bring my scholarship back to Canada and finish my time playing at Kwantlen Polytechnic University. Having an athletic scholarship helped me get through school and find the career path I have today.

What lessons or takeaways did you bring forward from Surrey United Soccer Club? A big lesson is mental toughness, learning how to lose and time-manage while training and going to school is a big deal. Those are some skills that help me as a professional now.



What are your favourite memories of Surrey United? My favourite memories are the tournaments and the team-bonding that took place when we were out of town. There is something so special about being part of a team, some of those teammates are some of my good friends still to this day. Aside from playing, I also loved helping with the concession and just being around CAP.



What advice do you have for younger players aspiring to follow in your footsteps? The advice I have is to always train hard and work on your skills always, soccer can take you wherever you want to go. Some of the best times of my life were travelling for soccer and making life-long friends along the way. I had set-backs throughout my soccer career including many injuries, and there were times that I doubted myself and wanted to quit, but I am so glad that I pushed through because I wouldn't be where I am today without it.