



Villarreal CF launches US-based soccer academy in Queens, NY

Partnership between Villarreal CF and Bolaños Soccer Academy opens a new door for youth soccer players

Villarreal CF, a top team in Spain's LaLiga, has announced a partnership with Bolaños Soccer Academy, now named Villarreal NY Bolaños Academy. Based in Queens, New York, a state well-known for being strong in soccer, players and coaches at 'NY Bolaños' will train under the innovative Villarreal CF methodology to help them to develop to their full potential. Villarreal will work with NY Bolaños staff members to grow players through an individual player development approach. What's more, this revolutionary partnership provides a pathway to real professional experiences in Spain. Villarreal NY Bolaños Academy play and train at great facilities, in the heart of Queens, at Flushing Meadows Park.

"New York is a leading soccer area that is packed with talent and we are sure that our unique approach to the beautiful game will have an extremely positive impact on the players and the community. Villarreal has one of Europe's top development programs in professional soccer and our Academy is the cornerstone of our success. We are very excited to get things started," said Juan Antón, International Development Director at Villarreal.

Villarreal NY Bolaños Academy has teams for players of all abilities and age ranges, from U4 through to U19. "Villarreal CF is a really unbelievable organisation and I'm really excited for us to be working together. The partnership between Villarreal CF and Bolaños Soccer Academy is great. I think it's going to be brilliant for the United States and for us, I think it's going to be a great experience, and it underlines how the United States now plays a big part in the world of soccer. I only see success in this union as having a legitimate professional pathway will provide our youth players with a real developmental experience," said Yair Bolaños, head coach and founder of the organization.

Villarreal coaches will be visiting Queens to train both coaches and players, they will run tryout sessions, offer clinics, provide coaching education, supplement programs and offer camps. NY Bolaños' team coaches will also have direct support and access to professional curriculum and methodology.

Players that consistently demonstrate top-level training, skills and behavior throughout the season will have opportunities to be invited to Villarreal's state-of-the-art training facilities in Spain, one of the best youth developmental academies in the world. Participants will observe training sessions, meet professional players, practice with the club's elite academy players, be trained by Villarreal coaches and experience what it takes to become a professional soccer player first-hand.

For more information about Villarreal NY Bolaños Academy visit: www.villarrealbolanosacademyny.com.





PHOTO: Yair Bolaños poses at Villarreal CF's Estadio de la Cerámica in Spain to celebrate the partnership between the Spanish club and Villarreal NY Bolaños Academy, alongside two players, Pablo Mejia and Byron Garcia.

