**Jake Genewitch**

ake reports that he has had a passion for soccer, since he was 3 (!). As he grew up, he was especially inspired by Lionel Messi – the story of his life and his soccer play. As a result, Jake played on high level competitive teams since he was 7, and played all 4 years at Carlsbad High School. Jake (modestly) says that he is never the best player on the field, but he always strives to do his best.

In addition, Jake has volunteered as an Assistant coach in a specialty training program for young people that focuses on being a good person, a caring teammate and building community, as well as soccer skills. He works hard to be a good role model as also mentors young athletes, and referees games.

In addition, Jake is an excellent student, taking AP and Honors classes, and maintained a high GPA, while also completing courses at a community college. . He plans to attend University of Wisconsin-Madison and become a computer scientist.

Jake exemplifies so many of the qualities that the Gregg Garon Scholarship, it is a pleasure to offer him one this year!