

## For Immediate Release

## Shawn Ferguson inducted into the York County Soccer Hall of Fame Class of 2023

Announced today by the YCSHOF Board, Shawn Ferguson's selection for induction into the York County Soccer Hall of Fame Class of 2023. The York County Soccer Hall of Fame will hold its annual dinner and induction ceremony August 31, 2023.

Ferguson is a graduate of Northwestern High School where he played for Hall of Fame Coach Dom Wren. He was an All-Region Selection, helped NHS to three South Carolina State Championships and a National Championship in 2009. He also played a key role in Discoveries Soccer Club's run to a National Championship in 2009 as well. This will be Ferguson's second induction into the YCHOF, as his 2009 DSC team received induction in 2019.

Ferguson went on to play at the College of Charleston where he started for another Hall of Fame Coach, Coach Ralph Lundy for four years and became an All-Southern Conference Defender. Ferguson maintained a 3.691 cumulative GPA in the ever-challenging fields of biology and chemistry. Ferguson earned the College of Charleston's highly distinguished honor roll in 2010 and in 2011. Ferguson was included on the SoCon Academic All-Conference Team for the fall of 2010 and 2011. Ferguson served as a Campus Outreach Leader in Panama City Beach, Fla. He was also a member of the National Collegiate Society of Honor Students and an active leader in the Biology Club at the College of Charleston. Ferguson served as a pre-health peer advisor to assist fellow students with decisions regarding healthcare professions and course work.

He was an active volunteer through the M.U.S.C. Children's Hospital as well as the Roper St. Francis SCRUBS program. Ferguson has additionally served as a veterinary assistant at the Rock Hill Animal Hospital and on the Literacy Walk.

As the rock of the Cougar defense, Ferguson started and played every minute of every match for the C of C in 2011. Ferguson has started in every single match over the seasons he has been a Cougar. Ferguson has scored four career goals and registered three assists despite being a pure defender. Ferguson was an all-conference first team selection in 2011 and an all-freshman selection in 2009. He was also a Capital One Academic All-District selection.

After graduating from the College of Charleston he went on to have a very successful professional career with the Charleston Battery of the USL. He retired in 2016. He is currently the Pastor at Awaken Church in Charleston.

The York County Soccer Hall of Fame will hold its annual dinner and induction ceremony Thursday, August 31, 2023 at the Courtyard Marriott (Kingsley) in Ft. Mill, SC. Tickets are \$55 per person and can be purchased online at <a href="https://www.yorkcountysoccerhof.com">www.yorkcountysoccerhof.com</a> Get your tickets today as past years have sold out. The Ceremony will begin at 6:00 PM with a cocktail social (cash bar) followed by dinner at 6:45 PM with induction speeches and teams of distinction beginning at 7:30 PM.

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