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Dear Sharon Marejka,

WHITECAPS LAUNCH RESIDENCY PROGRAM

The Vancouver Whitecaps FC announced today the creation of and investment in Vancouver Whitecaps FC Residency; a full-time program dedicated to developing North America's top youth players in Vancouver.

Whitecaps Residency provides elite youth players U-17 to U-19 a development gateway through to professional opportunities with the Whitecaps men's team and European clubs using the European club model of identification, development and placement.

"The integration of educating, training, and competing with a connection to the Whitecaps men's team and European opportunities, provides perfect conditions for professional development," said Bob Lenarduzzi, President, Vancouver Whitecaps FC. "The Whitecaps are prepared to make the financial investment to provide elite players the opportunity to train in a professional environment unlike any other in North America".

To head up the program, the Whitecaps have brought in European coaching specialist Thomas Niendorf. Niendorf holds a German Soccer Federation professional coaching license, and maintains an extensive network of contacts in Europe. Some of his major achievements include the placements of Owen Hargreaves with FC Bayern Munich and Canadian National Team captain Kevin McKenna with FC Energie Cottbus in Germany.

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