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STA Players Look Forward to College Careers

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With only a few months of high school left, Katie McDonnell, who plays for [STA Crush U18G](#), is already looking forward to the fall soccer season, when she will join the ranks of D-1 collegiate athletes.

The James Caldwell High School standout will head to New York in the fall to join Fordham University on the soccer field. As a forward, McDonnell played a significant role in Caldwell's 2010 record of 14-6-1, racking up an impressive 19 goals and 17 assists in regular season play, finishing her high school career with 63 goals and 53 assists. She received First Team All-State, First-Team All-County and First-Team All Conference honors.

According to STA Crush Coach Rob Alman, "Katie is a clever player who finds it very easy to play between the lines as a withdrawn forward or attacking midfielder. Not only does she score goals and find assists, but she is always available, always open as a focal point of the attack and always willing to relieve pressure on team mates with her cultured hold up and link up play. In her time with STA she has continued to grow in to an increased leadership role and her game has flourished as she has rounded out her skill set. With her work ethic and commitment to improving, Kate is ready to make her mark at the collegiate level."

Prior to heading to Fordham, McDonnell will again join the [Millburn Magic](#) in the Women's Premier Soccer League (WPSL) this summer, where she will have the opportunity to practice with and compete against some of the top collegiate players on the east coast, a preview of what her upcoming college seasons will bring. This will be her third season with the Magic, having scored three goals for the team in 2010 and playing on the 2009 team which competed in the Regional Final.



"The outstanding coaching and support from the STA organization has helped me to improve my strong points," said McDonnell. "More importantly, STA has provided an excellent platform to identify the weaker parts of my game and focus on turning those into strengths. I have worked hard during the winter and I am looking forward to playing a more central role with the Magic this summer before I begin my career with Fordham University this Fall."

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