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WALKER ZIMMERMAN (right) has made major contributions to Furman soccer during the past two years, and now he's prepared to move on to the next level.

Zimmerman, a center back, member of Furman's Class of '15 and All-America performer, was the seventh selection, by FC Dallas, in the Major League Soccer SuperDraft January 17. The two-time All-Southern Conference star was also a regular for the United States U-20 national team in 2012.

The Lawrenceville, Ga., native described draft day as "a dream come true. Today marks the end of my youth career and the beginning of my professional career."

Paladin coach Doug Allison said, "Walker has represented Furman with class on and off the field over the last two years and I know he will do the same in Dallas."

Furman compiled a 26-8-7 record during Zimmerman's two years. He is the eighth Furman product since 2000 to be selected in the MLS SuperDraft and the first since 2008. FC Dallas opened its season March 2.

On the women's side, Stephanie DeVita '16 was named Southern Conference Player of the Year for 2012 and made the National Soccer Coaches Association of America All-Southeast Region second team.

A forward from Simpsonville, S.C., DeVita was also the conference's Freshman of the Year after pacing the league with 19 goals and 42 points. She led all NCAA Division I freshmen in goals, points and match-winning goals (7), and scored at least one goal in 16 of Furman's 22 matches. The Lady Paladins finished with a 16-3-3 record.



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Furman has almost reached its fundraising goal of \$12 million for the press box, but donations are still sought for the facility.

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