

WASHINGTON & LEE UNIVERSITY
WOMEN'S SOCCER ALUMNI NEWS



Meghan Hayde

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Defender

Massapequa, NY

Hayde played at Washington and Lee University from 2000-2003. She played in 76 career games for the Generals with a record of 55-14-7. During this time, the team set new school records for wins in a season (17), goals scored in a season (74), and Hayde was part of a defense that had the lowest GAA (0.53) in 2003. Hayde captained the team which set a school record of 20 consecutive undefeated games in 2002. She also won two ODAC conference championship titles and made two NCAA tournament appearances in 2002 and 2003. Hayde received All-Conference honors in 2001, 2002, and 2003 as well as All-South Region honors in 2002 and 2003. She was two-time team MVP, a captain in 2002 and 2003, and had 2 goals and 5 assists in her career.

Most Memorable Moment Senior year playing in our last home game...waiting to go onto the field, standing there with my best friends and realizing all we had been through and how hard we had worked.

Favorite Game NCAA Sweet 16 home game versus Virginia Wesleyan. The stands were packed...I realized how special our team was...we were cold, wet, tired and disappointed that we had lost, but amidst our tears we appreciated how far we had come and what an amazing year it had been. Nothing could replace that.

What You Miss the Most All the goofy memories we had as a team...Susannah slipping in her yellow rain slicker at practice...Mr. Marcoux yelling "Put the Biscuit in the Basket"...Fontaine sliding into the long-jump pit at Lynchburg...singing Celine Dion in the locker room...eating pounds of trail mix every season...freshman skits...Coach's witty preseason scavenger hunts...

Advice to the Rookies Appreciate how lucky you are to be part of such a great team and program...don't take for granted that you are playing college soccer with wonderful coaches and teammates because not everyone gets that chance.

If You Could Do It Again, What Would You Change I wish I had studied abroad. I regret not taking that opportunity.

What Are You Doing Now I am a Human Resource Associate for Atlantic Media Company in Washington, D.C. Atlantic Media is a political media and publishing company based at the Watergate.

One Thing You Have Taken With You Into the "Real World" The leadership skills I gained have been indispensable...I found a proper balance between leading and stepping aside to let others lead.

Outside of the Soccer Program, What Do You Miss the Most About W&L Salerno's pizza, the Palm's, and the quiet of Lexington.

What Was the Last Book You Read "Sammy's Hill" by Kristin Gore, a funny and poignant book about a twenty-something Hill staffer. It reminds me a great deal of the life I am currently leading.

Who Was Your Favorite Professor Professor Eduardo Velasquez's class was the most dynamic and inspiring class I took in four years; he pushed me to think outside the box and gave me the confidence to question things. Professor Amanda Bower's advertising class allowed me to grasp what it would be like to transition into the real world; she truly taught us beyond the walls of the classroom.

What CD is Currently Playing in Your Car 2003 Women's Soccer mix, sometimes you just can't beat listening to "Remix to Ignition" before a long day at work.