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The 15-3 South Suburban College Women's Soccer Team has earned their first ever NJCAA Division II National Tournament bid.

Lady Bulldogs Kick It into High Gear with First National Tournament Appearance and All-Region Team Honorees

SOUTH HOLLAND, IL – For the first time in school history, the South Suburban College (SSC) Women's Soccer Team has qualified to play in the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) Division II National Tournament. This achievement was determined after their Region-IV Championship Game against Waubensee Community College on November 6, 2021. After the Lady Bulldogs faced a hard-fought 1-0 loss, they ended their season with a record of 15-3, and earned an at-large bid for tournament play.

"It's been an honor to be able to coach this dedicated group and watch them progress during their time at South Suburban," said Head Coach Jose "Tony" Gonzalez.

Individual accolades have been awarded to the Region-IV Women's Soccer All-Region Team. Amaris Gonzalez (Lansing, IL) and Priscilla Sotelo (Chicago, IL) have been named to the first team. Nyah Bejarano (Blue Island, IL) and Valeria Nunez (Chicago Heights, IL) have been named to the second team. These achievements are determined based on outstanding field play. Gonzalez and Sotelo were the second and fourth leading scorers in the nation for NJCAA Division II, with 34 and 28 goals respectively.

The Lady Bulldogs have been placed into "Pool A" as the eighth seed in the NJCAA National Tournament to be held in Wichita, Kansas. They will play Cape Fear Community College (twelve seed) on Tuesday, November 16 at 11 a.m. Following this game, they will play Heartland Community College (one seed) on Wednesday, November 17 at 11 a.m. The winner from this pool will advance to play in the semi-final game of the tournament on Friday, November 19. The National Championship Game will follow on Saturday, November 20.

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