

## **South Florence Soccer Standout Selects FMU**

Carson Nance, a senior at South Florence High School, has received the Palmetto and Francis Marion Fellows' Scholarships to attend Francis Marion University and play for the Patriots men's soccer program. Nance selected FMU over scholarship offers from Newberry, Erskine, USC-Aiken, and North Greenville University.

"During the recruiting process, I got to visit some great colleges and coaches, but it was obvious that Francis Marion University had everything that I was hoping to find. It has a winning program that has been nationally ranked the last several years, Coach Kevin Varnado has a great reputation for player development and they play some of the strongest NCAA Division II teams in the country." Nance stated.

Nance credited the Florence Soccer Association's select program as the main reason that he has the opportunity to play at the college level. "Without the coaching, training and competition that I received during my six years with the FSA Select program, I would not have a chance to play college soccer, particularly at this level. My select coaches, Todd Moore, Jordan Wilson and FSA Director of Coaching, Joel Person were instrumental in teaching me what it would take to get to the next level of soccer and I owe a lot to them for having this opportunity." Nance served as a captain for his FSA Select team, as well as South Florence's soccer team, where he also garnered MVP and All-Region Six AAAA honors.

Nance has also excelled in the classroom where he has been named an All American Scholar, National Merit Finalist, Palmetto Fellows, South Carolina Scholar Athlete, South Florence Junior Marshall, and a Wendy's High School Heisman Award winner. Nance also earned Florence School District One Board of Trustees Honors and attended the 2009 Palmetto Boys State. Nance intends to pursue a degree in physical therapy and is the son of former FMU Patriot players Clyde and Jo Ann Nance.