

**Giancarlo Riotto New Jersey Youth Soccer Coach of the Year:**

"I would like to thank everyone who organized the 2022-2023 New Jersey Youth Soccer Awards ceremony for an outstanding evening. This truly was an amazing night, one that will be remembered.

I am extremely honored to be receiving the 2022 New Jersey Youth Soccer Recreation Coach of the Year Award. I am very grateful for the recognition I have received for my work as a coach in my community.

Academic based athletics is extremely important to the development of our children. It builds character, promotes healthy lifestyles, develops positive work ethics, builds stronger communities, and creates friendships and memories that will last a lifetime.

In closing, I would like to say that I am dedicated to a lifetime of service to my country and community, and I will continue to lead by example in all things that I do. I would like to dedicate this award to my children Luca and Lena who are the reason why I am receiving it. Again, thank you for the honor of this award. I will forever be grateful." *Giancarlo Riotto*

