Alianza MX's aims to foster academic exchange opportunities for the student-athelte community and strenghten collaboration with key partners to the UC, such as UNAM









Athletics Collaboration

UC Riverside and UNAM

Second Student-Athlete Exchange August 2-10, 2024

Within the framework of the **Athletics** Collaboration between the University of California Riverside and Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México (UNAM), second student-athlete exchange was celebrated from the UNAM Women's Soccer Team, taking place from the 2nd to the 10th of August, 2024 in Riverside, California.

On August 2, UCR Athletics welcomed 18 studentathletes from the UNAM Women's Soccer Team and five Deporte Universitario officials from UNAM

As part of the agreement reached in the collaboration, UCR Athletics hosted and sponsored the UNAM Women's Soccer Team for a week at a lodging residence in UCR.

Josh Smith, Senior Associate **Athletics** Director (UCR Athletics), was the main coordinator for planning and overseing all the activities carried out at the UCR sports facilities. collaboration, Maximiliano Aquilar, Director of Representative Sports, and Jair Juárez, Women's Soccer Head Coach, from Deporte Universitario, UNAM, were of great support for the execution of all items established in the agenda.

UNAM Women's Soccer Team played two games against the representative soccer teams of UC Riverside and Mt. San Antonio College (SAC)

The first match took place on 08/04 against the UCR Women's Soccer Team at UCR Soccer Stadium, while the second and last match (08/09) was against the Mt. SAC Women's Soccer Team at the Mt. SAC Soccer Field.

UCR Athletics facilitated transportation for the entire team to enable an easy transfer to the various cultural activities scheduled. Likewise, Alianza MX sponsored a tour through The Cheech Marin Ceneter for Chicano Art & Culture. Further atctivities, as attending to a Dodgers Game was covered by UNAM.

In honor of the collaboration, Alianza MX hosted a dinner reception at the UCR Alumni and Visitors Center

Dr. Rodolfo Torres, VC RED, gave some remarks highlighting the importance of fostering academic exchange opportunities for the studentathlete community in both sides of the boder. Dr. Torres was followed by Wesly Mallet, Director Intercollegiate of Athletics, UCR, and Maximiliano Aguilar, Director Representative Sports, UNAM.