

Ask and You Shall Receive a New Announcing Gig



During the fall, I am the P.A. Announcer for the University of Minnesota Duluth (UMD) women's soccer team. How I came about a new P.A. Announcing opportunity may not be a surprise to many P.A. Announcers.

Who would have thought that sharing space with the streaming play-by-play voice for the UMD would lead to an opportunity...but it did! In addition to streaming for UMD, that announcer serves as the play-by-play streaming voice for the Duluth FC Blue-Greens, an amateur soccer club that competes in the North Conference of National Premier Soccer League (NPSL). It was at a game where we were both working that I asked him to let me know if Duluth FC should ever need a P.A.

Announcer, because I would like to be considered. He said that it was funny that I would say that, because they needed one. In short order, I became the P.A. Announcer for Duluth FC in mid-season. You just never know if an opportunity is available until you ask!

Paul Ranelli began event announcing in 2007 at the University of Minnesota, when he was the P.A. Announcer for graduation ceremonies, an event he continues to announce. In 2015 he became the voice of the University of Minnesota Duluth women's soccer. This year is his first year as Duluth FC's P.A. Announcer.