

"THIS COMPETITION HELPED  
US CREATE A FAMILY."



The adrenaline when they lace up their cleats and get ready to compete is a feeling that all players share. "People won't see me making speeches to my team, but they will see my face with the desire to win," said Enzo Alisson, junior information technology major and Brazilian player at the cup.

Winning a soccer game goes beyond a title. Levy said that winning is the pride of representing your country and giving happiness to everyone watching you.

Soccer is an opportunity to bring a community together regardless of gender or age. For example, Kristin Nurnberg, a freshman media production and management major and Ecuadorian player, said women also participate in the UCF Latin Cup. Nurnberg said the opportunity to represent women in each game means a lot to her as it shows that women can also give their all on the field. "We are capable of everything although some people think we don't know how to play," Nurnberg said. "My teammates celebrate the effort of the women on the team and that feels amazing and rewarding."

Soccer is a passion that flows through the veins and settles deep within the hearts of an entire community. The creation of the UCF Latin Cup exemplifies the desire to share this deep love for the game. This competition has fostered a sense of family among Hispanic student organizations by allowing them to share and celebrate their common language: *El fútbol.* ✦

