

## Amanda Duffy

Amanda Duffy was born in Jacksonville, North Carolina on September 3, 1980. She attended Dixon High School from 1994-1998 where she played soccer, basketball and volleyball. During her time at Dixon, she was named All-Conference and All-Area in soccer in 1998 and the 1998 Daily News Offensive Player of the Year in 1998. She was a two-year varsity starter in basketball and volleyball and a four-year varsity starter in soccer and the school's all-time leading scorer. She scored 40 goals in her senior season alone. She was inducted into the Dixon High School Hall of Fame in 2013.

She played soccer at East Carolina University (ECU) from 1998-2002, earning her B.S. in 2002 and later her M.S. in 2005. She was the first women's soccer player to be elected to the ECU Athletics Hall of Fame (2012). She graduated as ECU's all-time leader in points (83), goals (33), and second in assists (17). She was two-time All-Conference First Team. She led Conference USA in 2001 in goals (14), points (32) and shots (63). She was All-South Second Team in 2001 and 2002.

After college, she played soccer professionally from 2003-2006, three years in the US and one year in Sweden. She played for Raleigh Wings, Hampton Roads Piranhas, Central Florida Krush (USL-W League), and Danmarks IF in Sweden. After her playing days, Duffy has been an executive in several capacities. She spent six plus years as a league executive in the USL W-League. Louisville City FC general manager Djorn Buchholz hired Duffy to be vice president of operations in October 2014, the club's third full-time employee. She was subsequently promoted to general manager in December when Buchholz resigned, and was promoted again in November 2015 to president, where she was the only woman in the league to serve as a club president. During her tenure as president, the club set records in attendance and pushed for a new soccer-specific stadium.

The Nation Women's Soccer League (NWSL) hired Duffy in December 2016 to the new position of managing director of operations, granting her responsibility over growing the league's staff, improving league standards, and overseeing league policies and the league's partnership with part-owners A+E Networks. After the resignation of league commissioner Jeff Plush in March 2017, she also filled the league's administrative roles in lieu of a full-time replacement.

Her work with the NWSL led to AdWeek naming her one of the 35 most influential women in sports in 2017. She was promoted to president, the league's highest office, on January 15, 2019. She announced her intention to step down from the role in January 2020. On January 7, 2020, it was announced Duffy would become Executive Vice President of NWSL team Orlando Pride. She officially stepped down as president of the NWSL on February 14, 2020.