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On behalf of the selection committee, I am proud to announce Kevin Pham from West Coast ISOA as the Week 3 Spring Season Winner of the 2021 Terry Vaughn NISOA Referee of the Week presented by Official Sports.

Kevin resides in Santa Clara, CA; he was co-nominated by West Coast ISOA Director of Development Matthew Buckman and NISOA Hall of Fame Member and Conference Assignor, Paul Scott for his performance as an Assistant Referee on 2/27 between San Jose State vs. Grand Canyon in the Western Athletic Conference.

In Matthew's words: "Kevin is an incredibly professional and hardworking referee, with a passion for lifelong learning and personal growth both on the field and off. It's been a true pleasure to work with him over the last few years and watch his development as an official, and I look forward to seeing him continue to grow as a referee and a person."

In Paul's words: "A key trait for a top-level ref is the ability to receive coaching and then incorporate that information into their performance on the field. Here, Kevin took coaching from more experienced refs and immediately put it into use. This had a positive impact on match control, the credibility of the crew, and the entertainment value. I'm sure when the time comes, Kevin will pass his knowledge forward just as his colleagues did."

You do not take Matthew and Paul's words for it, see Kevin in action for yourself by watching the video below hosted on the NISOA YouTube Channel:

[Kevin Pham - Terry Vaughn NISOA Referee of the Week Presented by OSI - Spring 2021 - Week 3](#)

Kevin has been a member of NISOA since 2018 and is part of the Elite Referee Program in Cal-North lead by Matthew Buckman. He is currently a US Soccer Regional Referee, having officiated the championship match in the San Francisco Soccer Football League, the oldest and one of the most prestigious Men's Amateur Soccer Leagues in the United States.

When not refereeing, Kevin is a Data Operations Manager at Blue River Technology and gives back to our sport by mentoring grassroots referees in his local area in San Jose, California.

Congratulations Kevin!

Lance VanHaitsma
NISOA Senior Director of Operations