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Press Release

U.S. NATIONAL SOCCER PLAYER CABRAL BECOMES U.S. CITIZEN

USCIS Naturalization Ceremony Includes a Diverse Group from 29 Nations

BALTIMORE - Dennison Cabral, a five-time Major Indoor Soccer League (MISL) All Star, and the all-time leading point scorer in the Baltimore Blast's franchise history today became a citizen of the United States during a naturalization ceremony at the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) Baltimore District office.

Cabral is another example of an immigrant to the United States who regularly gives back to his new country and community. He has been a Soccer Coach at St. Mary's High School in Annapolis and has also worked with the Blast's summer camp program to help youth players who desire to reach their full potential in all areas of their lives.

A member of the United States Futsal Federation National Team, Cabral and the team travel next week to his native country of Brazil, to play against one of the International Futsal Federations dominate teams. In June, the team will travel to Spain to play in the Pan American Games.

In addition to Cabral, 51 other men and women representing 29 nations took the *Oath of Allegiance* and became United States citizens during the ceremony presided over by Gregory Collett, USCIS Baltimore District Director.

This group of athletes, office workers, business owners, students, teachers, housewives and many others took this final step in the immigration journey towards American citizenship.

This year the USCIS Baltimore District office will welcome new U.S. citizens from around the globe. Nationwide, USCIS helps between 600,000 and 700,000 men, women and children fulfill their dream of becoming U.S. citizens each year.



Image: Dennison Cabral, Baltimore Blast Soccer Player and his wife Michelle and daughter Daniela following his naturalization as a U.S. Citizen.

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