

# MEET THE PIRATES



**2008-** Has played in all 15 games for the Pirates in 2008...Is tied for the team lead in goals scored with 10... has also collected two assists on the year bringing his season total points to 22...selected as the NAIA National Offensive Player of the Week for the week ending Sept. 29...also awarded MCAC Offensive Player of the Week for the week ending Sept. 15 and 29....has a team leading six game winning goals and has attempted 40 shots.

**PERSONAL-** Tazou E. Ali-Tagba was born May 19 in Sokode, Togo...parents are Moderano and Awa...attended Goshen High School in Accra, Ghana...played high school soccer for Ange-Verts... earned All-region honors at Maple Woods CC...chose Park for its academics...nickname is Togo...enjoys to cook and play volleyball in his spare time...is majoring in computer science.

## #10 | JUNIOR | FORWARD | TAZOU ALI TAGBA

**WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE AMERICAN FOOD?**

"I like Burger King, I usually get the double cheeseburger and fries everytime I go there."

**WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE DISH BACK HOME?**

"It's a dish called Fou Fou. It is a stew with mashed potatoes and yams and meat and you serve it with a special type of bread back home. It is very good."

**WHO IS YOUR FAVORITE MUSICIAN?**

"My favorite musicians are Akon and Lil Wayne. "

**WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE MOVIE?**

"My favorite movie is the Great Debaters, with Denzel Washington."



**WHAT IS YOUR MOST MEMORABLE MOMENT WHILE PLAYING FOR PARK?**

"I think my most memorable moment at Park was the game against Graceland this year. I had heard from our players that Graceland always gives us a hard time when we play them and our coach really prepared us for that game. I scored my first goal at Park during that game, in fact I scored two goals and that was a great moment for me and our team."

**WHAT DO YOU LOVE MOST ABOUT PARK UNIVERSITY?**

"I really enjoy Park because of all the International students here, it is truly and family environment here. You don't really feel homesick here because there are so many students here like you that has traveled along way and is a long way from their family."

**WHAT DO YOU AND YOUR TEAMMATES DO FOR FUN OUTSIDE OF SOCCER?**

"Every Wednesday we all go for Chicken Wings after practice. It's a good time for us to talk away from the field, it's a lot of fun though."

**WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE SPORT TO PLAY OTHER THAN SOCCER?**

"I have always like to play basketball and volleyball, I played it back home a lot. I used to run track but I didn't like it too much there was to much running involved."

**WHAT WAS YOUR FIRST IMPRESSION OF THE UNITED STATES?**

"The United States is a great country, I had been dreaming of coming here for a long time when I was back home. The first thing I noticed on the plane over here was all of the lights and tall buildings and I said to myself, 'Yes this is what everyone is talking about,' so I was really excited to come here."

