

Paul A. Ciulei - I was born in Vaslui, Romania on September 12. My family wasn't the richest one and this was the reason my mother decided to move to Italy for a better future for her, her two kids, and other family, and left me with my grandparents.

I lived with my grandparents for about 1 ½ years and while there they began bringing me to church and brought me to my great great grandfather (who was raised by a priest), and I loved being there because of the stories about his childhood and religious events.

When my mother returned from Italy with my new stepfather Rocco I was brought to Italy with them and my brother. Rocco and I spoke different languages but we understood each other with no problem and we were also teaching each other's language, I quickly learned after a few months in Italy.

After arriving to Italy I attended my first year of elementary school in Macchia D'Isernia. I began playing soccer when I was 3 years old on Capriati Al Volturno's club team and am still playing soccer today.

Rocco closed his business in Italy and decided to move back to the United States. I was immediately enrolled at Palm Harbor Middle School. I picked up the language and then attended Palm Harbor University High School, where I graduated in May of 2018. When I moved to the United States I did not stop playing soccer, I played for TBU's (Tampa Bay Rowdies United) club team and for the high school team.