



# MONICA GONZALEZ



**STUDIO ANALYST | @MONICAGONZO**

*Monica Gonzalez is among the group of studio analysts covering the 2015 FIFA Women's World Cup™ in Canada for FOX Sports and the only broadcaster for the network who played for the Mexican Women's National Team.*

## ON THE SCREEN

With FOX Sports, Gonzalez served as a studio analyst for December's 2015 FIFA Women's World Cup™ Draw Show, as well as the CONCACAF Women's World Cup Qualifying Tournament.

She began her broadcasting career in 2011, making her debut as a studio analyst during ESPN's coverage of the FIFA Women's World Cup™ Germany 2011. She continues to serve as a sideline reporter for the U.S. Men's and Women's National Teams on ESPN, studio and match analyst for the Longhorn Network and a contributor to ESPN W, ESPN's digital platform for female athletes and fans. She was also the color commentator for the 2013 FIFA Under-20 Men's World Cup™.

## ON THE FIELD

Gonzalez was a founding member of the Mexican Women's National team in 1998 and helped lead the team during the 1999 FIFA Women's World Cup™. She captained the team from 2003 – 2007, including the 2004 Summer Olympics in Athens, Greece – her nation's first appearance in Olympic soccer competition. Gonzalez has also played in several Gold Cups and FIFA Women's World Cup™ Qualifiers for Mexico.

Gonzalez was the 11th overall pick in the 2002 WUSA draft by the Boston Breakers. She played two seasons of professional soccer with the Breakers, earning 2003 WUSA All-Star honors. Gonzalez is a former All-America and Academic All-America player at Notre Dame University, leading the Fighting Irish to three NCAA Final Four appearances.

## PERSONAL

A native of Richardson, Texas, Gonzalez is the founder of Gonzo Soccer, a not-for-profit soccer and leadership academy for girls ages eight to 16 from Chicago's underserved inner-city communities. She is also an active supporter of the Women's Sports Foundation and remains dedicated to promoting women's soccer in Mexico.

Gonzalez has had spokesperson roles for such brands as Nike, EA Sports' FIFA franchise, JCPenney, Wonderful Pistachios and Verizon's partnership with Alianza U.