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ABOUT THE UPSTATE LACROSSE FOUNDATION

The Upstate Lacrosse Foundation (ULF) acknowledges, with respect, the Onondaga Nation, Firekeepers of the Haudenosaunee Confederacy, the sovereign nation on whose homelands stretch through the center of New York State. We recognize that the Onondaga Nation continues to maintain their traditions, language, and sovereign government. We are also grateful to the Onondaga and the Haudenosaunee for sharing the gift of Dehoñtjihgwa'és (lacrosse) from the Creator to the rest of the world. We therefore call on people gathered here to reflect on their relationship with the land, the people, and the game; that has brought us together.

The ULF has committed to the recognition and celebration of lacrosse in the Central New York community since 1990. ULF honors players, teams, coaches, referees, organizers, and contributors who have greatly impacted lacrosse in the Central and Southern tier sections of New York State.

The ULF would not be possible without the ULF committee, our sponsors, and the greatest lacrosse community in New York State.

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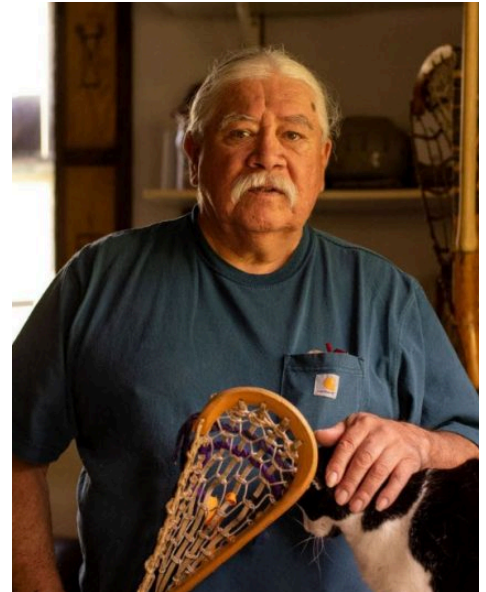
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Alfie Jacques Contributor Award

The Upstate Lacrosse Foundation (ULF) Committee is proud to announce the Service of the Game Award will now be named the Alfie Jacques Contributor Award beginning in 2025. The ULF Contributor Award acknowledges individuals who advance the growth of the game of lacrosse. These individuals dedicate their lives in this endeavor. Therefore, it made sense for the Foundation to rename this award in Alfie Jacques' memory.

Alfie Jacques (1949-2023), Onondaga Turtle Clan, is a member of the ULF HOF as well as the Ontario Lacrosse Hall of Fame. Alfie started his playing career as an attackman at LaFayette High School in the 1960s. Alfie then changed positions to goalkeeper for the Onondaga men's box lacrosse team. His stellar play in net led to Alfie playing professionally in goal for the Syracuse Stingers.



Louis Jacques, Alfie's father, who is also a member of both the ULFHOF and the Ontario Lacrosse HOF, started making lacrosse sticks with his son when Alfie needed a stick of his own to play lacrosse. Soon Louie and Alfie became renowned stick makers for both box and field lacrosse sticks. The Jacques' factory was producing over 10,000 sticks annually before the invention of the plastic lacrosse head in the mid-1970s.

Despite the growth of the sales of the plastic stick and the decline of the wooden stick in collegiate and high school lacrosse, Alfie continued to make sticks. The Medicine Game requires all players to use their traditional wooden stick to play. Also, many players even today in box leagues still prefer to play lacrosse with a wooden stick.

When the Haudenosaunee Nationals played in their first World International Games in Perth, Australia in 1990, Alfie was there and the lacrosse world noticed. When the Haudenosaunee Nationals walked on the field, they walked onto the field with Alfie's traditional wooden sticks. But there was a difference in these special sticks; they were six feet in length! Alfie was excited to remind the world of the importance of the roots of the traditional wooden sticks in the game of lacrosse.

Since that time, individuals, teams, organizations, and event planners reached out to Alfie to share his knowledge of lacrosse and stick making. Alfie traveled across Turtle Island sharing, demonstrating, and growing the game he loved, Dehoñtshigwi'ehs (lacrosse).

Joe Alberici



Taking over the reins of the Army West Point men's lacrosse program ahead of the 2006 season, Joe Alberici has extended an already tremendous legacy for the Black Knights to one that stands out in the lacrosse world today.

Over his time on the sideline for the Black Knights, Alberici has led Army to three Patriot League Championship titles, five Patriot League Regular Season Champion titles, and three NCAA Tournament appearances. With a 184-113 record at the helm for Army, Alberici has earned the Patriot League Men's Lacrosse Coach of the Year title four times in his tenure.

Under Alberici's guidance the Black Knights have produced three Tewaaron Award finalists, a Lt.

Col. Jack Turnbull

Award winner, a Schmeisser Memorial Cup winner, 49 USILA All-Americans, 26 Inside Lacrosse All-Americans, 15 USILA Academic All-Americans, six College Sport Communicators Academic All-Americans, a College Sport Communicators Academic All-American of the Year, 11 MLL Draft picks, four PLL Draft picks, and an Inside Lacrosse National Freshman of the Year.



A 1991 graduate of Alfred University, Alberici was a two-time lacrosse All-American in 1990 and 1991 and also garnered Academic All-America accolades as a senior. A four-year starting attacker, he set six school scoring records and led the Saxons to winning seasons in 1989, 1990, and 1991.

A three-time team captain, Alberici led the entire nation - including all three divisions - in assists as a junior. In 2001, Alberici was inducted into Alfred's Hall of Fame. Following graduation, Alberici remained at his alma mater for two years in the role of graduate assistant coach, earning his master's degree in education in 1993, before accepting his first head coaching assignment at SUNY Oneonta.

A native of Auburn, N.Y., Alberici was inducted into the Auburn High School Hall of Fame in 2008, joining his



brothers, John and Jason, and their father, Gino, as enshrines. In his present role as the face of Army's storied program, Alberici has assumed control of a club that remains intertwined with the rich history of collegiate lacrosse.



Currently, Alberici serves on multiple lacrosse committees around the country. He is a member of the Tewaarton Award selection committee, the USILA All-American selection committee, and the Assistant Coach of the Year panel. He also served on the US Lacrosse National Team coach selection committee and was an assistant coach on the 2010 US National Team that earned the gold medal at the World Lacrosse Championship in Manchester.

Alberici and his wife, Petra, reside at West Point and have two children - their son, Maximus, and daughter, Isabella.

Freeman Bucktooth

Freeman Bucktooth grew up playing on the Onondaga Nation. He earned All-League recognition as a strong attackman at LaFayette High School. He excelled for the Onondaga men's box lacrosse team helping win many league NALA titles. Bucktooth was also instrumental in the creation of the Onondaga Minor Lacrosse Association where he coached many youth divisions creating a strong foundation of youth lacrosse that exists today. Bucktooth went on to coach at LaFayette High School and professionally for the Syracuse Smash in the NLL.



A Lacrosse Legacy of Leadership and Respect



Freeman Bucktooth led the Onondaga Warriors Box Lacrosse team for 11 of the 14 years he played. During that time, he not only guided his team with determination but also stood out as one of the league's top competitors. Bucktooth frequently led the league in scoring, showcasing his offensive skill and passion for the game.

A Leader on the Floor: Playing Through the Battles

Alongside his scoring achievements, Bucktooth often found

himself leading in another category: penalty minutes. Opposing teams knew his impact and targeted him with illegal checks, high sticks, and rough physical play in hopes of gaining an advantage. His response was to drop the gloves and stand up for himself when necessary – a part of the game he didn't boast about, but one he faced head-on.

Several longhouse chiefs once reminded him that rival teams were trying to take him out of the game to increase their chances of winning. Though Bucktooth never sought out fights,



he took on opponents' toughest players when challenged. He understood that defending himself was part of being a competitor in those years.

Lessons After Retirement

After his playing days ended, Bucktooth often

heard from former opponents who admitted they disliked that style of play just as much as he did. Many even joked about the bruises they carried after those physical battles. Despite the on-floor clashes, respect remained central to the game – every contest ended with players shaking hands, leaving the fight on the floor.

A Deep Love for the Creator's Game

What stands out most in Freeman Bucktooth's story is not just his scoring, toughness, or leadership – it's his unwavering love for lacrosse, the Creator's Game. To him, the sport was more than competition; it was a gift, a tradition, and a way of life. His legacy lives on as a reminder that lacrosse is about respect, resilience, and honoring the game itself.

Mark “Redman” Burnam

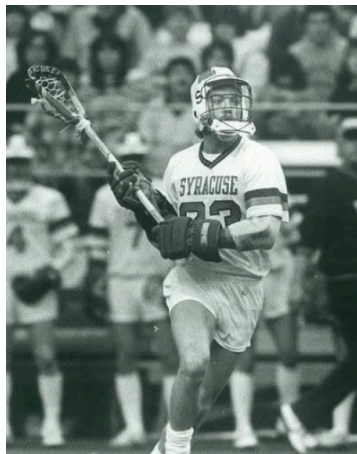
A dominant force in the sport for more than three decades, Mark “Redman” Burnam has built a legendary career defined by championships, leadership, and a lifelong devotion to lacrosse. From his first days with a stick in hand as a Mohawk child to his role today as a true ambassador of the game, Burnam has inspired generations through his skill, coaching, and storytelling.

Early Years and High School Success

Burnam's journey began at Henninger High School, where he led



his team to the 1980 New York State Championship, earning MVP honors. This early success set the tone for a career filled with achievement at every level of lacrosse.



Syracuse University and NCAA Championships

From 1980-1984, Burnam played at Syracuse University, where he became a vital part of the program's rise to national prominence. He was a member of the 1983 NCAA Division I National Championship team and helped the Orange finish as runners-up in 1984.

Professional Lacrosse Career

Burnam's professional career in the National Lacrosse League (NLL) spanned from 1987-1998. He competed for the New Jersey Saints, Buffalo Bandits, Rochester Knighthawks, and Syracuse Smash, earning back-to-back World Championships with the Bandits in 1992 and 1993.

Beyond the NLL, he competed with several Senior B teams, winning three Canadian National Championships – two with the Akwesasne Thunder and one with the Tuscarora Thunderhawks.

International Play with the Iroquois Nationals

Representing the Iroquois Nationals from 1990-2006, Burnam competed on the world stage for more than 15 years. He served as team captain five times, including at the 2002 Box Lacrosse World Championship, and proudly carried the Haudenosaunee tradition to international audiences.



Coaching and Leadership

After his playing career, Burnam transitioned to coaching, serving in multiple roles for the Iroquois Nationals program – assistant coach (2010, 2014), U19 coach (2016), head coach (2018), and U19 head coach (2020).

He also led the prestigious IMG Academy lacrosse program from 2016-2019, guiding top athletes on the national stage, and has officiated youth and high school lacrosse for more than a decade.

Family Legacy in Lacrosse

Beyond the field, Burnam's greatest pride is his family. He and his wife, Lana, have been

together since 1990 and married for 27 years, raising four children who have carried on the Burnam lacrosse tradition:

- Hugh Burnam - former MVP, now a Ph.D. in Education and Native American Studies.
- Tyler Burnam - 1st Team US Lacrosse All-American, Siena Division I scholarship athlete.
- Brad Burnam - 1st Team US Lacrosse All-American, standout at Richmond, 2nd Team All-Conference.
- Cheyenne Burnam - 1st Team All-American at Onondaga Community College, JUCO National Championship appearances, finished 2nd in the nation in scoring.



Together, the Burnams have built a true dynasty where lacrosse isn't just a game – it's a way of life.

Hall of Fame Honors

Including his 2025 induction into the Upstate Lacrosse Foundation Hall of Fame, Mark Redman Burnam is now a four-time hall of famer.

- Henninger High School 1980 State Championship Team - Upstate NY Lacrosse Hall of Fame
- North American Indigenous Athletes Hall of Fame (2023)
- Akwesasne Hall of Fame (2025)
- Upstate Lacrosse Foundation Hall of Fame (2025)

Mark Burnam's Timeline of Excellence

- 1980 - Henninger High School, NY State 4AA Champions, MVP of Championship Game
- 1980-1984 - Syracuse University
- 1983 - NCAA Division I National Champion, Syracuse University
- 1984 - NCAA Runner-Up, Syracuse University
- 1984 - Olympics, Los Angeles, Iroquois Nationals Exhibition Team
- 1990 - Iroquois Nationals, World Games Australia (Captain)
- 1992 - Buffalo Bandits, MILL World Indoor Lacrosse Champion
- 1993 - Buffalo Bandits, MILL World Indoor Lacrosse Champion

- 1994 - Iroquois Nationals, World Games England (Captain)
- 1994 - Tuscarora Thunderhawks, Senior B Canadian National Champions, MVP
- 1995 - Akwesasne Thunder, Senior B National Champions
- 1996 - Akwesasne Thunder, Senior B National Champions
- 1998 - Syracuse Smash, MILL Professional
- 1998 - Iroquois Nationals, Baltimore (Captain)
- 1999 - Niagara Hawks, Senior B Captain
- 1999 - Akwesasne Thunder, Senior A Player/Coach, Eastern Finals Runner-Up
- 2000 - Coach, Niagara Wheatfield High School
- 2001-2007 - Head Coach, Niagara on the Lake Box Lacrosse (CLA)
- 2002 - Iroquois Nationals, World Games Australia (Captain)
- 2003 - Prague Tournament Champion with Rebel's on Tour
- 2003 - Iroquois Nationals, World Indoor Games (Silver Medal)
- 2006 - Iroquois Nationals, World Games London (Captain)
- 2007-2013 - High School Coaching in North Carolina (Weddington, Charlotte Christian), multiple Coach of the Year honors
- 2010-2014 - Assistant Coach, Iroquois Nationals
- 2014 - Road Warriors Win National Tournament, Dick's Tournament of Champions
- 2015-2018 - Head/Assistant Coach, IMG Academy National Team (#2 ranked)
- 2016 - U19 Iroquois Nationals Assistant Coach, coached 3 All-World players
- 2018 - Iroquois Nationals Head Coach, World Championships in Israel

Meghan Burnett

Meghan Burnett stands as one of the most decorated lacrosse players in Central New York history. A three-time First Team High School All-American from 1997 to 1999, she was named Central New York Player of the Year in 1999 and received numerous honors, including the Bob Dean Award, Hank Vetter Award, and WSYR Channel 9 Athlete of the Week. Meghan was also selected to play in the prestigious National High School All-American North/South Game in 1999

Auburn Class of 1999



Throughout her high school career, Meghan earned First Team All-League honors all four years, was a four-time First Team All-Central New York selection, and led the region in goals for three seasons. She finished with an



incredible career total of 331 goals and 58 assists – averaging over 80 goals per year – making her the leading goal scorer in Auburn Women’s Lacrosse history.

A standout beyond the local level, Meghan was a three-year member of the New York State Team at the National Girls Lacrosse Tournament and played four years on the CNY Empire Team. Her

excellence was later recognized when she was named to the Half Century CNY Women’s Lacrosse Team in 2000 and the 100 Best Auburn Athletes in 2010.



Meghan made history as the first woman from Auburn to receive a full athletic scholarship to Johns Hopkins University, where she was a four-year starter and team captain. She recorded 95 goals and 46 assists (141 points) during her collegiate career. At Hopkins, Meghan was a three-time American Lacrosse League All-League Selection for both athletic and academic achievements. She earned several prestigious team honors, including Rookie of the Year, Outstanding Attack Player, and the Henry Ciccarone Scholarship Award.

James Case

Alfie Jacques Contributor Award

James (Jim) Case (May 22, 1964 - March 14, 2020) was more than just an athletic trainer – he was a mentor, friend, and steady presence in the world of lacrosse. Over a career that spanned more than three decades, Jim became a cornerstone of the Cornell University athletic community, particularly within the men’s lacrosse program. Known for his compassion, professionalism, and sense of humor, he left an indelible mark on the athletes, coaches, and colleagues who were fortunate enough to know him.



Early Career and Education

Jim Case earned his bachelor’s degree in sports medicine, with a minor in exercise science, from Central Michigan University in 1986. Two years later, in 1988, he completed his master’s degree in physical education from



Western Michigan University. That same fall, Jim accepted the role of Associate Head Athletic Trainer at Cornell University – a position he would hold for the next 32 years.

A Fixture on the Sidelines

Throughout his career at Cornell, James Case was a constant presence on the sidelines of Big Red athletics. He supported athletes through countless snowy February practices, Ivy League Championships, and NCAA tournament appearances. While his role was primarily to prevent and treat injuries, Jim’s influence extended far beyond physical care.



He was known to lend a listening ear, offer thoughtful advice, and lighten tense moments with his trademark humor. To athletes and coaches alike, Jim was not only a trainer but also a source of encouragement and a trusted friend.

Patrick Donahue

Patrick Donahue’s name is synonymous with lacrosse excellence in Central New York. From his early beginnings in Camillus to decades of playing and coaching, he carved out a career defined not just by championships and accolades, but by leadership, character, and service to the game. As the youngest of six children in the Donahue family, Patrick grew up surrounded by high expectations, athletic achievements, and the values of responsibility, teamwork, and respect. His journey in lacrosse has left a lasting mark on the sport, and today he takes his rightful place in the Upstate Lacrosse Foundation Hall of Fame.



A Lacrosse Legend in Central New York Early Beginnings and Family Influence

Patrick Donahue was born into a family where sports were more than just recreation – they were a way of life. The youngest child of Louis and Doris Donahue, Patrick followed in the footsteps of accomplished siblings, two of whom had already been inducted into the Hall of



Fame. While their father, a skilled basketball player and coach, looked on with curiosity, the Donahue children took a different path. They chose lacrosse, a sport that was gaining momentum in the region.

For Patrick, the turning point came with the creation of Shove Park, a youth lacrosse program developed by legendary coach Mike Messere. This program not only honed his athletic skills but also instilled lessons in teamwork, sportsmanship, and respect for the game – values that would shape his career as both a player and a coach.

Patrick Donahue's Playing Career

Patrick was a standout athlete at West Genesee High School, excelling in both football and lacrosse. He was named All-County in both sports, earned All-State honors in football, and was recognized as a lacrosse All-American. With three New York State championships (1981, 1982, 1983) under his belt, his talent was undeniable.

At Syracuse University, Patrick became a four-time Final Four midfielder (1984-1987) while continuing to excel academically, earning scholarships and academic honors that reflected the values instilled in him at home.



After college, he remained deeply involved in the sport. He played professionally with the Syracuse Spirit in the American Lacrosse League and with the Upstate Lacrosse Club, collecting championships and personal accolades. Patrick also competed for years in the Lake Placid Summit Lacrosse Tournament, earning recognition as one of the top midfielders across multiple divisions.

Though his field accomplishments were extensive, Patrick was at his best in box lacrosse. Competing in Shove Park's adult indoor league, he quickly gained a reputation as a dominant force. As a founder of the Poor Richards Lacrosse Club, he collected championships and MVP honors, later joining the Syracuse Smash of the National Lacrosse League as both a player and coach.

A Distinguished Coaching Career

Even before his playing days ended, Patrick Donahue discovered his true calling as a coach. He began mentoring young players at Shove Park as a teenager, giving back to the very program that had developed him. Later, as a teacher in the Baldwinsville Central School District, he played a pivotal role in building a youth lacrosse program that fueled the

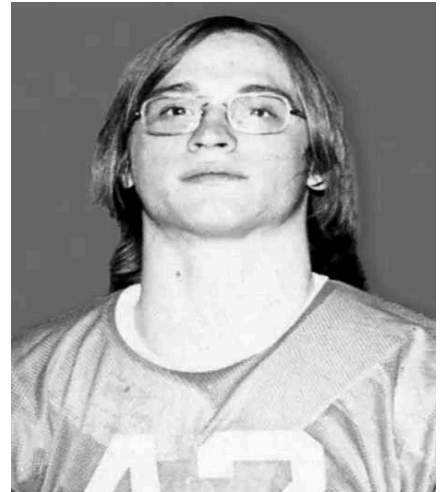


success of Baldwinsville lacrosse for decades.

For over 25 years, Patrick served as Varsity Assistant Coach under Peter Fiorini, helping to shape countless players into athletes and leaders. He took pride in developing practice schedules, teaching fundamentals, and instilling the values of respect and sportsmanship. More importantly, he treated every player equally, regardless of ability, ensuring that all athletes had the chance to grow. His influence reached far beyond the field, as many of his players went on to successful college careers and even coaching roles of their own.

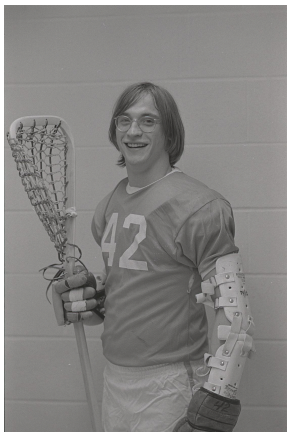
Rick Gilbert

Rick Gilbert '74, a four-time All-American and the most prolific attackman in Hobart lacrosse history, passed away at the age of 72. Widely regarded as one of the greatest playmakers in the sport, Gilbert left behind a record-breaking career that still stands unmatched in NCAA history.



Hobart Lacrosse Legend Early Years and Hobart Arrival

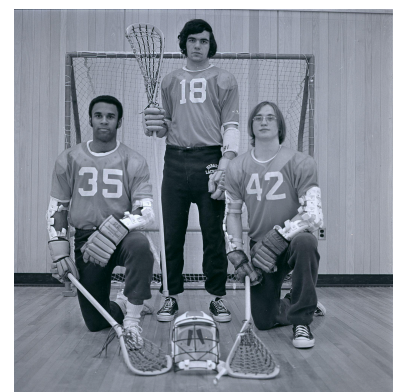
A graduate of West Genesee High School, Gilbert came to Hobart and William Smith Colleges in the fall of 1970. In his collegiate debut, he scored three goals and added an assist in a 15-3 victory over Ohio Wesleyan. Known primarily for his precise passing, this early game was one of the few times he recorded more goals than assists.



Record-Breaking Career

By the time he graduated in 1974, Gilbert owned nearly every offensive record at Hobart. In just 68 career games, he amassed an extraordinary 444 points, with 157 goals and 287 assists. He became the first player in NCAA lacrosse to surpass 400 career points and still holds the NCAA Division II records for career points and assists.

Gilbert's dominance was unmatched. He was the only Statesman to surpass 400 career points and more than 200 career assists, holding comfortable leads over every runner-up. He recorded at least one point in every game he played, including 12 of the program's 20 games with 10 or more points. His career-high



performance came in 1973, when he tallied 16 points (five goals, 11 assists) against Geneseo.

Championship Success

Gilbert's sophomore season in 1972 was nothing short of historic. He led the nation with 122 points, recording 47 goals and 75 assists, while helping Hobart capture its first national championship with a 15-12 win over Washington (Md.). That season, Hobart finished with a record 17 wins and averaged nearly 10 more goals per game than its opponents.



As a junior, Gilbert produced 114 points, highlighted by a three-game stretch of 37 points, including a 16-point outing against Geneseo and a 10-assist performance against Clarkson. His senior season was equally impressive, finishing with 117 points and guiding Hobart to the NCAA Division II title game against Towson.

Honors and Recognition

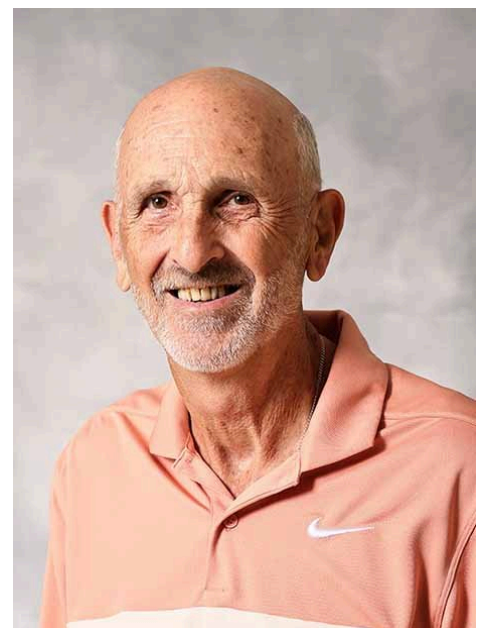
Gilbert earned All-American honors in all four of his seasons, including three straight first-team selections. He was chosen to play in the 1974 North-South All-Star game and graduated with a degree in political science that same year.

For his achievements, Gilbert was inducted into the Hobart Hall of Fame in 1989 and the Greater Baltimore Lacrosse Foundation Hall of Fame in 1999.

Peter Hyde

Peter Hyde graduated from Dryden High School in the Class of 1965. He attended Cornell University from 1965 to 1967 before transferring to SUNY Cortland, where he earned a Bachelor of Science in Education in 1970. Following graduation, he began his teaching career at Maine-Endwell High School, where he taught middle school science from 1970 until his retirement in 2002.

Hyde's lacrosse officiating career began in 1996 with the Binghamton Board of Women's Lacrosse Officials. He later joined the Syracuse Board of Women's Lacrosse Officials, where he continues to serve today. In 1999, he advanced to the collegiate level, beginning a long and distinguished career officiating women's lacrosse across the country.





In 2003, Hyde began a 14-year period of volunteer service with USA Lacrosse as the Super Region II Chair for New York State. He served in this capacity until 2016, when the Collegiate Women's Lacrosse Officials Association (CWLOA) was formed to become the governing body for women's lacrosse officials. During CWLOA's inaugural year, he served as the Northeast Region Coordinator.

His volunteer work with USA Lacrosse and the CWLOA has focused on the recruitment, training, and retention of collegiate women's lacrosse officials. As a member of the original USA Lacrosse Training Committee, he helped develop training materials for officials' clinics. One of the committee's first major achievements was the creation of

an officials' Training Manual, which remains in use today and is updated annually to reflect rule changes. In recognition of his outstanding service, USA Lacrosse presented Hyde with the Nancy Chance Service Award in 2016.

Hyde is also a Certified Observer and Trainer for both USA Lacrosse and the CWLOA. His work has taken him across the United States, providing clinics for new and experienced officials alike. To date, he has traveled to 18 states, conducting both high school and collegiate clinics and officiating collegiate games.

In Central New York, Hyde has played a key leadership role in the Central New York Board of Women's Lacrosse Officials (CNYBWLO). He became Chair of the organization in 2005. Before the CWLOA was established, the CNYBWLO oversaw recruitment, training, and retention of collegiate officials in Rochester, Syracuse, Binghamton, and Watertown, and also served as the parent organization for the high school boards in these regions. While the collegiate responsibilities of the CNYBWLO have since been transferred to the CWLOA, the organization remains active under Hyde's leadership.



Today, Peter Hyde continues to officiate at both the high school and collegiate levels while also conducting observations and training clinics for USA Lacrosse and the CWLOA.

Rachel Lasda

Rachel Lasda's lacrosse journey is one of leadership, athletic excellence, and a deep commitment to growing the sport both in the United States and internationally. From her days as a standout high school and college athlete to her influential coaching career, Lasda has left a lasting mark on the game. Her story reflects not only individual achievement but also a dedication to mentoring the next generation of players.

Lacrosse Career: From Player to Coach Playing Career

West Genesee High School (2005-2007)

Rachel Lasda first made her mark at West Genesee High School, where she was a three-year varsity defender.

Her senior year was nothing short of remarkable: the Wildcats completed an undefeated season, were crowned 2007 State Champions, and earned the title of #1 team in the nation.

During her high school career, Lasda received numerous accolades, including:

- 2007 All-American
- 2005-2007 Academic All-American
- 2007 Co-Captain



Her leadership and defensive skill set her apart early, laying the foundation for her collegiate and international success.

Villanova University (2007-2011)

Continuing her lacrosse career at Villanova University, Lasda transitioned to the midfield position, showcasing her versatility. She served as co-captain in both 2010 and 2011, helping lead the Wildcats during the inaugural year of Big East Conference play in 2010.



Her achievements included:

- Big East All-Academic Team (2009-2010, 2010-2011)
- Big East Weekly Honor Roll (March 22, 2010)

Lasda excelled on the field while balancing academics at the highest level, cementing her reputation as a driven and well-rounded student-athlete.

Latvian National Team (2013-Present)

After college, Lasda took her passion for lacrosse to the international stage as a player for the Latvian Women's National Team. She competed in multiple global events:

- World Championships: 2013 (Canada), 2017 (England)
- European Championships: 2015 (Czechia), 2019 (Israel), 2024 (Portugal)

Her commitment to representing Latvia in international competition highlights her dedication to expanding the sport worldwide.

Coaching Career

Latvian National Team (2013-Present)

Transitioning from player to coach, Lasda has served as assistant coach for the Latvian National Team since 2013. She has been instrumental in:

- Program design and player development
- Coaching at World Championships (2013 Canada, 2017 England, 2022 USA)
- Coaching at European Championships (2015 Czechia, 2019 Israel, 2024 Portugal)
- Launching the inaugural Latvian Women's 6's team



Her leadership has directly influenced the growth of Latvian lacrosse at every level.

Oak Knoll School of the Holy Child (Summit, NJ)

Lasda became a powerhouse in New Jersey high school lacrosse as head coach at Oak Knoll

School from 2015 to 2020, after serving as assistant coach from 2012 to 2014. Her teams amassed a record of 105-21 over five seasons, highlighted by:

- 2x Tournament of Champions Titles (2015, 2019)
- 5x Group 1 State Championships (2015-2019)
- Recognition as NFHS Regional Coach of the Year (2015)
- USA Today Coach of the Year (2015)

Lasda guided over 20 athletes to Division I programs, including commitments to schools such as Notre Dame, Harvard, Georgetown, Stanford, Yale, Cornell, and more.

Ranney School (Tinton Falls, NJ)

Since 2021, Lasda has been building a competitive program at the Ranney School. She led the team to:

- Their first-ever Coaches Cup appearance (2024)
- Their first win in the Coaches Cup (2025)



Her ability to create and elevate programs has been a consistent theme in her career.

Manasquan High School (2026-Future)

Looking ahead, Lasda will continue her coaching journey as the head coach at Manasquan High School, where she is expected to bring her proven leadership and championship mindset.



Club Coaching Experience

In addition to her high school and international coaching, Lasda has been influential in the club lacrosse scene:

- All Lax (Neptune, NJ): Head Coach for the 2023 and 2027 teams. Her 2023 squad included players committed to top programs such as Georgetown, UNC, Army, Lehigh, Hofstra, and more.

- T3 Lacrosse (Basking Ridge, NJ): Served three years as an assistant coach, helping athletes develop skills and reach the next level.

A Lasting Impact on Lacrosse

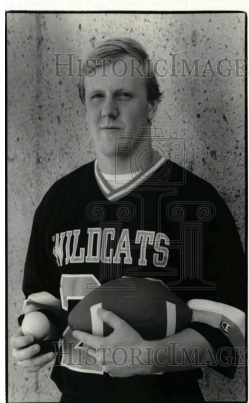
From West Genesee to Villanova, from Oak Knoll to the Latvian National Team, Rachel Lasda's lacrosse career has been defined by excellence, leadership, and a passion for developing players. Her influence is evident both on the field as a player and on the sidelines as a coach. Whether leading championship teams or pioneering international growth, Lasda continues to shape the game and inspire athletes at every level.

David Schneid

David Schneid's name has long been synonymous with excellence, leadership, and dedication both on and off the athletic field. From his days as a standout multi-sport athlete at West Genesee High School to his celebrated career at Cornell University, and later his continued impact as a coach and mentor, Schneid has built a legacy that stretches far beyond championships. His story is not just one of personal achievement but of leadership, commitment, and the drive to make a difference for future generations.



The Inspiring Journey of David Schneid Athlete & Leader High School Years at West Genesee



David Schneid's athletic journey began at West Genesee High School, where he quickly established himself as one of the region's most versatile and dominant athletes. Excelling in football, hockey, and lacrosse, Schneid earned multiple varsity letters in all three sports.

- Lacrosse and Hockey: He was a three-time letter winner in both lacrosse and hockey, earning the respect of teammates and coaches alike. His senior year proved especially memorable, as he captained all three sports teams – football, hockey, and lacrosse.
- Football: Schneid earned two varsity letters in football, adding yet another layer to his well-rounded high school career.
- Championships and Recognition: Under his leadership, West Genesee captured Section 3 and New York State championships in both hockey and lacrosse. His

lacrosse performance earned him All-American honors, as well as Section 3 Player of the Year recognition. He also earned First-Team All-League honors across all three sports, highlighting his unmatched versatility.

- National Spotlight: In 1989, Schneid claimed a gold medal at the Empire State Games with Team Central. His outstanding athletic and academic performance also earned him recognition from USA Today as one of the nation's top scholar-athletes.



Collegiate Career at Cornell University



Schneid's drive and talent carried him to Cornell University, where he became one of the program's most celebrated lacrosse players. His time at Cornell was defined by consistency, leadership, and excellence on the national stage.

- Three-Time All-American: Schneid's lacrosse career reached elite status, as he earned All-American honors three times.
- All-Ivy League Honors: His dominance within the Ivy League was clear, as he was a three-time All-Ivy selection.
- Team Captain and Academic Success: Serving as team captain his senior season, Schneid balanced his athletic pursuits with academic excellence, earning recognition as an Academic All-American.
- National Showcase: His skills earned him a place in the prestigious North-South All-Star game, cementing his place among the nation's best.

Kristen Taylor

At Fayetteville Manlius, Kristen Taylor established herself among Central New York's best females to play the game of lacrosse. A three-time All-American ('04-'05-'06), three-time 1st team All-CNY, 2006 CNY Player of the Year, two-time Class A NYS Tournament Most Valuable Player and scoring over 300 goals during her four years. Kristen had the unique opportunity of not only playing for her mom, hall of fame coach Kathy Taylor, and also alongside her sister Kelly, who she would later follow to UNC. It was during these years together that the team also won back to back Class A state champions (04 & 05). During her time at FM, Kristen also excelled in the classroom as a



three-time Academic All-American and member of the symphony Orchestra.

In addition to her lacrosse accomplishments, Kristen was a two-year captain of the FM cross-country and indoor track teams. Kristen led the cross-country program to a Class A sectional championship and was named a 1st-team All-State, All-CNY, and All-Conference selection. A four-year member of the indoor track team, Kristen competed in events from 800m - 3000m, advancing to the state championships.



Following her years as a Hornet, Kristen headed down to Chapel Hill to attend the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill from 2006-2010. As a freshman, she scored a career-high & team-high 43 goals. Kristen earned ACC Rookie of the Week twice, was 1st team All-ACC, UNC Rookie of the Year, and among three rising sophomores chosen nationally to play for the USA Developmental Team.

During the summer following a breakout freshman year, Kristen became very sick and was diagnosed with Celiac Disease & later by UNC doctors with Postural Orthostatic Tachycardia Syndrome (POTS) which causes frequent blackouts, dizziness and extreme fatigue. Despite a roller coaster of health challenges, Kristen continued preserving on the field and remained a starter and one of UNC's top 2-3 point scorers each season. As a junior, she led the ACC with game-winning goals & was named to the All-ACC Team as she helped lead UNC advance to its first ever National Championship game in 2009 alongside her sister, Kelly. In her final season (2010), Kristen was named a captain and led the team in points as they once again advanced to the NCAA Quarterfinals. Kristen was honored with the 2010 UNC Athletic Director Scholar athlete of the year award after yearly honors on the ACC Academic Honor Roll.



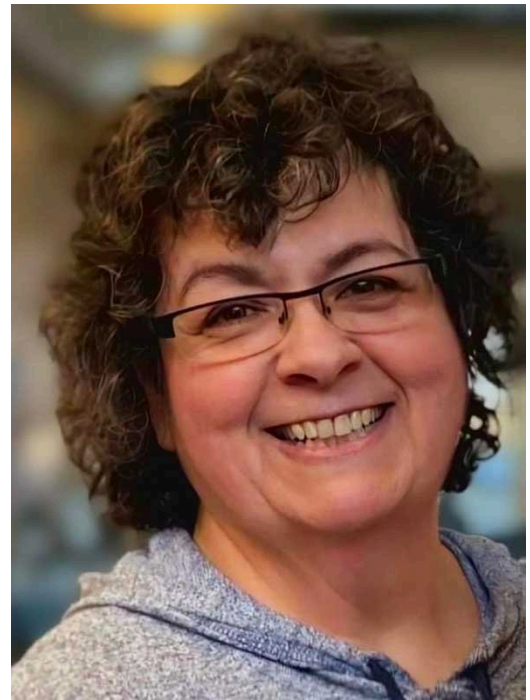
Post-college, Kristen has built a career in brand marketing & partnerships - working for Nike, Under Armour and currently leads Global Partnerships at lululemon. Kristen was inducted into the F-M Hall of Fame in 2016, also the year that the stars aligned for her and Kelly to return to the FM sidelines, this time as co-coaches. Together, the sisters re-ignited the FM program - beating West Genesee for the first time in 10 years and advancing to the state tournament all three years. Kristen is the proud mother of her two sons, Tommy (7) and James (5) and was most recently inducted into the 2024 class of the Greater Syracuse Sports Hall of Fame.

Nancy Vecchio

Nancy Vecchio was a champion for children, a trailblazing coach, and a beloved community leader who lived a life defined by service, compassion, and unwavering advocacy for children and young athletes. As an occupational therapist and coach, she inspired generations through her dedication, strength, and belief in the power of every child to thrive. Her legacy will continue to uplift lives and strengthen communities across the North Country and beyond.

Nancy L. Vecchio was born in 1967 in Watertown, New York, the beloved daughter of Bill and Joan Vecchio. From an early age, it was evident that Nancy possessed a heart full of compassion and a spirit driven by purpose. She graduated from Immaculate Heart Central and later Utica College, where she earned a bachelor's degree in occupational therapy. Nancy devoted her life to serving

others with extraordinary care and commitment.



Her professional journey as an occupational therapist was marked by selfless dedication and a deep belief in the potential of every child. Through her work with the Jefferson Rehabilitation Center and Jefferson-Lewis BOCES, Nancy made a lasting impact across multiple school districts in Jefferson County. Her colleagues recall her as the “most caring person on staff” – someone who instinctively knew how to reach each child and meet them where they were. She brought creativity, patience, and unshakable determination to

her role, becoming a lifeline for families and students navigating challenges with grace and dignity.

Nancy’s legacy extends far beyond the therapy room. She was a fierce and fearless advocate for children, especially those with special needs, always striving to ensure every child felt seen, supported, and valued. Her influence could be felt in the countless lives she helped shape, always tailoring her approach to the unique needs of each student. Her belief in the power of perseverance was infectious, and she lived it every single day.



The 1985 West Genesee High School Boys Team



Record: 23 - 0, 11 college All-Americans, and all 29 players went on to play college lacrosse.



The 2007 West Genesee High School Girls Team



#1 ranking for the country, NYS State Champions, 24-0
Beat Mt. Hebron from Maryland who was the number 1 team in the country for the previous 4 years on Mt. Hebron's home field 14-6, ending their 103 game winning streak, longest in the nation. Averaged 16 goals a game and gave up 4 (375 scored, 98 given up)



The 2008 West Genesee High School Girls Team



#1 ranking for the country, 24-0 N.Y. State Champs. Ended season on a 48 game winning streak. Beat Farmingdale in the state final for the second consecutive year. Lost 5 all-Americans from the year before to graduation but didn't lose a step





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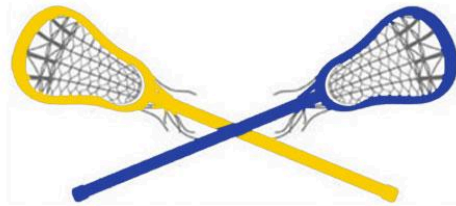
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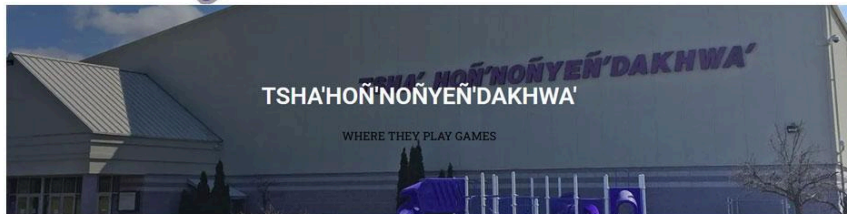
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