

Dear Robbie,

I am excited for you to embark on this journey. As you travel down your respective path I am sure you will hear that lacrosse is more than just a game. It is not all about winning and losing but about teamwork, friendship, sportsmanship and becoming a leader. Lacrosse has the ability to shape your life as it did mine.

My name is David Maguire and I grew up just outside of Philadelphia in Broomall Pennsylvania. As I reflect back on my childhood all I can remember is wanting to play soccer and baseball. That was until I was introduced to lacrosse at twelve years old. From that day on I was hooked. All I wanted to do was play in the backyard and throw the ball against the small brick wall next to my driveway. After hours and hours of wall ball and countless broken windows (Opps...sorry Mom & Dad) my parents made a goal for me to shoot on. This is where all of the hard work started to pay off and my lacrosse skills were born.

My high school coach was Tom Hannum. He taught me to work toward my goals, play hard and never give up. His positive attitude made lacrosse fun. Coach Hannum always had my back. Win or lose it was about making yourself better every day. He was the one that cemented my love for the game and gave me the drive to play at my best always.

I played collegiate lacrosse at Ohio Wesleyan University (OWU) and was a three-time First-Team All-American just like Lieutenant Colonel Jack Turnbull. I was fortunate to be coached by John Zulberti (Jack Turnbull Award recipient 1988 & 1989) John taught us how to play the game two steps ahead and make the right play not just the next one. In 1997 my junior year I was the recipient of the Jack Turnbull Award. This was one of the most significant moments of my career. The following season in 1998, my senior year, my teammate and close friend Darren McGurn was awarded the Jack Turnbull award. For me, the fact that my coach and good friend were both awarded the Jack Turnbull award was very special and meaningful. It played an important part in shaping my life and who I am today.

Lacrosse has provided so many opportunities to me over the years; I have traveled the world, met many outstanding people, and learned how to be a leader. As I reflect back on the success I had in my career one thing I will never forget is the true mark of a champion is what you do when others aren't looking. Lacrosse will open many doors for you Robbie, but it is up to you to make the best of it.

All the best to you,

David Maguire

Ohio Wesleyan University 1998

Turnbull Award Recipient 1997

Ohio Wesleyan University Hall of Fame 2009