Robbie,

I hope you realize how much I have enjoyed getting to know you and accompanying you on your journey over these last several months. Thank you for attending the Tewaaraton ceremony—it was a wonderful evening for me. It brought back so many great memories of my playing days and it was an honor to be there with those great college players.

The physical award is a 12-inch figure mounted on hexagonblack granite and polished wood. The hexagonal base symbolizes the six nations of the Iroquois Confederacy: the Mohawk, Cayuga, Oneida, Onondaga, Seneca, and Tuscarora tribes. They say the stick is a replica of a pre-1845 Cayuga stick. To me, Robbie, the Lacrosse stick being held represents one that you have become very familiar with.

I told a reporter that a reason that our championship teams were so successful was that we were at peace with whom we were and in love with the game and how we played. That was many years ago. What I didn't say should be very obvious. I was there that evening, receiving the award because of the great game of Lacrosse. What success I enjoyed in Lacrosse and in life was built upon core values....values that helped me on that journey; love, honesty, respect, discipline, determination and generosity. The six sides of the foundation of the trophy may also represent these six values. By now you should realize that these values are not only the keys to success on the Lacrosse field. They are just as important to the challenges of daily life. I think that might sum it all up.

Good luck to you as you continue your journey. Please let me know if there is anything I can do to help you.

Sincerely,

Jim

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United States Naval Academy, Class of 1966
Turnbull Award 1964, 1965, 1966
National Lacrosse Hall of Fame 1981
Tewaaraton Legends Award 2014