

Dear Robbie,

It is a pleasure to connect with you in regard to the Turnbull Award which I received at the University of Maryland in 1954. I hope that you will get to enjoy the game as I much as I have as a player, coach (University of Maryland 1963–76), and spectator (my whole life!).

I was fortunate to get to play at Baltimore Polytechnic Institute “Poly,” the Mount Washington Lacrosse Club, and the University of Maryland with many, many great players and several great coaches.

I also enjoyed immensely working with the young men at the University of Maryland during my coaching tenure there. I have been truly fortunate in the game.

I am particularly grateful to Gardner Maloney and Bill Logan who took me under their arms at a critical point in my development.

Perhaps I can pass along some lessons that were shared with me by many people:

- Get the loose ball.
- Go to the goal.
- Find the open man.

These three things haven’t changed much since my days!

I would encourage you to always do the right thing and be honest.

My very best to you in your journey.

Rennie

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Maryland ’55