

Dear Robbie,

I was a four-year starting attackman at Washington College from 1980-1983. I was a two-time First-Team All-American, two-time team MVP, 1983 team captain, 1982 Division II/III HEROES award recipient, a member of Washington College's Hall of Fame, and I was the only Division III attackman to be named on the *Baltimore Sun's* All-America team in 1983. I also was a starting attackman on the South team in the annual North-South All Star game. In 1983, all divisions of lacrosse played in one game, so it was a great honor to represent the South, with all of the other talented seniors. However, nothing means more to me than receiving the Jack Turnbull award in 1982.

The Lt. Col. J. I. Turnbull award puts a player in a unique category in lacrosse history. The award demonstrates absolute achievement through hard work, training, and determination.

Robbie, on January 3, 1981 I had major back surgery. I wasn't quite sure if I would be able to play lacrosse again, especially at a program like Washington College. But by our first game in March, I was back on the field as if nothing had happened. I really think the reason for my quick return was because I loved the game so much. Nothing was going to hold me back. As your lacrosse career moves forward, remember that adversity can never stop a motivated warrior. If you persist with great courage you can overcome any obstacle in life.

Lacrosse teaches one to be a better person. To be a great player, you must be unselfish, willing to overcome adversity at all costs, and be a leader. Lacrosse is a life lesson of teamwork and camaraderie. I carry this through life every day. I believe that if you follow your dreams, lacrosse will take you down that path for the rest of your life.

One of my favorite books to recommend to you is about the Lewis and Clark Expedition. It is titled *Undaunted Courage*, by Stephen E. Ambrose. The book exemplifies the will to succeed at all costs.

Regards,

Jeff Kauffman
Washington College 1983
Turnbull Award 1982