

Hi Robbie,

I am very glad to connect with you concerning my Turnbull Award in 1979. I grew up in Levittown, New York and played at Levittown Division High School and then at the University of Maryland. My lacrosse experience was fun, exciting, and I made life-long friends all over the world.

I would recommend that you work hard every day in practice, enjoy the game, and remember that lacrosse is a team sport—not an individual sport. Let lacrosse guide your life not run your life. At Maryland we had a little mantra we called “Be the Best” which meant to give your all all the time.

Receiving the Turnbull Award was very special for me. It was presented to me at a dinner before the North-South game—I felt so proud to receive it in front of my peers. I know that Jack was a tremendous player, athlete, and person, and that he died in the service of our country. I made a very brief speech when I accepted the Award and I think I said what a great honor it was to receive an award named after such a great man and how proud I was to be associated with him. I am equally proud to now be associated with you. I never could have imagined back then what this Award would mean to me thirty-five years later!

I hope that you—and as many young players as possible—will get the opportunity to continue to play lacrosse and experience the fun that I did and be a part of the lacrosse family that comes with playing the game.

A book that I would recommend you read is *A Short Guide to a Happy Life* by Anna Quindlen.

Best of Luck.

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