

# Chris LaPierre

Athlete- Lacrosse, Football  
Shawnee High School Class of 2009



Named the “**2009 Shawnee High School Outstanding Male Athlete of the Year**,” Chris LaPierre has been described as a one-person “Game Changer” by Head Coach Tim Gushue. Known under the moniker “Shocker,” Chris proved to be one of the most versatile athletes in Shawnee history, earning a total of seven varsity letters. Chris played the positions of Running Back, Safety and Punter during each of his three varsity years with the Shawnee Football program. Chris was also an integral member of the Lacrosse team, playing varsity four straight years in Lacrosse as Midfielder.

His Lacrosse athletic career saw Chris named a 4-time All-Conference Player, 3-time All State and 3-time All American. Chris is a Shawnee record setter with 199 career goals and stands as the 4<sup>th</sup> all- time point leader at 298.

In addition to his Lacrosse success, as a Football athlete, Chris was a 3-time All-Conference player, 3-time All Burlington County Player, 2-time All State Athlete, and in 2009 named **New Jersey Athlete of the Year** and **New Jersey Offensive Player of the Year**. His junior year saw him rushing for more than 1800 yards and 25 touchdowns. Chris was instrumental in the Shawnee victory over Lacey Township in the Group III final with 242 yards and two touchdowns in 2007; and then in 2008 leading his team in an undefeated season. As a senior, Chris set state records for Touchdowns (44) and Points (272) and his efforts were a direct impact on the 12-0 season record and Sectional Title that year. His four year high school career ended with a record-setting 4,730 Career Rushing Yards, 83 Touchdowns Rushing (44 in one season which was a state record) and 516 Career Record Points, all records which still stand today.

Not just on the field, but off the field Chris was also driven and successful, graduating Shawnee High School as an academic Honor Roll student during all four years.



Chris attended the University of Virginia on a full athletic scholarship, earning a Bachelor’s Degree in 2013 and a Master’s in Education in 2014. While at UVA, Chris continued to play Lacrosse (Midfield), at the varsity level all four years throughout his collegiate athletic career. While at UVA, Chris was 3-time Atlantic Coast Conference Player, All-American, and Team Captain in his 2013 senior year. Chris then attended the University of Oxford (UK) where he earned his second Master’s Degree in Business Administration in 2021.

After leaving UVA, Chris had post graduate success as a 4-year Major League Lacrosse athlete with Florida Launch and New York Lizards. Chris was named the **Most Valuable Player** of the 106<sup>th</sup> Varsity Lacrosse match between the University of Oxford and Cambridge University.

Chris currently lives in the United Kingdom with his wife Melissa and works as a Senior Associate in Finance for Caelum Capital. Chris recently became a first-time dad with the birth of his daughter Charlotte Mae this summer.

***-Congratulations on both the birth of your daughter and your induction, Chris!***