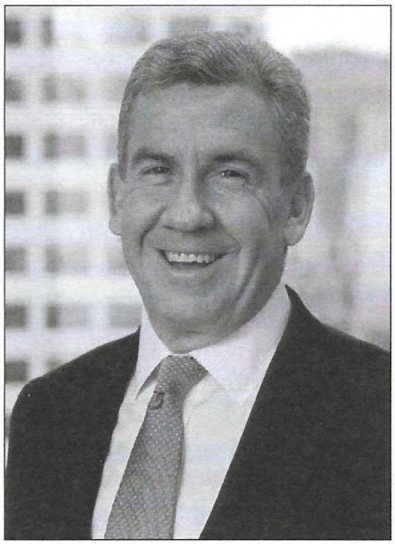
James "Jim" Geraghty

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Jim Geraghty's legacy to Westford Academy athletics is built on family, service, generosity, and an unwavering belief in helping others. His connection to Westford Academy began as a proud father, with all four of his children becoming student-athletes: Annie '07, who played field hockey and lacrosse; Jimmy '08, who competed in soccer, baseball, and hockey; Kelly '12, who played field hockey and lacrosse; and Beth '17, who also played field hockey and lacrosse. Before long, Jim's role expanded from parent and fan to coach, advocate, fundraiser, and one of Westford Academy's most generous supporters.

In 2008, Jim chaired the fundraising group responsible for the two fields at the Nutting Road project, helping advance opportunities for Westford's young athletes. He also served as President of Friends of Lacrosse and coached recreation teams for both his sons and daughters. His support continued with a major contribution to the Westford Academy Turf Project and countless other athletic programs.

Jim has always believed that supporting students means making sure everyone has an opportunity to participate. His generosity extended to the annual Senior Class Trip to Disney, where he provided financial assistance to students who otherwise might not have been able to attend. As a former Westford Academy Principal recalls, "Jim would seek him out to ask how he could financially support students in need." "Never a question." Jim simply wanted to help.

His commitment to athletics also included five years as a volunteer Westford Academy Baseball Coach alongside Head Coach Mike Parent. He helped players develop their baseball skills while also mentoring them and offering advice about careers and entering the business world. In 2021, Jim began coaching Westford Academy girls' Ice Hockey. He donated funds to renovate the team's locker room, provided new matching helmets for the players, and matched donations for community-service initiatives, including breast cancer awareness fundraisers.

When Stony Brook Middle School needed a girls soccer coach, Jim's response was simply, "What can I do to help?" He has funded motivational speakers for students and student-athletes, quietly assisted families with financial needs, supported countless teams, advocated for Westford Academy athletics, and funded the Mike Parent Press Box Dedication Night, including the sign and ceremony.

Jim's generosity reflects his own journey. Raised in the projects of Peabody, Massachusetts, he learned early the value of perseverance and remembering those who need a helping hand. As Jim Antonelli said, "He has never forgotten his roots." Mike Parent describes Jim simply: "He puts others' needs ahead of his own."

For Jim Geraghty, being part of Westford Academy athletics has never been about recognition. It has always been about people. His greatest contribution is the lasting example he has set: show up, give back, and always look for a way to help.