

Delaware Valley Regional High School
Delaware Valley Junior Lacrosse Scholarship

Honor the Game

Since 2001, a certain mindset has been swiftly taking over the community. The birthplace was an unlikely source, yet it has affected, changed, and touched so many young adults, children and adults. The Delaware Valley Chargers Junior Lacrosse program started off as a small group of boys who barely even heard of lacrosse, and has transformed us into men with the qualities and values instilled by our coaches along the way. The sport of lacrosse, along with the coaching styles we have been led with certainly have and will continue to impact our daily lives.

Honoring the game means more than just being a good sport; I believe it means to give back to the community that I have been supported by for all these years. Without lacrosse, the Chargers, and the values instilled I would be a very different individual than the person I am today. Not only would my style of play be different, but my overall outlook on life and my place in the community would be vastly different as well. I am committed to serve the program that has made me who I am today, and to see the young boys and girls who are in the shoes I was in when I first stepped onto a lacrosse field, not only to love the sport as much as I do but to give back to the community. This program's behind the scene work is done entirely by the hard works of a supportive community of parents, and the kids need to see that the sport that they love would not have happened if it were not for them. The recent companionship the program has made with the Positive Coaching Alliance is just one example of the continued approach of the program towards positive, fun, and community based sports. Even more excellent values can be instilled into the youth through the coaches by this style of teaching. The idea that sports is not all about winning, but teaching through wins or loses is one that should be embraced by every sport, in every area. I believe Delval Chargers sets a precedent for all other private or public

sports programs to strive for. The level of community involvement is amazing, and I am more than proud to say I was a part of the first Chargers team back in 2001.

Honor the game is more than just a motto for when you are on the field. Its affect on my life leads me to know that it is a motto for life, and is the reason why I pledge to support the Chargers and the program for as long as the values and ideals of honoring the game are in place and in the forefront of every coaches', parent's, and child's mind. I look forward to coming home from college each year to spend time at Alexandria Park to see the next young stars rising to the top not solely because of athletic ability, but mainly because of their determined resolution to honor the game.