

Honoring The Game

Honor, one of the oldest ideas in existence, is sadly slipping out of the grasp of people today. In today's world it has little, if any, place in the priorities and ideas of people which in turn has led to an extremely dishonest society. However some still retain this age old concept and in turn work to make the world a better place. Those who still hold honor in high priority often are taught of its importance and use it as a means to turn themselves around. In my experience I gained knowledge of honor through lacrosse. The sport taught me how to have self respect, respect for others, and the will to do what is needed for a greater good, all of which are traits which are characteristic of honor. Ever since the game of lacrosse instilled these traits upon me I have lived my life in an attempt not only to gain honor but to honor the game.

In order to honor the game you must honor what it represents. Lacrosse represents the culmination of respect for oneself, ones teammates and ones opponents as well as the sense of family, brotherhood, and community. In my four years I have tried to embody all of these ideas. Ever since I began to play lacrosse I have tried to better myself not only physically but mentally as well. I have worked hard and tirelessly in the classroom and have been able to attain results which I myself never thought possible. I recently achieved one of the greatest accomplishments possible for a scholar, a scholarship to college. I constantly honor my teammates whenever I can. I am always respectful towards them and through the years have offered any assistance they have needed whether it was lacrosse related or not I have always tried to be there as an anchor to my teammates showing them the respect that they deserve. Over my high school career I often spent hours after school shooting on the goalies, helping new players with mechanics and doing anything that the coaches needed done, such as spreading word of a meeting, passing out notices and even helping to organize the winter league for the high school one year. I have also honored my opponents. It is not uncommon for harsh words to be exchanged between opponents during a contest. Over my career I have not only suppressed this behavior with my opponents but with my classmates as well giving them the honor and courtesy which I myself would wish to be shown.

I also tried to exemplify the traits which lacrosse taught me in the community. Lacrosse taught me to give back and for four years I have helped to coach at the chargers level. Every year I make it to practices to help and pass on the lessons which I learned to the future of the program and also the future of our world. I feel by doing this I help the community and it allows me to pass on something special to another. Apart from my work in the chargers program I also joined key club. Through this I was able to help in various fundraisers and help those in need not only in my community but in many others as well. In lacrosse it is your job to do what is needed so that your team may succeed. By participating in these types of charities and community services I feel that I have not only done what is necessary but I have also honored the game in the greatest way possible, by giving back.