

Rich Barnes - Class of 2012

Coach Barnes is currently the assistant men's coach at Ithaca College ('91 – '92, '98 – 04 and '11 – present) and the modified coach in the Homer Central School District. The Bombers advanced to the national semi finals in both 1992 and 2002.

Prior to returning to Ithaca, Coach Barnes served as the assistant men's coach at LeMoyne college during the 2007 – 08 seasons helping guide the Dolphins to two National Championship games and winning the 2007 title. Coach Barnes was named the interim head coach at Cortland State prior to the 2006 season. He led the Red Dragons to record of 18-3 with four NCAA tournament wins, capped by 13 – 12 overtime victory versus three-time defending champion Salisbury in the NCAA championship game. That victory snapped Salisbury's NCAA all-division lacrosse record 69–game winning streak and gave Cortland its first national championship since capturing the Division II crown in 1975. Barnes was named the USILA NCAA Division III Men's Lacrosse Coach of the Year following the 2006 season.

Barnes rejoined the Cortland coaching staff as an assistant and team's defensive coordinator in 2005. Barnes was in All-America goalie for the Red Dragons in both 1988 and 1989 and was the team's Red Letter Award winner in 1989. He was also a junior college All-American in 1987 at Herkimer Community College.

Barnes earned a Bachelor's degree from Cortland in 1989 and a Masters degree in 1991. He was also an assistant at Ithaca College from 1991 – 92 and 1998 – 2004. The Bombers made NCAA semi final appearances in 1992 and 2002.

A 1985 graduate of Cortland high school, Barnes earned all-league lacrosse honors three times for the Purple Tigers. He served as the junior varsity head coach at Homer high school from 1993 – 95 and is employed in the Homer Central School District.