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2008 Breschi Scholarship Applications Online Now

The Men's Division Coaches Council is still accepting applications for the 2008 Michael Breschi Scholarship. The scholarship is awarded to two graduating high school seniors who plan to attend college and who are the son or daughter of a high school or college lacrosse coach. The deadline for applications is May 1, 2008.

Applicants for the scholarship are required to submit a high school transcript, two letters of recommendation, a list of extracurricular activities and two brief essays on the most influential person in their life and how lacrosse has influenced their life.

For further information, please go to the [Men's Division Coaches Council](#) webpage.

Lacrosse Participation Up 12.8%

Lacrosse participation increased 12.8 percent overall in 2007, up from 11.7 percent in 2006, according to research by US Lacrosse for its annual participation report. There were 480,627 lacrosse players that were members of organized teams across the country in 2007, from the youth level all the way through the professional ranks.

"It's obviously very important to understand how and where the sport is growing so we can evaluate the success of our development initiatives and more effectively market the sport," said Steve Stenersen, President and CEO of US Lacrosse. "Over the past decade, US Lacrosse has invested millions of dollars in human and programmatic resources to support the sport's continued national expansion, and we're pleased to see these positive results."

[The US Lacrosse Participation Survey](#) is produced annually by US Lacrosse. The survey is used to monitor participation at different levels of the sport across the country. The primary source of data for this report are surveys completed by the 58 US Lacrosse regional chapters that were active in 2007. Data is also used from the US Lacrosse database, National Collegiate Athletic Association, National Federation of State High School Associations, Men's Collegiate Lacrosse Association and [www.laxpower.com](#).

Thank You Level 1 Clinic Hosts for Winter 2008

US Lacrosse and the Sport Development Department would like to thank all of the Coaching Education Program Level 1 Instructional Clinic host groups and key volunteers for winter 2008. In January, February and March over 900 coaches were trained in 13 different states at 15 sites across the country. If you would like to be a clinic host, register on the [CEP webpage](#) before May 15, 2008.

Special thanks to the following host groups and leaders:

- Oregon Chapter – Terry Vance
- Vermont Chapter – Dave Hallam
- North Carolina Chapter – Duke Whelan
- Potomac Chapter – Rich DeSomma

Abington Lacrosse Club – Greg Wilson
Ct. Lacrosse Foundation – Pat Thibadeau
Houston Chapter – Brian Ackman
Richmond Chapter – James Ireland
Colorado Lacrosse Foundation – Scott Goettelman
Rhode Island Chapter – Peter Jenkins
Forest Hills Lacrosse Club – Diane Jenks
Wisconsin Chapter – Robin Buckley
Mass Bay Youth Lacrosse League – Christine Haberman
Minnesota Chapter – Mark Erickson
Temple University Women’s Lacrosse – Bonnie Rosen

The Top 7 Chapters with the Most Level 1 Certified Coaches:

1. Eastern Massachusetts
2. Philadelphia
3. Potomac
4. Colorado
5. Greater Baltimore
6. Western Maryland
7. Wisconsin

Sports Museum of America and USL Team Up

US Lacrosse announced that it will join over 50 single-sport halls of fame, national governing bodies, museums and other sports organizations across North America as an exclusive Founding Sports Partner of the Sports Museum of America (SmA), www.sportsmuseum.com.

Scheduled to open in New York City in May 2008, SmA is the nation's first and only museum to celebrate all sports under one roof. Filled with original films, state-of-the-art interactives and an iconic collection of memorabilia, SmA will richly showcase the history, grandeur and significance of sports in American culture through great sports stories of courage, education and triumph.

Native Vision Minicamp

This year's Native Vision minicamp took place in White River, AZ March 26-28. There were over 150 participants. Clinicians included Sarah Newman, Mary Cate Slay, Erin Smith, Jessica Livingston, and Emily Miller, plus three volunteer high school Native American players from New Mexico.

US Lacrosse and CSTV Honor Coaches

Each week, US Lacrosse communications staff members choose two Coaches of the Week – one men’s and one women’s coach. The coaches are then recognized on CSTV during their airing of lacrosse games throughout the season. US Lacrosse and CSTV are in the fifth year of a partnership to help bring college lacrosse broadcasts to fans around the nation. CSTV has a 23-game package for this season, including telecasts of the NCAA Division I, II and III women’s championships and the NCAA Division II and III men’s championships. CSTV will also telecast the US Lacrosse Women’s Division Intercollegiate Associates National Championship. [>>See all Coach of the Week winners here>>](#)

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NEW FACES

Alyssa Anderson has joined the Membership Department as the Senior Membership Services Representative. Alyssa brings call center experience from Aflac, where she served for 2 years helping to develop an internship program. Alyssa earned her degree from University of Maryland in Interdisciplinary Studies.

Kim Rogers has been hired as Event Manager for the Special Events department. She brings us her knowledge of the quirks and perks of US Lacrosse, her personal experience with the sport, key communication skills and lack of high stress levels as well a strong will to get details down put her over the edge. Kim played basketball and lacrosse at Goucher College in Towson and is from Trenton, NJ. Kim is no stranger to US Lacrosse – she worked for the Financial Development Department for four years. You may have met Kim at the Convention this year managing the details in the Marriott.

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WDIA National Championship Field is Chosen, First-ever WDIA Youth Lacrosse Clinic Offered

BALTIMORE – UC Santa Barbara has earned the top seed for the 2008 US Lacrosse Women's Division Intercollegiate Associates (WDIA) National Championship Tournament, presented by Brine. The 16-team tournament will be held from May 7-10 in Denver with preliminary round games at Dick's Sporting Goods Park and the championship set for May 10 at Invesco Field at Mile High. [>>Read More>>](#)

US Lacrosse Takes a Stance on Background Checks

BALTIMORE - In its latest effort to improve youth lacrosse and ensure safe and positive experiences for young lacrosse players and parents everywhere, US Lacrosse has strategically aligned with the National Center for Safety Initiatives (NCSI) to help make background checks more accessible and prevalent among youth lacrosse organizations. As a result of its strategic alliance, NCSI provides US Lacrosse-affiliated organizations with a special discount for its comprehensive background check service. [>>Read More>>](#)

U.S. Men's U-19 Team Announcement Roster Replacement and Exhibition Schedule

BALTIMORE – Rhamel Bratton, a 2007 graduate of Huntington High School (N.Y.) and a freshman midfielder for the University of Virginia, has been named to replace Duke freshman midfielder Justin Turri on the 2008 U.S. Under-19 men's lacrosse team. Turri was injured in the fall and has been unable to play this spring.

US Lacrosse also announced the exhibition sites for the 2008 U.S. Men's Under-19 Team. The team will play five exhibitions as part of their preparation for the 2008 ILF U-19 World Championship July 3-12 in Coquitlam, British Columbia (see Upcoming Events below).

US Lacrosse Modifies National Hall of Fame Selection Process

BALTIMORE – Based upon recommendations made by the National Lacrosse Hall of Fame Review Committee, the US Lacrosse Board of Directors has modified the annual nomination and selection process for hall of fame induction to insure the selection of the absolute "best of the best," within the context of an individual's era of participation. The review process remains consistent with the way 13 other sports Halls of Fame select their inductees, including the National Baseball Hall of Fame, the Pro Football Hall of Fame, and the National Hockey Hall of Fame. [>>Read More>>](#)

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VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Kris Snyder

**Men's game representative, Washington Chapter
Chapters Advisory Council, executive committee member
Co-chair, communications committee of Chapters Advisory Council**

Hometown: Seattle, WA (since 1983), Long Island native

What is your lacrosse experience or background: Started playing in the 8th grade for Suffern (N.Y.) for John Orlando. Went on to play at UVA in '78. Moved out to Seattle after college and got involved in a men's post-collegiate club league with a bunch of east coast transplants.

What do you do while not volunteering for US Lacrosse: Partner in landscape architecture firm. The firm, Hewitt, has 55 employees.

Favorite sports team: The Seattle Seahawks

Biggest accomplishment as a USL volunteer: When voted chapter President, there were only about 6 high school lacrosse teams, now there are over 80 total (boys and girls) and 200 youth programs/teams.

Motivating Mentor: John Orlando (high school coach) and Doyle Smith (off-field mentor)

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UPCOMING EVENTS

APRIL

18 – Equipment Grant applications are now posted online

25 – Camp Scholarship application deadline

MAY

6-10 – US Lacrosse WDIA Championships (Denver)

24-26 – Women's Division National Tournament (Baltimore)

JUNE

7 – 5th Annual BRIDGE Girls' Playday (Downingtown, PA)

8 – [U.S. Men's U-19 National Team Exhibition](#) (Cold Spring Harbor, NY)

13-15- US Lacrosse U-13 National Youth Festival (Warren County, OH)

14 – [U.S. Men's U-19 National Team Exhibition](#) (Bridgewater, NJ)

14 – [Metrocup](#) (Boston, MA)

20-22 US Lacrosse U-15 National Youth Festival (Lake George, NY)

20-22 US Lacrosse National Senior Showcase (Chicago)

21 – [U.S. Men's U-19 National Team Exhibition](#) (Downingtown, PA)

22 – [U.S. Men's U-19 National Team Exhibition](#) (Bethesda, MD)

25-28 - Prague Cup (Czech Republic)

29 – [U.S. Men's U-19 National Team Exhibition](#) (Seattle, WA)

JULY

3-12 - [ILF U-19 World Championship](#) (Coquitlam, British Columbia)

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