



AMHERST COLLEGE

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Men's

Lacrosse

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The 2012 Amherst Lacrosse Team takes the field against Williams on April 24th, 2012. Amherst won 15-11.

CAMPUS SPOTLIGHT

Chari Boykin-East

Acting Dean of Students
at Amherst College



In July 2012, Allen Hart stepped away from his role as Dean of Students at Amherst College. Chari Boykin East, who had been serving as a Senior Associate Dean of Students, generously agreed to serve as Acting Dean of Students shortly thereafter.

Chari will continue to intimately influence the lives of students and student-athletes in her new role. She is significantly involved with Orientation for incoming first-years, as well as the ongoing education of students involving student rights, privileges, and responsibilities. Additionally, Chari will continue to serve alongside Athletic Director Suzanne Coffey and other administrators to ensure that Amherst is at the forefront of Title IX education and compliance.

Chari's keen interest in the role that athletics plays in leadership development and academic enrichment is an exciting development for us here in the athletic department. We all couldn't be more pleased that Chari has agreed to serve as acting Dean of Students at Amherst, and we welcome the opportunity to work closely with her for years to come.

PLAYER PROFILE

Devin Acton '14



An alternate Captain for 2012-2013, Devin's teammates claim: "The fire he brings is unparalleled." Devin also has a work ethic and moral compass that are granite-strong. Through two seasons at Amherst, Devin has been named All NESCAC, NESCAC Rookie of the Year, and All New England. Simply put, he is a gifted leader, as he is an attackman.

Devin's intense focus on self-improvement, his fierce loyalty, and his unwavering commitment to excellence, make Devin a terrific addition to our leadership group.

As an Economics major, and member of Amherst LEADS, Devin has interned at Putnam Marketing in Boston, and will continue to pursue a career in finance after graduating from Amherst in 2014.

2013 First-year Class

Name	Position	School
Charlie Gill	Attack	P. Exeter
Kane Haffey	Attack	P. Exeter
Quinn Moroney	Attack	Manhasset
Connor Crump	Midfield	Germantown
Sam Lawlor	Midfield	Episcopal
Mike Litner	Midfield	Shiple
Dylan Park	Midfield	St. Annes Belfield
Dan Annino	Defense	Chaminade
Rob Butko	LSM	St. Peters
Ryan Cassidy	Defense	Wellesley
James Wujciak	Defense	Delbarton
Doyle Judge	Defense	Caszenovia
Thomas Gilligan	Goal	Benilde St. Margaret

With the arrival of the 2016 class to campus for orientation, the start of the new academic year has officially begun. We have 12 new members of the Amherst lacrosse program joining us in 2012, to complement the returning Lord Jeffs. With renewed energy, a renewed outlook, and a renewed focus on short-term goals, we are excited to begin our work.

Although the 2012 season ended in defeat during the NESCAC tournament to Tufts University 14-10, we were pleased with the progression throughout that rebound game. After digging a 5-0 hole in the first quarter, we battled back to make it 6-5 before the half. It was a positive sign that our younger players could indeed carry the athletic torch if needed.

As the seasons turn, the question of how will we replace such a talented group of departed seniors has officially taken hold. We believe we can do this by continuing to identify young men with the grit, scrappiness, and competitiveness that has come to define Amherst Lacrosse. Those traits first and foremost have been used to identify talented recruits, along with being used to identify the current Jeffs who will earn the chance to play in 2013.

The challenge going forward will be to see who is willing to bear the burden of leading us forward. Stagnation is not an option; forward progress must be our goal.

To begin our captains Danny Gold '13, Ramsey Bates '13, and Devin Acton '14 have gotten us off to a great start this fall. Organizationally, they have been exceptional. Inspirationally, these men have had no equal. Danny, Ramsey, and Devin inspire their teammates to perform astronomically academically, compete relentlessly, and work tirelessly.

To what end must our leadership group inspire, you may ask? We must seek self-improvement first. As leadership expert Marshall Smith pointed out: *What got you here, won't get you there.* Can each of us, individually, then keep up with the Salisburys of the world when we don't have a fall practice season? We must be creative, not make excuses, and must challenge each other to think outside the box in order to help compete ethically and fiercely day in and day out.

To what end must we advance? In EVERY WAY. Academically. Socially. Civically. Athletically. We must compete with intellect for a *chance* to be better. Yes, our goal is to succeed collectively at the highest level. We must strive to earn a 3.4 GPA as a team and continue the success of earning 18 All-Academic selections in 2012. We must strive to give back civically in the highest way. We must continue to prepare our men to pursue the most fulfilling career paths through career center engagement and educational workshops. We must further pursue and stabilize our collective pedestal of leadership through discussion, and by elevating the topic, not just assuming it will improve. In 2012-2013, we will also be placing a premium on achieving individual goals. They will be measured. They will be calculated. They will be *competitive*. We will compete *Relentlessly*. We will do so with our opponents, but more importantly – we will do so with each other *first and foremost*.

In closing, I want to extend a sincere thank you for those who have been involved in one way or another with the program. Your mentorship, your financial support, and your well-wishes are so appreciated, so let me be the first to say THANK YOU!

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