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Dear Friends of the AAF:

For some reason, we had dragged our feet in the late winter and procrastinated about writing this newsletter. It must have been fate telling us to hold on as so many good things came together that we would now like to share with you.

As always, we like to honor our most recent AAF scholarship recipients – players from last year's 2011 Pomperaug teams. From the Girls' Lacrosse Team: Stacey Rocque who is attending St. Joseph's, Margaret Fleming who is at U. of Delaware, and Jamie Silverman, who is playing lacrosse at American University. From the Boys' Lacrosse Team: Josh Metz, who wore #16 in the goal at Thiel College this year. Congratulations to all of you!

The annual \$1000.00 donation that the AAF gives to The Hill School was used in various ways over the past year. Some of the money went towards making recruiting films for players pursuing college teams – we are happy to know that the AAF could support players in that uphill battle. Some money was used to help a player acquire goalie equipment – Trex Hirn is pictured below demonstrating his growing skill as a goaltender. Another Hill player, Pat Carmody, has a very important mission beyond the lacrosse field. He supports the Keystone Wounded Warriors, and some of the Alex Archie Fund went to his efforts in a 5k run and wrist band sales for the project. Coach Ide and his teams have been so thoughtful in their remembrance of Alex over these past years – all Hill lacrosse merchandise has a #16 on the shirtsleeve – remarkable! Featured below are Trex, Patrick, and the entire 2012 Hill lacrosse team wearing the newest AAF t-shirt. Congratulations on a great season! Der friends, Posy and Mike Youngblood are also modeling the t-shirt.

We can't mention The Hill without making note of two very important milestones that have been reached – Ned Ide has had a successful 12-year career as Head Coach for The Hill's lacrosse team. He has retired that position, but will stay on as an assistant and he will continue to oversee the AAF. Congratulations, Ned! You were our primary connection to The Hill, and we are so glad that Alex had the opportunity to know you. And our special thanks and well wishes to retiring Headmaster, David Dougherty and his wife, Kay. Thank you for all you have done for us. We wish you good health and happiness.

Three final Hill connections for this newsletter are first: thanks to Chris Howell, a junior at Hofstra and a member of the Hofstra lacrosse team. Chris has shared his connection to Alex and has given AAF shirts to all of his teammates. He has also showered Sam and Henry with lots of Hofstra gear. We are grateful for his courage in talking about Alex and for keeping his memory alive. You may remember Alex's friend, Dave Morton, who allowed us to share his symbolic use of #16 on his stick in the last newsletter. Dave attends Robert Morris University, and we would like to congratulate him on a terrific season, and recognize the 8 points earned in his season-opener, gaining himself a spot in the single-game record book – Alex would be very proud of his friends' successes. Thanks, Eric Foote, for representing Alex so well in # 16 this year. At Pomperaug, #16 will now be retired as Sam and Henry both wore it for their senior season to honor their brother.

The AAF has been blessed to reconnect with Bridgeport Youth Lacrosse (CT) and now the new high school club team at Bridgeport's Central High. Don Wilson, Director and founder of BYL, let us know that the club team was in need of 26 gloves and 2 sets of goalie gear. We had the pleasure of delivering these to the players and their volunteer coach on 3/24/12. Tom later spent an afternoon coaching with the team. This connection with the fledgling Bridgeport team brought back so many memories of a brand new Pomperaug team 11 years ago.

We have also recently begun a relationship with Washington Area (Maine) Youth Lacrosse. Maynard Haslett, Lisa's cousin, who was an All-American in high school and played lacrosse for a time at UNC, referred his friend to the AAF. Sue Frank, Maynard and others are pouring their energy, time and commitment into a youth lacrosse program in Washington, ME. Thanks to all of you, the AAF has been able to send 30 helmets, 2 goals, and 2 sets of goalie protective gear plus jersey money to these young players (3rd-6th grade). We are so glad that the AAF could be of some help, and we are working on a possible mini-clinic this summer when some of the Pomperaug players will be in Maine.

None of these equipment donations and wonderful t-shirts would be possible without the help of our friends at Cheshire Sport. Thank you, Bob Bush and all of your staff, for your endless support of these often-spontaneous projects that come about.

The newest addition t-shirt was created by Henry and Brigid Connolly. Henry took his inspiration from Iroquois symbolism: the wampum belt of peace, the braid from the Native American youth players he has watched and admired, and finally: DAWNEYTOH – that is all – the final word of the Iroquois prayer for lacrosse players which is included at the end of the newsletter. Brigid graciously offered her artistic skill with the drawing of the feather and the braid. We would be glad to send you a t-shirt - a \$10. donation would be greatly appreciated. It is also featured in a few pictures at the end of the newsletter.

A fun day was had by the Pomperaug team on 4/1/12 at the Big City Classic at the Meadowlands in NJ. This was the 2nd annual Landjet Bus trip to watch several great college games. The AAF is very glad to support such an important team-building event.

Thank you Pomperaug Girls' Lacrosse, who under the leadership of Mike Fleming again held their annual fundraiser for the AAF during their Youth Lax Night – they have never missed a year – fantastic and so appreciated that they support and remember their “ dear Pomp Lax friend, Alex Archie.”

It is hard to believe that it is almost time to award the 2012 scholarships. While we will forever wish that we had Alex with us instead of a Foundation, the love and support that we receive from all of you enables us to support and promote other young players – a true spiritual connection to Alex, for which we are very grateful. Thank you.

Dawneytoh - Lisa + Tom

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The Alex Archie Foundation was established to honor Alex's love for lacrosse and his wonderful athleticism and sportsmanship. He enjoyed life and lacrosse and the mission of the Foundation is to help other young lacrosse players to fulfill their dreams.

Donations are accepted at <http://www.AlexArchieFoundation>



We acknowledge the creator and give thanks to our protectors and all life sustainers. Now, the creator has endowed upon all human life a game called *dehonchigwiis* (lacrosse) for all to enjoy. The young men who participate in the creator's game will generate a gift of healing that we may have peace of mind.

Now, we send a message to the creator's land that there are peoples representing the four directions of mother earth, having assembled here today to enjoy in the game of lacrosse. And as these games are conducted, we acknowledge the healing energy and the peace of mind for all human kind. We acknowledge the continuance of this ancient game as beneficial for future generations of all peoples of the world.

Now, we ask the creator's to watch over these men gathered here during this game so that no harm will come to them. We ask the creator to watch over all those who come to enjoy this game of lacrosse. We ask the creator, as the games conclude, to safely return all to their homelands, located in each of the four directions of *etinoha wenihage* (our mother earth).

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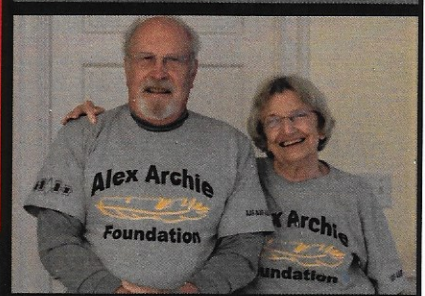
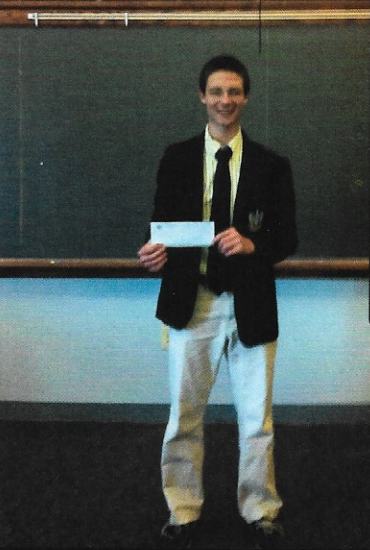
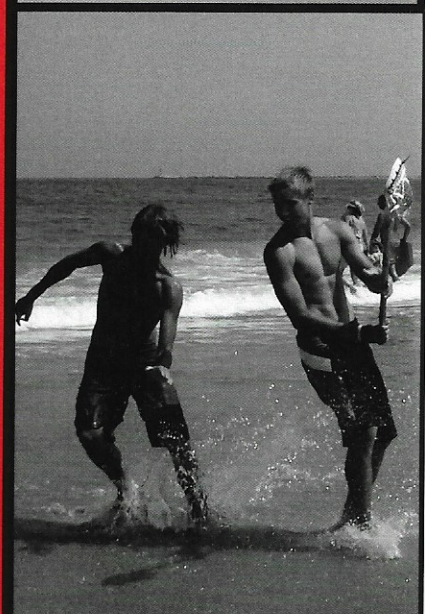


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