



**The Hill Academy is starting a women's lacrosse program this upcoming academic school year (September, 2011). We would very much like you to consider being a part of this unique and exciting program.**

**The first year of the program will be focused on skill development with elite level coaches (Hill Academy Men's Lacrosse Coaching Staff, see coaches bios enclosed). We are excited to share our knowledge with women's lacrosse players. I have coached division one women's lacrosse and all of our male coaches are excited about sharing our expertise and insights with women's players. It is interesting to note that almost every prominent division one women's program has a male influence on their staff. The two games share many philosophies and skill sets!**

**During the first year we will enter players in recruiting tournaments to ensure exposure and game experience. However, the main focus will be skill development, in preparation for University lacrosse.**

**The plan is to have a full women's varsity program in place by the fall of 2012. Once a full team is in place we will play a full schedule of games against top competition.**

**The program will be modeled after our extremely successful boys program. In just four short years we have sent over 60 players to play University lacrosse (over 40 to division one).**

**There are many more opportunities for placement and scholarships in the women's game. We have worked extremely hard over the years to build contacts in the NCAA and our expertise is placing players in high level programs that fit their personality, academic profile, and abilities. Whether it is division 1, 2, 3, or CIS lacrosse.**

**Every aspect of The Hill Academy has been finely tuned over the years to fully prepare our student-athletes to be successful at the next level. We focus on three main components: academic growth, athletic growth, and personal growth.**

**Academically, students are encouraged to be leaders and innovative thinkers in small classrooms (maximum of 15 students). Every student has their own IPAD2 and every course offered at The Hill Academy is of the academic strain. Our school is board certified**

**and follows the Ontario Ministry of Education guidelines stringently. All of our classes are 100% transferable to any school. Additionally, we offer SAT prep classes for our students.**

**Athletically, students are pushed outside their "comfort zone," using creative practice plans and innovative techniques. Our athletes focus on their chosen sport year round, which makes us different from most private schools. We have seen great progress in every athlete that has entered our program, not matter what skill level they start at!**

**Additionally, one class period a day is devoted to working with our strength and conditioning coach. He provides each student-athlete with a rigorous and sport based training program and nutritional guidance.**

**Personally, we strive to have our student-athletes constantly evolve as future leaders. Student-athletes take part in community projects through our mentor groups and senior level students are offered a leadership class that focuses on creating leaders for the future! Furthermore, we have a sports psychologist on staff for students to work in conjunction with.**

**If you have interest in finding out more about our program or coming to visit our campus, please don't hesitate to email or call. If there is a time you would like us to phone you, please respond with a phone number and a member of our coaching staff will promptly phone you back.**

**Yours in Lacrosse,**

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### **Men's Lacrosse Director/Coach Brodie Merrill**

**Brodie Merrill is widely regarded as a revolutionary lacrosse player. Brodie, a graduate of Georgetown University, was a two time All American, Two-Time Teewaraton Award Finalist and in 2005 was named the NCAA Defensive Player of the Year. Brodie has revolutionized how people treat the defensive player in both box and field, with his run and gun transitional style. He has won multiple awards in his four year professional career including 2005 NLL and MLL Rookie of the Year, 2005 NLL Defensive Player of the Year, 2006 through 2010 MLL Defensive Player of the Year. Brodie, who currently plays for the Hamilton Nationals in the MLL and Edmonton Rush in the NLL, has also won two Mann Cups, World Field Lacrosse Championship, World Box Lacrosse Championship and MLL Championships.**

**Brodie has recently been named to the Head Coach of the U19 Men's Field Canadian National Lacrosse. Brodie is the head coach of the Hill Academy Men's Lacrosse team which is highly regarded as one of the top Lacrosse programs in North America. Over the past five seasons The Hill Lacrosse program has had countless players move on to university including a number of players who have received scholarships to U.S. schools.**



### **Women's Lacrosse Director/Coach Brice Queener**

**Coach Queener has been at The Hill Academy for two years. He is a teacher and works with the offense for the men's team.**

**Brice has played professionally for the Toronto/Hamilton Nationals and the Rochester Rattlers in the MLL. He was a four year starter for Georgetown University Men's Team that advanced the quarterfinals of the NCAA tournament all four seasons. Brice coached division one lacrosse for four seasons prior to working at The Hill Academy (Georgetown, Binghamton, and Siena).**

**Brice has a wealth of experience in women's lacrosse. His mother has coached women's lacrosse for over 20 years in New York State, where she has captured two state championships. His two sisters have both played division one lacrosse (Yale & Hofstra).**

**Additionally, Brice coached women's lacrosse at the division one level at Sienna in 2009. He worked with the offense and coached the team's single season leading goal scorer in his one season at Siena. Furthermore, the team set a school record starting the season at 6-0.**



### **Coach Patrick Merrill**

**Patrick Merrill has coached the defense at The Hill Academy for the past five seasons.**

**A graduate of Mercyhurst College, Patrick was a first overall draft pick by the Toronto Rock of the NLL where he won two National League Championships, and recently a third! He has played for Team Canada in both field and box. Furthermore, he played for the Toronto Nationals of the MLL.**

**Patrick also plays for the Brampton Excelsior's where he has won the Mann Cup three times.**

**Additionally, Patrick is the Athletic Director and Admissions Director at The Hill Academy.**



**Men's PG Director/Coach Merrick Thomson**

**Thomson played collegiate lacrosse at the University at Albany, where he was an All-American. He was a 2x Co-Captain of the Great Danes and in his senior year helped lead them to the NCAA Quarterfinals. Thomson finished his career as the leader scorer in the history of Albany University and 5th all time in the NCAA.**

**Professionally Thomson played in the MLL for the New Jersey Pride and Toronto Nationals. He won the MLL Championship with the Nationals, garnering MVP honors.**

**In the NLL Thomson was the 2nd overall pick of the Philadelphia Wings and was an all-star.**

**Currently, Thomson is the Men's Lacrosse PG Director at The Hill Academy.**