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Talented and driven young athletes should only be limited by the size of their dreams and the depth of their commitment, never by the availability of financial resources.

EMPOWERING KIDS...ON AND OFF THE ICE

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Jason Ritchie found solace and purpose on the ice. More than just a sport, hockey taught him invaluable life lessons, especially the importance of teamwork, accountability and dedication.

After his untimely passing, his parents wanted to honor his legacy by launching a foundation that uses hockey to help other youth discover and live up to their potential.

OUR IMPACT

The Ritchie Hockey Foundation provides scholarships to aspiring youth hockey players who otherwise would not have the opportunity to excel scholastically and athletically.

It teaches important life skills such as character, selflessness, and drive, using the same skills that are required in hockey – persistence, teamwork, and commitment.

We know that those same qualities foster success in life.



HELPING OUR COMMUNITY

Giving back to the community is of great importance to the Ritchie Hockey Foundation. Over the last several years we have been proud to sponsor several youth hockey and baseball events throughout Florida:



Tampa Bay Junior Lightning

TBJL is dedicated to the youth hockey players of Tampa Bay to help develop their skill, self-discipline, teamwork and leadership.

A Plus Hockey

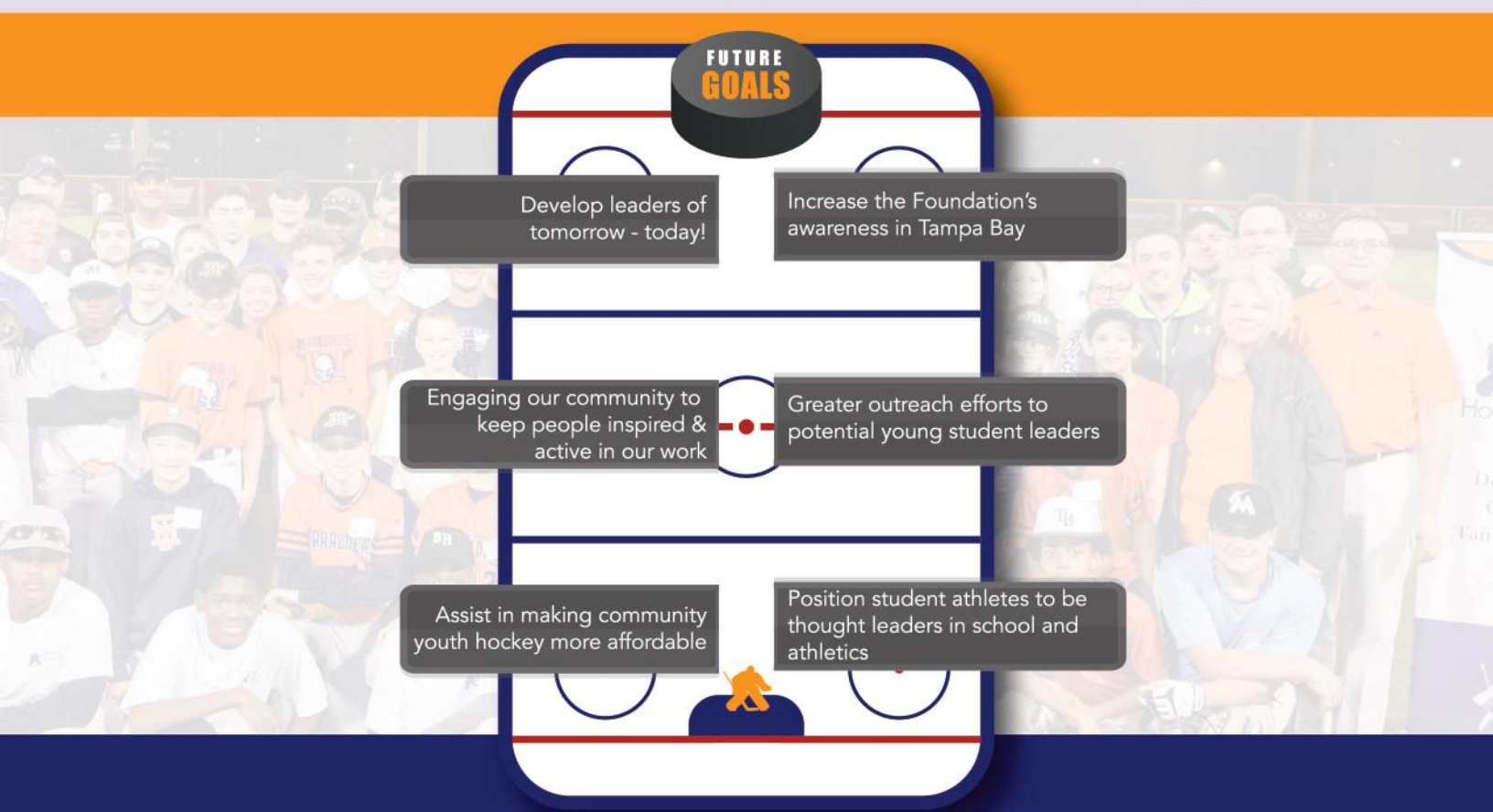
Formed by two Tampa Bay Lightning Alumni, they train athletes to be champions. They provide a safe and supportive environment to help athletes succeed and achieve their goals.

Father – Son Baseball Camp

Bryan Henry and David Ross provide a one of a kind coaching experience for young athletes and their parents. This allows the parent to be on the field learning techniques to help their children hone in on their skill.

Jerry Tarkianinen

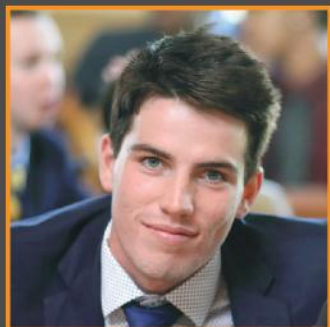
Jerry is a bright, young athlete from Finland living in the USA with his family while his father serves at MacDill Air Force Base. He is a goalie and plays for the Plant High School "Panthers" Hockey Club, and for the "Jr Bills" U16-A travel team that plays in the Statewide Florida Hockey League.



OUR SCHOLARS

The Ritchie Hockey Foundation serves student athletes like Jason who play their hearts out. These kids develop strength of character, selflessness, and drive through hockey.

INTRODUCING



DANNY CAVANAUGH
2019 - 2020

What position do you play?

I play forward. I prefer to play center.

What do you do for fun outside of hockey?

Outside of hockey I love to golf and go to the beach.

What made you choose hockey?

Hockey has always been a big sport in my family. I fell in love with the game from a young age, when I first stepped on the ice, but also from watching my older cousins play in college.

What are your favorite subjects?

My favorite subject is Math.

Are you on any other teams?

Yes, besides the hockey team at Winchendon I played baseball and lacrosse the last two springs, and plan on playing on the golf team this spring.

What have been your major highlights/achievements in school?

Some achievements academically have been making high honor roll and merit category as well as being a member of the National Honor Society.

Your plans for once you graduate from Winchendon?

It's still uncertain, but most likely I plan to play junior hockey for a year or two before going to college.

What does being the next Ritchie Hockey Foundation Scholarship recipient mean to you?

Being the next Ritchie Hockey Foundation Scholarship recipient is truly a great honor. Receiving the award after Cam Gendron and Kiley Robles, two huge role models of mine, made the honor more significant and very gratifying. I know I have some big shoes to fill, following in their footsteps. I am extraordinarily grateful to be the next recipient.

Advice for future student athletes?

Work hard, do your best, have fun! Don't forget to thank your coaches, teachers and parents.

Jason's Mantra was "Life is Energy" – what is yours?

"Learn from the past, live in the now."

2018 - 2019



KILEY ROBLES

- Kiley is now studying biology on a pre-med track at the University of Vermont.
- Kiley much prefers warmer climates. She never thought she would end up in Vermont.
- Kiley's advice to athletes is to develop a good relationship with your coaches and teammates.

2017 - 2018



CAM GENDRON

- Cam is currently playing junior hockey for the New Jersey Titans. Next stop, college!
- One thing you may be surprised to know about Cam is that he is extremely superstitious when it comes to sports.
- Cam's advice to athletes is to never be afraid to fail.

2016 - 2017



HAYDEN DALTON

- Hayden is a freshman at Milwaukee School of Engineering. He majors in Computer Engineering and plans to play D-3 hockey this year.
- Did you know that Hayden is a twin? We didn't!
- His advice to athletes is to work on your time management so that you don't fall behind in academics and still have time for yourself.

2016 - 2017



JAYDEN YOUNG

- Jayden is majoring in Psychology & Criminal Justice at Saint Anselm College where she will be one of the Captains on the hockey team.
- Jayden is no stranger to being away from home, this will be her 6th year!
- Jayden's advice to athletes is to enjoy every second with your teammates.

2015 - 2016



JOSHUA GEORGE

- 2 years with the New England Wolves of the EHL.
- Josh is attending Arizona State, majoring in Air Transportation Management and on the Men's Hockey Team.
- Josh's advice to athletes is to work hard on a daily basis, accept criticism, be a great teammate and have fun!

2014 - 2015



ADAM LETARTE

- Adam is in his final year at Embry Riddle Aeronautical University working on getting his commercial pilots license.
- When Adam isn't on the ice he is working on cars. His current project is a 1989 Toyota Supra.
- His advice to athletes is to know your strong points and perfect them and to know your weak points and develop them.

2013 - 2014



LAUREN KELLY

- Lauren has earned her bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Northeastern University.
- She is playing hockey for the Boston Pride in the NWHL.
- Advice from Lauren is to remember the sport is something you play, not who you are.

2012 - 2013



NICK FOLAND

- Nick played junior hockey in Pennsylvania for the Wilkes-Barre / Scranton Knights.
- Nick earned a Bachelor of Science in Economics and Finance at Bentley University.
- He believes that in order to succeed you must have tenacity, determination and commitment.

2011 - 2012



FRÉDÉRIC GIROUX

- Freddie went to college in Quebec and earned his business degree. He is now working for the family business, Giroux et Lessard Ltée.
- He plans to go back to school to get his MBA.
- His advice to athletes is to embrace the challenges your face and don't give up.

our 2020 events

ANNUAL CELEBRITY LEGENDS OF SPORT WEEKEND

Thursday 1.09.20
Youth Baseball Clinic

Friday 1.10.20
Annual Golf Tournament Fundraiser

Saturday 1.11.20
Youth Goalie Clinic



Nearly 40 accomplished athletes attended our 2019 annual golf tournament fundraiser, and we are so very grateful to them, as well as to all the companies and individuals who supported and participated in our event. Their generosity and kindness epitomizes the heart of our Foundation and our mission.



In 2019, the money raised went towards two scholarships for local students in the Tampa Bay area, which allowed them to not only participate in playing hockey but allowed them to get new equipment.

The Ritchie Hockey Foundation also contributed to Brothers Reaching Out, Inc, which provides guidance and services to at-risk youth in Orlando.

Additionally, a large donation was made to Guide the Thunder which not only teaches student athletes the game of hockey but also helps them achieve academically and become leaders in the community.

We look forward to continuing our support in the local community and can't wait to see what we can do this year!

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- ✓ We've raised over \$1,000,000 in ten years to support our mission and build long-term sustainability.
- ✓ Our success has allowed us to fund \$500,000 for future scholarships into perpetuity.
- ✓ We have financially assisted ten student athletes at several preparatory schools. These student ambassadors actively represent the foundation's mission post graduation.
- ✓ We are a key financial partner with the Tampa Bay Lightning Guide the Thunder program. This program assists over fifty at risk 7th and 8th graders in Hillsborough County to gain life skills.
- ✓ Several hundred participate in annual goaltender clinics in Florida and Illinois.
- ✓ Our administrative expenses average less than 10% annually.
- ✓ We're an all volunteer board engaged in helping to change the lives of tomorrow's leaders.
- ✓ We hosted our first Baseball Clinic that brought in at risk youth and allowed them to practice key skills with their favorite baseball legends.

Life is Energy!
-Jason Ritchie

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Jason lived his life through activity and engagement.

We welcome support from individuals, businesses and other organizations who want to give back by helping us empower young players to achieve their dreams on and off the ice.

Through your donations, we are able to offer free skill clinics and award scholarships to deserving student athletes who demonstrate outstanding strength and character, selflessness and leadership in their schools and communities.