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Football Camps Bring Big Numbers

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Lauren's First and Goal Foundation and football camps have raised more than \$126,000 so far this year. LFG celebrated it's 11th year in PA at Lafayette College, and it's 5th anniversary in OH at Otterbein University. Nearly 2300 high school players representing 521 different high schools participated in the PA and OH camps this past June. 399 college coaches volunteered their time to coach at the camps. Camper registrations and donations go directly toward the foundation's mission of supporting pediatric brain tumor research, patient services and families living with the disease.

Lauren Loose, the 17-year-old pediatric brain tumor survivor for whom the foundation is named, delivered another inspirational speech encouraging attendees to use the gifts and skills they have been blessed with. Army coach Jeff Monken was this year's featured guest speaker in PA. Purdue University head coach Darrell Hazell served as the guest speaker in OH. Both men captivated campers with their motivating messages.

"I think the camp just keeps getting better and better," Otterbein head coach Tim Doup said of the Ohio camp. "We are still hoping to spread the word a little more and grow this event, but it's such a great day on the calendar to help support a great cause."

"It is a tribute to the college coaching profession that hundreds of college coaches came out to donate their time and expertise for the cause. Lauren, Coach Monken and Coach Hazell gave messages that were touching and inspiring and will leave a lasting memory for years to come," John Loose added.

OH 2014 camp:
*376 players representing 11 states
and 81 different high schools*

PA 2014 camp:
*1912 participants representing 16
states and 440 different high schools*

*Since 2004 the camps have hosted
19,600 participants from 29 different
states and Canada*

*PA camp alone has hosted
16,788 participants in 11 years*

*2,694 college coach volunteer visits to
LFG camps*

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Rutgers vs. Michigan
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Army vs. Navy
December 13, 2014 Baltimore, MD 4 tickets



LFG Sponsors Camp Sunshine LGG Week

LFG Foundation has been a long-time supporter of Camp Sunshine, sponsoring the construction of a volunteer housing suite, supporting pet therapy, wellness programming and brain tumor week for families.

The Camp, located in Casco, Maine, provides respite, support, joy, and hope to children with life-threatening illnesses and their immediate families from around the world through the various stages of their journeys. The year-round program is free of charge to all families, and includes 24-hour onsite medical and psychosocial support.

This July, LFG collaborated with several charitable organizations to sponsor forty-five families with a child diagnosed with Low Grade Glioma (LGG), the most common type of brain tumor, to a week at Camp. Families from across the country enjoyed camp activities as well as supportive discussion groups. Parents, siblings, grandparents, aunts and uncles all attend in support of their loved one battling a LGG.

Circle of Strength Grows

A big thank you to this wonderful group from Franklin & Marshall College who worked tirelessly at the PA camp concessions this year.



Michael Garner, photography

Parents also gained knowledge and insight from Dr. Adam Resnick, Director of the Resnick/Storm Neuro-Biology Lab at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia who spent two days at Camp Sunshine talking about some of the latest research advancements in children's brain tumors.

For more information about Camp Sunshine please visit www.campsunshine.org. Special thanks to the PLGA Foundation (akidsbraintumorcure.org), The Lily Fund (thelilyfund.org) and Love is Magic (loveismagic.org) for collaborating to make the week possible.



Grace and Lauren with therapy dog, Max at the LFG Suite at Camp Sunshine.

Army's Jeff Monken Speaks in PA

Lauren's First and Goal Foundation was honored to host Jeff Monken, head football coach at the U.S. Military Academy, as the featured guest speaker at the 11th Annual LFG Football Camp on Sunday, June 1 at Lafayette College.

"Coach Monken is a tremendous speaker and leader," said LFG founder John Loose. "We appreciate him taking time out of his busy schedule to spend a day at camp with us."

Monken drew the connection between what athletes learn from the game of football and how it will benefit them in life, honing in on the fact that mental toughness is a critical component of success in his address to the crowd. Coach Monken also generously agreed to join the rank of LFG's Honorary Board of Directors.

LFG was honored to entertain Coach Monken's 3 lovely daughters, Isabelle, Amelia and Evangeline at the Kids Family and Friends Fun tent.

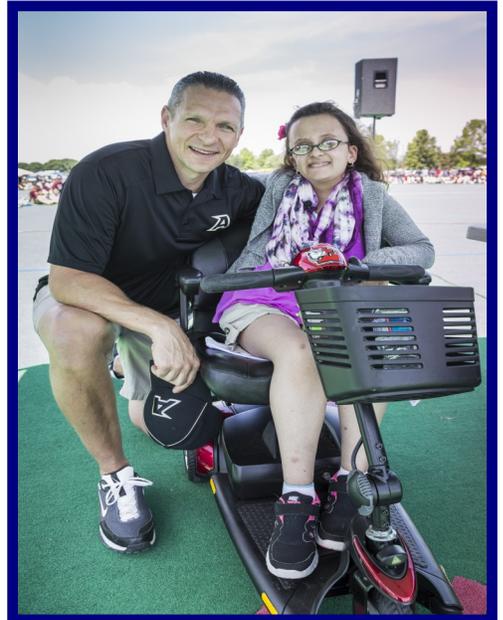
Monken is preparing for his first season at Army after spending the last four years as head coach at Georgia Southern. During his four seasons at Georgia Southern, Monken authored a 38-16 mark and spearheaded the program's transition to the elite Football Bowl Subdivision level from the Football Championship Subdivision (FCS) ranks.

Georgia Southern, which will join the Sun Belt Conference

next year, was a member of the FCS and qualified for the NCAA playoffs in all three eligible seasons under Monken, advancing to the national semifinals each year while posting double-digit victory totals.

Monken's first head coaching job came after accumulating 20 years of experience as an assistant.

Monken was an assistant at Georgia Southern, the U.S. Naval Academy and Georgia Tech.



Coach Monken and Lauren take a moment to pose for a photo after delivering inspiring messages to the crowd at the PA camp. (right). Michael Garner, photography

Purdue's Darrell Hazell Addresses Campers in Ohio

Lauren's First and Goal Foundation was pleased to have Darrell Hazell, head football coach at Purdue University, as guest speaker at the fifth annual Lauren's First and Goal Football Camp at Otterbein University.

Hazell is entering his second season as head coach of the Purdue Boilermakers. Prior to his arrival at Purdue, he coached Kent State to a 16-10 record in two years at the helm. In 2012, the team captured the Mid-American Conference East Division Championship and played in their first bowl game in 40 years. Coach Hazell was named the 2012 Mid-American Conference Coach of the Year by the conference's coaches. Hazell spent seven seasons at Ohio State, where he served as assistant head coach and wide receivers coach under Jim Tressel. From 2005 to 2010, the Buckeyes won six consecutive Big Ten Conference championships and played in six straight BCS bowls, including appearances in the 2007 and 2008 national championship games. Coach Hazell is a 27-year veteran of the college coaching ranks. He previously coached at Rutgers (2001-03), West Virginia (1999-2000), the U.S. Military Academy (1997-98), Western Michigan (1995-96), Pennsylvania (1992-94), Eastern Illinois (1988) and Oberlin (1986-87, 1989-91).

"I have worked with Coach Hazell and he has always been a huge supporter of the camp and foundation," said John Loose, founder of Lauren's First and Goal and an assistant football coach at the U.S. Military Academy. "He has volunteered at our camp in previous years and we are very excited that he joined us to talk with our campers."

Coach Hazell spoke from the heart to campers with a theme centered on helping others and working your hardest at anything you love. Along with generously speaking at camp, Coach Hazell graciously volunteered to join LFG's honorary Board of Directors.



Coach Hazell and Lauren at LFG Ohio. (above)



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