

FRIAR LACROSSE CAMPS

FRIAR CAMP STAFF



CHRIS BURDICK

Camp Director

Head Coach—Providence College

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Entering his ninth season as Head Coach of the Friars, Chris Burdick has led the Providence College Lacrosse program to four consecutive MAAC Championship seasons. In 2003, the Friars earned a share of the MAAC Regular Season Title, the first championship of any kind in the sport of lacrosse at the college. In 2004, the Friars went on to win the MAAC Championship, advancing the program to the NCAA Division I tournament for the first time in the college's history. The Friars have also won the 2006 & 2005 MAAC Regular Season Titles, the programs first outright, which earned them another first, the number one seed in the MAAC tournament, as well as advancing to the NCAA tournament in 2006.



The Friar program has established itself as a leader in the MAAC, having qualified for the Conference Final Four each year since 2001 and holding a conference best 25-6 record over the past four seasons.

Burdick was an assistant coach at Notre Dame, Umass, Delaware, and Cornell and has lectured at the US National Lacrosse Convention. Director of the Friar Elite, Goalie Tech and Shooting, and Program on the Rise Lacrosse Camps, Burdick has been on staff at the Top 205 and Peak 200 recruiting camps and was the Director of the 2001 Great West Goalie Camp. Burdick continues on a mission to advance the game of lacrosse by bringing quality instruction to the high school and youth levels through the Friar Camp network.

BURDICK'S RESUME

Assistant coaching positions at:

NOTRE DAME
DELAWARE
UMASS
CORNELL



As head coach at Providence:

2001 MAAC Final Four
2002 MAAC Final Four
2003 MAAC Regular Season Champions, MAAC Final Four
2004 MAAC Champions, NCAA Tournament, MAAC Final Four
2005 MAAC Regular Season Champions, MAAC Final Four
2006 MAAC Season and Tournament Champions, NCAA Tournament, MAAC Final Four

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Keith Loftis

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Assistant Lacrosse Coach

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Keith Loftis begins his seventh year as an assistant coach with the Providence College men's lacrosse program. Loftis joined the Friar lacrosse team in 2000 and spent two seasons as a volunteer coach under the direction of Head Coach Chris Burdick. In 2002, Loftis elevated his role in the program to first assistant, and will continue to serve in that capacity for a fifth season in 2005 while also serving as the programs recruiting coordinator.

Prior to his arrival at Providence, Loftis was the head lacrosse coach at SUNY Cobleskill for two seasons. While at Cobleskill, he also served as the Recreation Director.

Loftis played collegiate lacrosse at SUNY Potsdam for two seasons (1996-97) and was a two-time All-League selection. Prior to attending SUNY Potsdam, Loftis earned an associate's degree from SUNY Morrisville in 1995. At Morrisville, Loftis was a starting defenseman and earned a spot on the roster at the 1995 North/South Junior College All-Star Game. Interesting note, at Morrisville, Loftis was coached by Yale Head Coach Andy Shay (who is a Cortland HS Alum along with Chris Burdick) and was teammates with Delaware great John Grant. Loftis began his collegiate playing career at Corning Community College.

At Providence, Loftis assists with all aspects of coaching, and works with the team's defensive unit. He also serves as the assistant director of the Friar Lacrosse Camps and the director of the Friar Youth Lacrosse Clinic. Loftis also is a member of the Rhode Island Board of US Lacrosse.

A native of Whitesboro, N.Y., Loftis earned his master's degree in guidance and counseling from Providence College in 2001. He and his wife, Elisangela, currently reside in Providence, R.I.

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Chip Casto

Field Director

Hobart College
University of Notre Dame
Montclair High School, NJ

David "Chip" Casto operates as the Field Director for the Friar Lacrosse Camps and is a co-founder of the Program on the Rise Team Camp. Casto was a four-time National Champion at Hobart College under Dave Urick. Casto's teammates included University of Virginia Assistant Mark Van Arsdale and Mont St. Mary's Head Coach Tom Gravante.

After Hobart, Casto moved on to become a graduate assistant at the University of Notre Dame and helped guide the Fighting Irish to two consecutive NCAA Tournament appearances in 1992 and 1993. At Notre Dame, Casto received his Master's Degree in American Studies.

Following Notre Dame, Casto returned to guide his alma mater, Montclair High School, as the head assistant to coaching great Chris Johnson. With Johnson, Casto would guide Montclair to two New Jersey state championship seasons and coached individuals like Matt Trevenen, who would go on to play at Princeton University and Brian O'Rorke who was a three-time MAAC Defensive Player of the Year for Providence College.



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Christian Zwickert

Wesley College

Head Men's Lacrosse Coach

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Christian Zwickert enters his 4th season as head men's lacrosse coach at Wesley College. Zwickert comes from Drexel University where he served as an offensive assistant, special teams, extra man offense and goal-keeper coach. Zwickert was awarded the PAC Coach of the year honor in 2004 for his efforts and helped lead Wesley to an 8-6 overall and 5-1 conference record in 2005.

Zwickert began his coaching career at the high school level in Delaware at Delcastle High School as an assistant in 1995 and moved to head coach for the 1997 and 1998 seasons leading the team to their first winning seasons with 10-4 and 9-7 records. Zwickert then moved on to Division 1 Providence College where he was responsible for assisting both on offense and defense and as goalkeeper coach in 1999. He also served as South Region recruiting coordinator for the Friars.

A 1990 graduate of Salesianum School in Wilmington, DE, he returned to his high school Alma Mater as head coach in 2000 and guided Salesianum to a 3rd place regular season finish. Returning to the Division 1 ranks in 2001, Zwickert joined Dartmouth College in Hanover, NH as an offensive assistant. In 2002, he moved on to Franklin & Marshall College where he served as head assistant, offensive coordinator, goalkeeper coach and recruiting coordinator.

In addition to his high school and college coaching, Zwickert also brings international experience. In 2001, he was named head coach of the German National Lacrosse Team for the European Championships in Cardiff, Wales. As head coach, he led Germany to a perfect 6-0 record defeating defending European Champions, England, twice to capture Germany's first European Cup trophy and Gold Medal. Prior to serving as head coach, Zwickert ran midfield for Germany in the 1998 World Games in Baltimore, 1999 European Championships in Manchester, England and 2000 European Championships in Glasgow, Scotland. In 1999, Zwickert received Most Valuable Player honors as an attackman versus England in the 1999 Championship game.

A native of Delaware, Zwickert graduated from the University of Delaware in 1994 where he received a B.S. in Physical Education with a concentration in Fitness Management. In addition to serving as head men's lacrosse coach, he will serve as Director of Intramurals at Wesley College. Coach Zwickert resides in Wilmington with his wife, Heather, and yellow lab, Blue.

Christian is the Site Director for the Program on the Rise Southern Location at Wesley College in Dover Delaware. He was a guest speaker at the 2005 Program on the Rise Lacrosse camp and has been involved with Friar Lacrosse Camps since 2003.

