

A young boy is seen from behind, walking out of a school door. He is wearing a red t-shirt, dark shorts, and a red backpack. He is holding a lacrosse stick in his right hand. The door is red and has a "STOP" sign on it. The floor is polished wood. The background shows a bright outdoor area with trees.

Helping
students
chase their
boldest
dreams.

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Program

Start Time: 8:10pm

Harlem Welcome

Jeffrey Wright, Event Host

Welcome Remarks and Honoree Introduction

Mike Levin, CEO

Honoree Remarks

Chuck Leitner

A Student's Voice

Carlos McDonald, Jr.

Women's Impact Network

Narine Galudzhyan Sukyas, Senior Director of Development

An Alumnus' Journey

Mariama Camara

Live Appeal

Jeffrey Wright and Mike Levin





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youth rise above their challenges and reach their
full potential. Together, the future is bright.



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Dear friends,

Thank you for being with us this evening to celebrate another incredible year of impact at Harlem Lacrosse. We are thrilled to share our progress as an organization and to honor those who have contributed so much to our mission. The work we do at Harlem Lacrosse, just like tonight's celebration, would be impossible without you, and we are so deeply grateful for your partnership.

Tonight you will hear from students who have participated in our programs over the course of many years. Serving kids from middle school through high school graduation is a crucial and differentiating aspect of Harlem Lacrosse. We know that we can maximize our impact by supporting young people over the long haul, through ups and downs, and through important transitions in their lives. This approach is one of the things that makes Harlem Lacrosse unique, and it is only possible because our entire community is so deeply committed to the students, families, and communities we serve.

We are at an important inflection point, and we will see our graduating class double over the next few years. Scaling our support of these amazing students would not be possible without everyone here tonight, and those near and far who continue to believe in, and contribute to our students' success.

It is fitting that we are also celebrating an individual who has supported Harlem Lacrosse for so many years and in so many ways. Tonight's honoree, Chuck Leitner, has served on our Executive Board since 2018, providing critical strategic guidance and support through periods of significant growth. Simply put, Harlem Lacrosse would not have grown to serve 1,200 students annually without Chuck. In retirement from his notably successful career in the real estate industry, he has stepped up to support Harlem Lacrosse students in a different way, and on the field. He now supports students as an assistant coach at PS 223 in the Bronx. The depth of his commitment to our work is truly remarkable and it is our privilege to celebrate that sustained dedication this evening.

Thank you for helping to celebrate some truly inspiring people tonight, and more importantly, for standing next to them, in support of the incredible kids that we get to work with every day at Harlem Lacrosse.

With Gratitude,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mike Levin". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Mike" being more prominent than the last name "Levin".

Mike Levin,
Chief Executive Officer

THE CHALLENGE

Opportunity Gap

Kids in low-income, urban communities are not being given the same opportunities to reach their full potential as their more affluent peers.

OUR APPROACH

Place Full-Time Directors

Place full-time Program Directors in schools in high-need communities to serve as tutors, mentors, and coaches, maintaining a constant presence in the lives of the students we serve.

Build Relationships and Improve Success Through Long-Term Participation

Support students with comprehensive programming and strong relationships from sixth grade through high school graduation and beyond.





WHO WE ARE

We are coaches and connectors who use lacrosse to guide academic progress and prepare students for life after high school.

We locate in cities where lacrosse is emerging and additional educational support is needed. We form mutually beneficial partnerships with schools and community leaders to empower the diverse youth we coach. We play the long game, nurturing authentic relationships with students and families from sixth grade through high school graduation. **Ultimately, we use our spaces, relationships, and skills to expand educational access and opportunity and foster diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging in lacrosse.**

WHAT WE BELIEVE

- **Systemic inequities harm our youth.** Girls and children who are Black, Brown, Indigenous, and LGBTQ+ are disproportionately impacted by unjust laws, policies, and cultural biases that force them to jump needless hurdles throughout childhood.
- **Lacrosse builds power.** Individually, lacrosse develops physical, emotional, and relational strength. Globally, lacrosse brings together people, resources, and passion. We believe this sport can be harnessed for equitable youth empowerment.
- **Students deserve agency.** Our students are playing the game of life. They leverage their skills, energy, and networks to score their personal goals. Our role is not to run the field for them, but to coach them toward victory.
- **Progress takes time.** On-time graduation is possible. Vibrant diversification of our sport is possible. DI status is possible. Working with our students day after day, year after year through responsive programming equips them to turn their ambitions into realities.
- **Diversity enriches lacrosse.** The future of lacrosse depends on inclusion. Teams around the nation and world become stronger when they recruit athletes with identities that have been historically overlooked and systemically excluded.

OUR APPROACH



We Coach Students.



We Empower Youth Autonomy.



We Motivate Academic Success.



We Build Equitable Systems



OUR IMPACT

WE EXPAND EDUCATIONAL ACCESS AND OPPORTUNITY, USING EVERYTHING ABOUT THE SPORT WE LOVE TO HELP THE STUDENTS WE LOVE CHASE THEIR BOLDEST DREAMS.



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Playing the Long Game

599 Harlem Lacrosse alums have now reached HS graduation age and they are outperforming their peers in key measures of post-secondary success. Our recent high school class of 2023 boasted remarkable achievements, with 35 graduates heading off to play collegiate athletics and 34 becoming first-generation college attendees. The most exciting part is these numbers are set to double in the next four years! The Harlem Lacrosse program model is built upon long-term engagement and support, and we are thrilled to be able to follow our students all the way through high school graduation and beyond.

94%
HS Graduation Rate
(U.S. average is 85%)

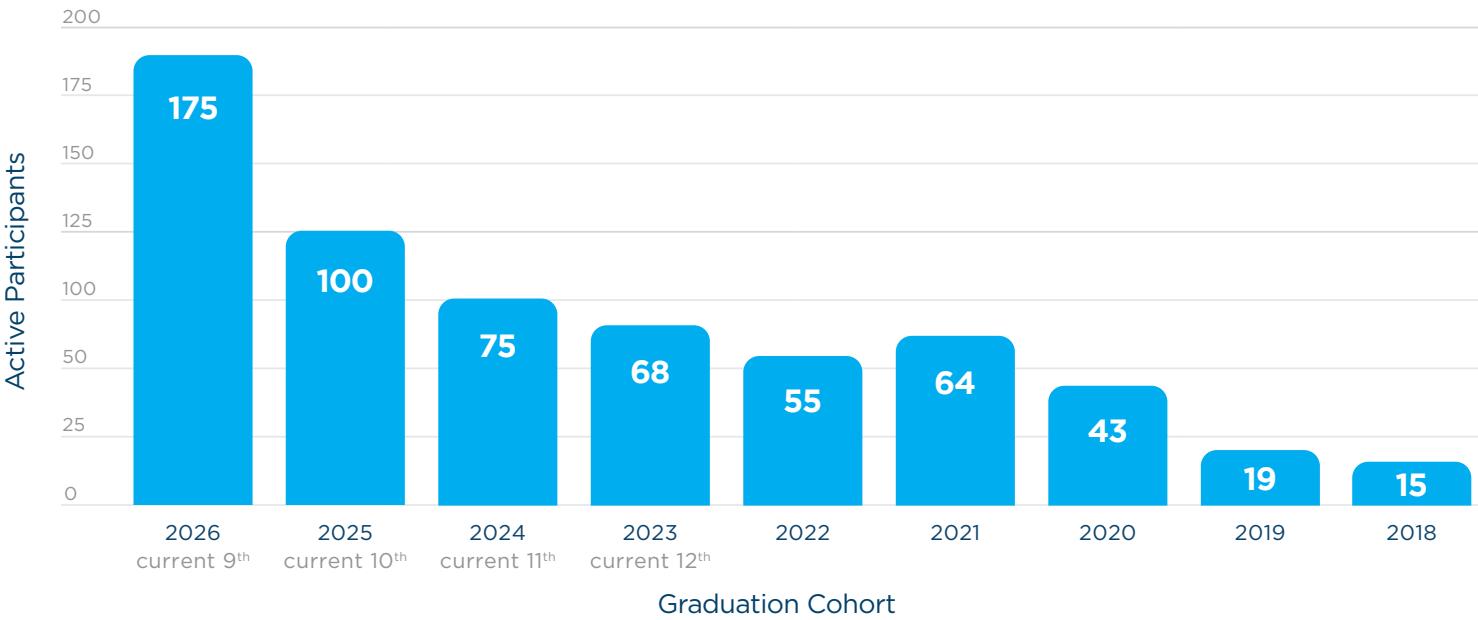
88%
College Matriculation Rate
(U.S. average was 66% in 2019)

\$85M+
in scholarships earned
(since 2011)

89%
College Persistence Rate
(national avg. was 81% in 2020)

The Road Ahead

Harlem Lacrosse Participation Pipeline



Access and Internships

Thank you to the corporate partners who opened their doors to provide summer internships to Harlem Lacrosse students.



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New York

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Frederick Douglas Academy High School

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Brickhouse Lacrosse	Elms University	Long Island Lacrosse Journal
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The Women's Impact Network addresses systemic and programmatic challenges, provides intentional opportunities for networking and mentorship and raises funds in support of the girls of Harlem Lacrosse.

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"What truly sets Harlem Lacrosse apart is the dedication to creating a welcoming and inclusive environment for all. It's a safe haven for kids; regardless of their lacrosse skills or academic achievements, they can be themselves, have fun, and thrive. Within its nurturing embrace, I've learned valuable life lessons, developed responsibility, and formed lasting bonds with mentors and teammates alike. Harlem Lacrosse offers so much more than just a sport. It provides a platform for kids to explore new horizons, travel to different places, and meet incredible people from different backgrounds. The program's emphasis on inclusivity ensures that more individuals of color can participate in this beautiful sport, fostering a sense of unity and diversity within the lacrosse community. This program has helped shape me into a confident, capable, and compassionate individual on and off the field. It has taught me that anything is possible with determination and the proper support."

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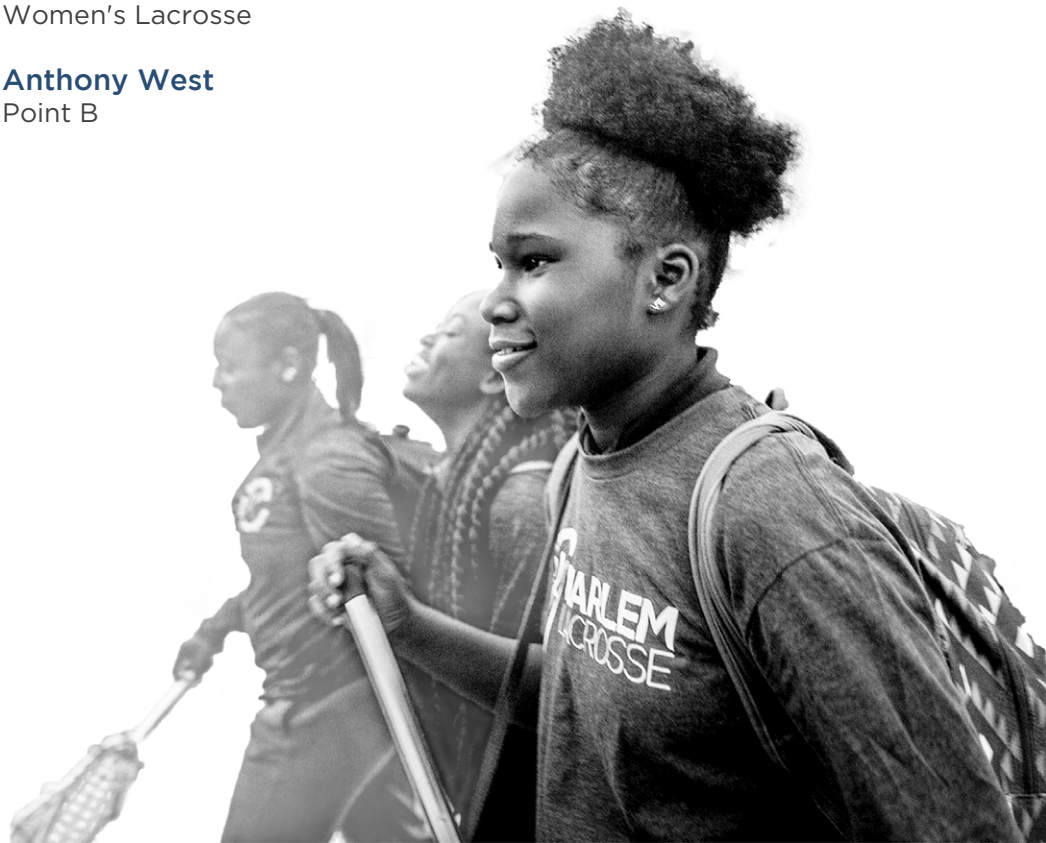
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Lacrosse



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Opportunity



Equity



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