

Jack B. Kaley Scholarship

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Coach Jack B. Kaley (*1938 – †2021)

Jack B. Kaley, a Legend of Lacrosse. Kaley's career spanned **50 years**, starting as a high school coach on Long Island in 1964 and ending as German national team coach in 2014. He coached at East Meadow (N.Y.) from 1968-85, amassing a 227-90 record and winning four Nassau County championships as well as three Long Island titles.

After seven seasons as an assistant at St. John's Kaley restarted the NYIT program in 1993 and led the Bears to the national championship game the next year. The team made five more title game appearances under Kaley, **winning NCAA championships in 1997, 2003, 2005 and 2008**. He went 185-33 at NYIT (0.85 winning-%), making him one of the most winning coaches in all NCAA.

At the international level, Kaley was the **U.S. Men's National Team assistant** coach in 1974. He then coach the **German national team** from 2002-2014, teaching a whole generation of German players and competing at 4 World Games and 3 European Championships. True highlights were a solid 6th place at the 2010 World Games as well as winning his last game as a national coach against Ireland in 2014. His passionate, sometimes intense approach to coaching never subsided.

Kaley was a three-time conference coach of the year and a **five-time Division II Coach of the Year**. He was named the **USILA's Howdy Myers Man of the Year in 2007**. He also coached with the New York Lacrosse Club, the Long Island Lacrosse Club and the North Hempstead Lacrosse Club.

All told, he compiled over **500 victories** in his coaching career. In addition to being a member of the **National Lacrosse Hall of Fame**, Kaley was also inducted into six other halls of fame in recognition of his outstanding contributions to lacrosse.

More than the wins and accomplishments, Kaley was often lauded for his **personal demeanor and care** for others.

"As long as I can keep coaching, I will," - **Jack B. Kaley**.



The motivation

In 2002, German Lacrosse was still in the very early years, but the national team already competed in international tournaments. Right before the **World Games in Australia** that year, the position of the Head Coach got vacant unintentionally only six weeks before the tournament. It was a bit of luck that Coach Kaley's contact information got to the staff through a family connection as Coach Kaley's beloved wife, Monika, was originally from Germany and always had a strong connection to her roots. Hearing about the desperate situation of Team Germany, it took Coach Kaley about 10 minutes, including a short call with his wife Monika, to decide on joining the team in down under. This was the start of a **12-year journey** of great coaching, thoughtful mentoring, some annoying defeats, many shining wins and true friendship.

Through these years, it has always been Coach Kaley's conviction that **hard work does pay off**, which he demanded from his players every time they stepped onto the Lacrosse field. To him, no player should ever walk but run on the field during practice, and if one would be caught not doing so, it would mean to immediately sprint "**four-corners**" to make up for it. Making mistakes during a games was never held against an individual player, as long as he would work hard to get three ground balls after. His credo, if a player works hard during practice, **no matter who**, that player would get playing time on gameday. Some of his golden rules will never be forgotten:

Be the best in something.

If we have the ball, others can't score. We must get the groundballs.

50/5/2: To get better, practice 50 weeks a year, 5 days a week, 2 hours a day.

Give back to the game.

In the same sense, **it should never be about money** to enable the hardest workers to play for the German National Team. Therefore, we want to honor Coach Kaley's vision and support this cause to financially relieve **the hardest working players** to push forward and see their dedication, on and off the field, pay off.

This scholarship is not only focusing on the hard work to play well, but also on the **hard work giving back and supporting** at the local level too. **German Lacrosse Clubs need role models**, and with this scholarship, we believe we are supporting the growth off such role models in Germany.

The Jack B. Kaley scholarship

In recognition of outstanding Lacrosse commitment, the JBK scholarship committee rewards up to **5* German men national team players** each year through a **comprehensive scholarship awarding process**. The scholarship supports the recipient financially to participate at international Lacrosse tournaments representing Germany.

The scholarship is funded by **former German national team players, partners and Lacrosse enthusiast** with the aim to provide monetary support and giving back to the next generation on German national team players.

Each scholarship is funded with up to **2.000,00€**** and goes directly to the recipient for individual financial support at own discretion.

*number of recipients might vary depending on quantity & quality of applications within each cycle

**final amount of each scholarship might vary depending on quantity & quality of applications as well as total fund amount available within each cycle

2023 Jack B. Kaley Scholarship

„Harte Arbeit zahlt sich aus.“

„In etwas der Beste sein.“

„Dem Lacrosse-Sport etwas zurückgeben.“

Im Gedenken und zu Ehren des legendären und langjährigen **Nationalmannschaftstrainers Jack B. Kaley** wurde **2022 erstmals ein Stipendium in seinem Namen ins Leben gerufen**. Das Stipendium soll **jungen Nationalspielern mit einer finanziellen Unterstützung helfen**, damit diese die Kosten für die Teilnahme an internationalen Turnieren besser stemmen können. **Junge Nationalspieler sind in ihren Vereinen oft wichtige Vorbilder**. Mit ihrem Know-how, ihrem Engagement und ihrer Initiative haben sie einen wesentlichen Einfluss auf die nächste Generation. Dieses Engagement soll durch dieses Stipendium gefördert und eingefordert werden. Der Schwerpunkt liegt auf **ehrenamtlicher Arbeit und darauf, dem Sport innerhalb der Lacrosse-Gemeinschaft etwas zurückzugeben**.

Bis zum Ende des Bewerbungszeitraums 2023 wurden zahlreiche Bewerbungen eingereicht. Hervorzuheben ist, dass die **Werdegänge und das Engagement der Bewerber von äußerst hoher Qualität waren**. Die jungen Nationalspieler sind nicht nur spielerisch herausragend, sondern setzen sich auch dafür ein, **den Sport in Deutschland auf allen Ebenen zu fördern**. Ein großer Dank geht auch an die Befürworter, die tolle Empfehlungen abgegeben haben, die zeigen, wie sich die Bewerber auf und neben dem Platz verhalten.

Dieses Jahr wurden die folgenden sechs Spieler mit einem **Gesamtbudget von 12.000 €** unterstützt, großzügig gespendet von ehemaligen Nationalspielern und Lacrosse-Enthusiasten.



David Beckmann



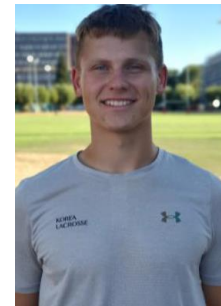
Felix Kins



Florian Werner



Kai Sontowski



Lasse Volquardsen



Mikhail Zinoviev

Wir freuen uns sehr, dass das **Stipendium 2023 in seinem zweites Jahr wiederholt erfolgreich war** und arbeiten bereits jetzt daran, dass der **JBK Scholarship auch 2024** wieder vergeben werden kann.

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