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Monday-Thursday: 12:00pm-4:00pm

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A Great Time to be a Spartan

- (1) Our [Boys Teams](#) continue to have success in the college recruiting scene, with 8 commits on the 2019 team and a much anticipated September 1st starting line for our talented 2020 Blue team.
- (2) In just the second year of new ownership, all of Next Level's programs experienced impressive growth including [Boys Summer Camps](#), [Girls Little & Big Spartans](#), [Girls Summer Camps](#), and [Boys Clinics](#).
- (3) An exciting partnership has been formed with Prince George's Pride, and starting this fall Next Level will become the official club partner of PG Pride and it's 450 members.
- (4) Our [Boys Staff](#) and [Girls Staff](#) are packed with young, knowledgeable, and committed coaches, who are great role models for our players.
- (5) We are forming a new partnership with Warrior/New Balance to bring the most elite gear to our Bethesda and online store.

These are just a few of the BIG things happening at Next Level Lacrosse. Be sure to register for tryouts (BOYS, GIRLS**) to join our family for the 2018-2019 year!**

We hope you enjoy the newest edition of our newsletter. Read below, visit our [website](#), and stop by the facility soon to understand why it is truly a great time to be a Spartan!

What's the Latest?

Travel team tryouts for the 2018-2019 lacrosse year will take place **August 16-19** for both the boys and girls programs. Register TODAY to try out and join the Next Level

Lacrosse family!

Be sure to get the rust off at our elite prep camps held the days leading up to tryouts!

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[BOYS PREP CAMP](#)
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Congratulations to Coaches [Dave Mitchell](#), [Ryan Whyte](#), and the [NL 2023 Blue Team](#), who went 5-2 in the program's first appearance in the [World Series of Youth Lacrosse](#).

They also finished with a ranking of [#4 in the u13 Inside Lacrosse World Rankings](#) and had four players named to the All-World team (Maliik Wood, Pasha Hakimi, Sam Whitehurst, and Will Abramson).

Former Next Level Lacrosse coach and director, Sean Aaron, helped lead the Australian National Team to a semifinal appearance and an overall #4 world ranking in the FIL Men's World Championship. Current Next Level coach, Max Rosner, was a defensive starter and team captain for the Philippines National Team who rose all the way to #10 in the world after an impressive showing in the tournament. Congrats, Coaches!



Congratulations to the latest recruits from the Next Level family: Henry Barbour (Gonzaga - 2019) committed to Trinity College and Billy Banfield (Landon - 2019) committed to Gettysburg College this summer. Both of these young men are physical, hard-working, and athletic players who grind on every play.



Congratulations to a couple of our girls teams who tore it up this spring! Our [2028/2029](#) team went *undefeated* and our [2024/2025](#) team won their division in the Metro Girls Lacrosse League (MGLL). The future is bright with this program!



Despite participating in some of the best tournaments in the country, the Next Level travel teams had a very strong showing this summer. Some highlights include:

- [NL 2020 Blue made it to the Championship Game of CrabFeast](#)
- NL 2024 finished 2nd in Lake Placid
- NL Varsity Red won the Bay Bridge Brawl
- NL 2025 won the Bay Bridge Brawl
- NL 2024 won the Crabs Young Guns
- NL 2020 Blue made it to the Semifinal Game of Platinum Cup
- [NL 2023 Blue made it to the Semifinal Game of World Series of Youth Lacrosse](#)

Next Level Lacrosse, Prince George's Pride Lacrosse (PG Pride), & PGLC are proud to announce their exciting partnership that will bring the best of club lacrosse and recreational lacrosse together under one roof. Starting this 2018-19 season, Next Level will become the official club lacrosse partner of PG Pride and it's 450 players. PG Pride's club offering, PGLC, will be consolidated into the Next Level organization who will continue to field teams from their Bethesda, MD headquarters but now from College Park, MD as well.



Latest highlight videos:

- [Billy Banfield, Midfield, Landon 2019](#)
- [Stephen Bickel, Attack, St. Andrews 2019](#)
- [Max Iseler, Attack, Gonzaga 2019](#)
- [Tucker Wardell, Midfield, O'Connell 2019](#)
- [Lucas Andersen, Goalie, Landon 2020](#)
- [Kevin Christmas, Attack, Georgetown Prep 2020](#)
- [Ryan Giles, Long Stick Midfield, Landon 2020](#)
- [Merrick Willeford, Faceoff, Churchill 2020](#)
- [Clay Weiss, Midfield, Gonzaga 2020](#)

More Spartan Highlights

- Summer camps were another **huge** success! The girls camp at Landon DOUBLED in size from 2017, the boys camps added two new sessions at The Heights and St. Albans, and both boys camps at Landon had over 100 players present. It's no secret that Next Level Lacrosse summer camps are some of the best in the area!
- Our Next Level girls coaches got together in June to play in the Shootout for Soldiers tournament in Washington D.C.! Thanks to our NL families and these "Lady Spartans" for raising over \$1,500 towards an awesome cause!
- With the PGLC merger, Next Level is excited to add three terrific coaches and former Maryland Terrapin standouts; Pat Young, Isaiah Davis-Allen and [Ben Chisolm](#). All of these Terps will continue to coach the Next Level Prince George's teams, as well as help with the Bethesda-based teams whenever possible. Current Terrapin faceoff starter, [Justin Shockey](#), joined the family this summer to help with Face-off Development!
- The Next Level Summer Sports Camp has been a hit with a great list of new games added to the rotation, including indoor laser tag and bubble ball. As if flag football, ultimate frisbee, dodgeball, capture the flag, and others weren't enough!
- Fall clinics will be open for registration soon! Check the [BOYS](#) and [GIRLS](#) clinic pages for options!

Meet the Coaches - John Schiavone



1. What is your advice to any young FOGO these days?

A. Practice, Practice, Practice! Technique + Repetition = Speed

B. BUT ALSO WORK TO BE A WELL-ROUNDED ATHLETE. With something as specific as facing off, fogos tend to get caught up in the draw. We work very hard on the clamp or any other primary move. Yet, we forget that a win is designated by TEAM possession. Coaches know how important a draw itself is but they also know how imperative that ground ball is to a fast break, to a clear, to a possession. This means the chances of you getting on the field increase ten-fold if you know and can execute what to do once the play has left the face off X...

2. What's your most memorable moment from playing lacrosse?

I played my college ball at Loyola University, Maryland. Besides spending years with 45 peers working to accomplish the same goal, or forging unbelievable friendships, one memory does stand out. By the spring season of my junior year, Ridley Athletic Complex was completed. If you know Mount Ridley, you know it is one of the greatest [and hardest traveling] places to play lacrosse in the country. On a rain-soaked Saturday against a top tier Duke Blue Devils team, in front of a sold out crowd of colored rain ponchos, I had the honor of taking the first ever face off in Ridley. I do not have the words to describe how fast my heart was beating at the time but let's just say it's a good thing I was young and healthy. And for anyone wondering, it was the first face off win for Loyola at Ridley.

3. What other sports did you play in high school and what did you learn from playing them?

On top of almost year round lacrosse, I played football in my early high school years but also swam/dove for Good Counsel. I think the most important lesson from playing several sports is that adversity can come in all shapes and sizes. It can come in the form of 6'2 defenseman standing between you and the goal. It could be a 3-meter diving board that you never liked to practice; because smacking from that height leaves bruises too. Adversity can come in the form of a 1500-meter free style race where you are battling yourself, fatigue, and a clock. Experiencing different forms of adversity allowed me to build a certain level of mental toughness that allowed me excel athletically.

Fall Little & Big Spartans Training Programs

Held at Washington Episcopal School's beautiful turf field, the Little & Big Spartans Programs have become a staple of Next Level. The programs are designed for introductory to intermediate-level players and are a fun way to learn and play lacrosse.

- [Boys Training Programs](#)
- [Girls Training Programs](#)

Travel Team Tryouts - August 16-19



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