

Bethlehem Girls' Varsity Lacrosse

2020

SENIOR PROGRAM

Honoring:

Lindsay Ayres #19
Amy Burdick #25
Damla Cicek #3
Mae Healy #10
Brynn Jones #6

Katie Kirby #4
Mia Macdonald #20
Kiersten Murray #22
Olivia Noonan #14
Caroline Wise #5



Dear Parents, Family, and Friends,

The 2020 Bethlehem Girls' Varsity Lacrosse team is happy you are joining us for today's Senior Celebration.

Thank you for helping make today a special event for our Senior players and their families. Many thanks to Coach Blanchard, Coach Schwan and Coach Riegel for their dedication, guidance and support.

This season did not happen the way we imagined, but this Senior class has had a lasting impact on Bethlehem Girls' Lacrosse. We congratulate our Seniors and wish them the best of luck in the future.



Bethlehem Girls' Varsity 2020 Roster

Head Coach - Danielle Blanchard

Assistant Coaches - Mackenzie Riegel, Ian Schwan

<u>Player</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Player</u>	<u>Year</u>
Lindsay Ayres*	2020	Mia Macdonald	2020
Amy Burdick	2020	Caroline Marotta	2024
Alaina Canova	2021	Kiersten Murray	2020
Maddy Cerza	2022	Olivia Noonan	2020
Damla Cicek	2020	Maire Owens	2022
Bella Cremo	2021	Nina Palella	2024
Avery Daggett	2021	Caroline Reilly	2022
Riley Donovan	2023	Lauren Riker	2021
Julia Harvey	2021	Ella Stewart	2021
Mae Healy	2020	Devin Tietjen	2021
Phoebe Hosford	2022	Julia Weinert	2022
Avery Jones	2021	Caroline Wise*	2020
Brynn Jones*	2020		
Katie Kirby	2020		
Amanda Koch	2021		

* Captains for 2020 season

Lindsay Ayres

Total Years Played: 12

Total Years on Varsity: 4

Position: Midfield



Lindsay has been playing lacrosse since kindergarten and started playing for the school in 7th grade. She also played outside of school for Albany Elite, Skywalkers, and ADK.

She would like to thank all of her coaches throughout the years. Special thanks to Coach P, Coach Schwan, Coach Blanchard, and Coach Riegel for always pushing her to be better and for their endless support on and off the field. She would also like to thank her club coaches Bill White, Kim Waters, and Greg Giombetti for helping her train during the summers.

She would like to thank her parents for all of their encouragement and support, as well as the endless rides to practices and summer tournaments, and her sister, Caroline, for being her biggest fan. Finally, she would like to thank her teammates and fellow seniors for always making her laugh and for being her best friends.

Lindsay will continue her academic and athletic career in college where she will be majoring in business and playing Division I Lacrosse at UMass Amherst in the fall.



Amy Burdick #25

Total Years Played: 7

Total Years on Varsity: 2

Position: Attack



Amy has played lacrosse for 7 years through school and club programs. She has played for Bethlehem since 7th grade and ADK since 9th grade. This is her second year on Varsity, playing attack as number 25.

She would like to thank every coach who has pushed her to be the best athlete possible. Especially Kim Wise who shaped her athletic toughness starting in just third grade. She would also like to thank Coach Schwan for putting together workouts and conditioning drills all preseason. Also to Coach Blanchard for everything she does to line our team up for success.

Some of her favorite lacrosse memories are playing in our “where’s waldo?” Shorts on Screaming Eagles, having a full-blown mud practice last year in the rain, and every bus ride with the team.

She would also like to let her team know how much they all mean to her and how thankful she is to be on a team that holds so much love and passion for the sport and each other. She thanks you for your continued dedication to lacrosse in these days off and wishes Bethlehem the best of luck in all future seasons.

Amy will be attending the University of Washington in Seattle this fall to study architecture and urban planning.



Damla Cicek #3

Total Years Played: 5

Total Years on Varsity: 2

Position: Defense



Damla Cicek has been playing lacrosse for the past 5 years. She started her career on modified in 8th grade.

She would first like to start off by giving a huge thank you to Coach Shannon for making her a part of the team modified year. Damla picked up a stick for the first time at her modified tryout and was fortunate enough to start her lacrosse career there. She would like to thank her parents and siblings for all their support and for attending her lacrosse games in all different types of weather. She would like to thank her very best friend, Kiersten Murray, for convincing her to start this sport way back when and for being her passing partner for all these years. She would also want to give a huge thank you to Blanchard and Schwan for pushing her to be the best that she could be, especially after her injury.

Damla's favorite memories are winning sectionals last year against Shen, beating Saratoga all three times, and the one practice in the mud and rainy weather where coach Schwan had made them all lie on their stomachs for a drill. Her absolute favorite memory was going to states and staying overnight.

Finally, she would like to thank her team. This year did not go as expected, but she and her team were always so positive throughout it, especially during those online workouts. She would also like to congratulate all the seniors and thank them for pushing her for all these years and being so supportive. Damla will be attending University at Albany her fall semester and will be pursuing her medical, or educational career.



Mae Healy #10

Total Years Played: 11

Total Years on Varsity: 3

Position: Attack



Mae has played lacrosse for 11 years. She started playing with the Screaming Eagles.

First, she would like to thank all of her coaches throughout the years. She would like to thank coach Blanchard, coach Schwan, coach Regial and coach P for always pushing her to play her best and always being there for her. She would also like to thank Ron Greenfield for his guidance and support.

She would like to thank her parents for their continued support, encouragement and being her personal taxi. Lastly, she would like to thank all of her teammates and her fellow seniors for being her best friends on and off the field.

She will miss the fake tans, tik toks and funny moments on the field. Mae will be attending CU Boulder and majoring in journalism next fall.



Brynn Jones #6

Total Years Played: 12

Total Years on Varsity: 3

Position: Defense

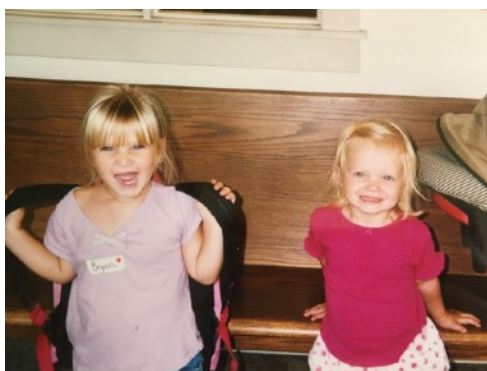


Brynn has been playing lacrosse for 12 years, beginning in kindergarten. Beginning to play for Lower Bucks Lacrosse through 8th grade, playing for the Lawrenceville School as a freshman, and finishing her high school career at Bethlehem. Brynn also enjoyed playing for her club lacrosse team Ultimate Lacrosse.

Brynn would like to thank all the coaches that have taught her and made her into the player that she is today. Thank you to Michele DeJuilius and all the opportunities she has given Brynn. Thank you to Coach P, who welcomed Brynn into the program and gave her never ending guidance and support not only on the field, but off the field as well- you have changed the way she sees the game. Thank you to Coach Schwan and Coach Blanchard for their persistent efforts in the off season and for building this team into hardworking champions.

Brynn would like to thank her family for being the greatest support system out there, and specifically her sister Avery who has pushed her and been by her side through it all. I very special thank you goes out to Brynn's mom, Erin Jones. Her mom has not only been the best coach she has ever had, but she taught Brynn everything she knows about lacrosse, and has gotten Brynn to where she is today. Brynn wants to say thank you for never giving up on her, and for pushing her when she needed it most. Thank you for teaching her what it means to love the game, and for sharing your love of it with her.

Finally, Brynn would like to thank her teammates, who are not only her best friends, but her family. Thank you for the unforgettable memories and laughter. She is so proud of everything you have accomplished, and she wishes she could have had one more year with you. Brynn will continue her lacrosse career next year playing D1 lacrosse at Davidson College.



Katie Kirby #4

Total Years Played: 10

Total Years on Varsity: 3

Position: Attack



Katie has played lacrosse for 10 years starting in 3rd grade. She played on Bethlehem's Modified, JV and Varsity teams and also played on club teams including Albany Power, ADK and Albany Elite.

Katie would like to thank Coach Blanchard for all of her guidance over the past 4 years and for pushing her to become the athlete, person and leader she is now. Katie would also like to thank Coach Schwan for his unmatched dedication to the team and for all of his hard work preparing them in preseason this year.

Some of her favorite lacrosse memories are the banquet at states, being a captain of the JV team, and the 2014 Harvard tournament with Screaming Eagles.

Katie would like to thank all of her fellow seniors for being such amazing teammates, friends and young woman, and for always supporting her on and off the field. She would like to thank the team this year for their dedication in the preseason and for continuing to raise her spirits even in quarantine (Shoutout Bella for being the best workout buddy ever). Katie will be attending the University of Richmond in the fall to study pre law and hopes to keep lacrosse in her life by playing club for the Spiders.



Mia Macdonald #20

Total Years Played: 6

Total Years on Varsity: 3

Position: Defense



Mia started playing lacrosse in third grade and loved it so much that she wore her uniform regardless if it was game day or not. She played defense for all three of her schools, ending her career with two years on varsity at Bethlehem.

Mia would like to thank her mom for being her coach for her first four years and her biggest fan for the other six and her dad for getting mad at the refs on her behalf and for providing post-game analysis. Mia would also like to thank Coaches Blanchard and Schwan for making her years of Bethlehem lacrosse memorable ones.

Mia's favorite memory was dying her hair with her teammates in honor of winning sectionals! She will be attending Boston College in the fall, studying applied psych and human development.



Kiersten Murray #22

Total Years Played: 7

Total Years on Varsity: 2

Position: Attack



Kiersten has been a member of the Bethlehem Girls Lacrosse program since 6th grade. She has spent the past two seasons on varsity as both an attackman and defender. Outside of school, she has also played for the Screaming Eagles, Legion and ADK.

Kiersten would like to start by thanking all of her coaches, especially Coach Shannon, Coach Schwan and Coach Blanchard. An additional shoutout and thank you to Coach Petraccione for always being there for her outside of lacrosse and being a friendly face in the BCHS halls. And to her family, thank you for all the support throughout the years. Kiersten is forever grateful for all of the friendships formed and memories made alongside her teammates. She will never forget dancing on the field to Kill the Lights after winning the Sectional Title, the trip to Cortland for States, and always playing games at the start of practice.

Next year Kiersten will be attending Fairfield University and will be majoring in Nursing.



Olivia Noonan #14

Total Years Played:

Total Years on Varsity: 2

Position: Goalie



Olivia has played lacrosse for six years, starting in seventh grade. She started on the school's modified team and played through to varsity. She also played club for Screaming Eagles, Albany Elite, and ADK.

Olivia gives her thanks to her friends for encouraging her to start lacrosse, to her parents for driving her to endless practices and tournaments, rain or shine. She also would like to thank her many coaches and mentors like Coaches Pettracione, Blanchard, Shannon, and Schwan, Jill Rizzo, and Katherine Chiarella.

She will never forget the amazing memories she experienced with her teammates, like the bus rides, locker room pump ups, going to Cortland, and their many inside jokes.

Finally, Olivia would like to thank her teammates and coaches for pushing her to be the best she could be, on and off the field. While she is saddened by the loss of their season, she is forever grateful for everything the sport has given her. Olivia will be attending Gettysburg College in the fall where she hopes to major in political science and play club sports.



Caroline Wise #5

Total Years Played: 7

Total Years on Varsity: 4

Position: Midfield



Caroline has played lacrosse for Bethlehem for 6 years starting with 2 years on modified, followed by 4 on varsity. She has also spent all of those summers playing travel for Legion, followed by ADK.

She would like to thank Coach Petraccione and Coach Riegel for developing her as a player and specifically on the draw and for helping her through the recruiting process. She would also like to thank Coach Blanchard and Coach Schwan for an incredibly exciting season in which they coached the team to sectional and regional titles.

She would like to thank her family for coming to all of her games and supporting her through all of these years. She couldn't have done it without them.

Her favorite memories will always revolve around all of the slogans and inside jokes, TikToks, scavenger hunts, and pizza parties, along with beating Saratoga in overtime in the sectional semifinal revenge game.

Lastly she would like to recognize her team for making every practice and game the best part of her day. Although the seniors didn't have another run to states, she expects a state championship win from next years team. She is very grateful to have played with such passionate, yet fun teammates for all of these years. Caroline will continue her academic and athletic career in college playing division I lacrosse while studying business on a pre-med track at UMass Amherst in the fall.









