

COMMUNITY & BROTHERHOOD

CORPS LACROSSE TEAM

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I am the Corps Lacrosse Social Media and Logistics Officer this year. Corps Lacrosse has been a major outlet for me during my time in Aggieland. This is due to the community and brotherhood it has given me in the two years I have played on the team.

I came to A&M with zero lacrosse experience, but my buddy, Owen Sayeski '27, convinced me to give the sport a try. The two of us were taken under the wing of our senior, Cameron Close '24, and we didn't look back. The other upperclassmen on the team welcomed us with open arms and did their best to provide opportunities for success. I genuinely felt cared for and accepted on the team like I have never felt. I was given a spare stick, some hand-me-down pads, and I used my ROTC stipend to buy a used helmet so I could play.

The team is not without challenge though, as long hours of practicing in the heat led to many afternoons nursing painful blisters and shin splits. This training wasn't without benefit either, because that conditioning transferred over to my performance in the Corps and Marine Corps ROTC physical fitness tests. The dedication to improvement made me earn personal best run times on my three-mile runs.

When the time came to actually play matches, our away games became the highlight of my semester. Road trips with the team to Louisiana and Corpus Christi gave us all fond memories. Along with having fun with other team members, we cultivated friendships with opposing team members during the games we played. Jersey swaps and social media exchanges have led to multiple reconnections with opponents which I will continue to play in upcoming seasons. The same can be said for many of my teammates, who are even more outgoing than me when it comes to lacrosse.

Due to the bonding nature of the team and the environment it fosters, I now have friends in almost every Corps outfit and every ROTC unit. This fulfills the premise that no matter where I go, I know there will be a familiar face, which I can count on.

The CCA has blessed the Corps Lacrosse team with financial support, and that support has been absolutely essential to our consistent improvement. Without the sponsorship of the CCA, we would never have been able to afford our road trips, hotel stays, or field rental fees. I speak on behalf of the team when I say we are all truly grateful for your dedication to our success. Thank you!

L-R: J.R. Vaquera, Owen Sayeski, Joseph Chipley, all teammates and Class of '27 Company C-2 Cocks.

