

## **Dr. Erik Johnson '92 (Special Recognition)**

An extraordinary athlete, selfless team player, and inspirational leader, Men's Lacrosse legend Erik Johnson helped transform the program into a cohesive competitive force. The ethos of excellence, commitment and teamwork he established continues to be a hallmark of Men's Lacrosse today.

Johnson set the all-time scoring record while playing both offense and defense. The mid-fielder, recalls teammate Michael Weinstein '91, was "a ferocious face-off man who rarely lost a possession and a sharp shooter with lethal accuracy." A multi-season team MVP, Johnson was elected co-captain as a sophomore, captaining the Thoroughbreds his junior and senior years.

Nicholas Lawrence '91 describes Johnson as "a quiet, but resolute pillar of strength who led by example, earning the love and respect of teammates." Pushing past challenging foot injuries, Johnson rallied the men during tough times. "He was a great motivator," notes Joshua Doxsee '91, "with the heart of a lion."

Johnson's passion for the sport never wavered. After a successful career in chiropractic medicine, he became a beloved teacher, coach, athletic trainer and ultimately, athletic director at private schools in Kentucky and Georgia. Johnson coached his Kentucky high school team to an undefeated state championship season and founded lacrosse programs in three states. His greatest joy, however, was coaching daughters Emma and Kate, both outstanding college athletes.