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## **HVLAX 2017 Scholarship**

### **WHAT HVLAX MEANS TO ME**

When asked what HVLAX means to me the first thing that comes to mind is friendship and a love for the game and preparation for the future. HVLAX is all about bringing kids together and putting all the Huntington kids onto one team and getting them prepared to play with each other for many years to come. As you prepare for the next 12 years together with your teammates you create close bonds with the kids you play with and friendships that last a lifetime.

Personally I've played in the HVLAX program since first grade and developed my skills throughout my time. I watched myself and my teammates get better over the years and the coaches at that level helped us become the players we are today. Playing in first grade gets you introduced to the sport, it's fun and it's all about having a good time. As I progressed over the years I found myself to become more competitive. I eventually became a big, hard hitting defense man, with the help of the coaches and other players. I learned from the coaches through the program how to become better player and teammate. I would like to add, many times my HVLAX coaches were there on the sidelines later in my middle school and high school days to support me and offer assistance to better me as an athlete.

Through all this preparation, I made some of the best friends I could ask for. Some of the guys I play with today in my senior year, I played with since first grade. Developing our skills together and the friendships we held created chemistry on and off the field. We all start out as little kids trying to score goals but become best friends, looking to win the whole state.

I wouldn't change a thing about my time in HVLAX. I have friends who I can count on and a lifetime of skill that can't be replaced by any other program. HVLAX is the reason I love the sport and developed me into the player I am today and I have friends who will always have my back.

Thank you HVLAX for an experience I will never forget. I appreciate your time and the opportunity to apply for this scholarship.