

**Ryan Adler**  
**Hobart College**  
**Ice Hockey, Defenseman**

Team Captain  
ECAC West All-Academic Team  
Hobart Scholar  
Founder, Hobart Hockey Helpers

I have had the pleasure of knowing Ryan for more than four years now and I am very familiar with his academic excellence, citizenship, teamwork and character. The level of passion and commitment that he puts toward all of his life endeavors is exceptional. Ryan has the full respect of his teammates for a number of reasons. Athletically, our relationship of player and coach has allowed me to see his true inner self because of the challenges one faces in the competitive sports environment. Although a talented player, it is his positive interaction with teammates and staff, his high desire to achieve as an individual, and his willingness to sacrifice to achieve a goal above himself that truly stands out. Ryan is a respected competitor because he consistently competes aggressively, yet with the same high level of accountability of himself as he demands of his teammates.

As a student Ryan is dedicated, focused and committed to high academic and career goals. He has already proven the ability to make decisions with sacrifices to achieve these goals. Ryan conducts himself in a professional manner and will leave a lasting positive legacy here at Hobart College. His citizenship and character qualities are of special value. Ryan's peers are quick to recognize his value and qualities; yet it is the fact that he has truly earned his achievements through dedication, effort and sacrifices that has earned their greatest respect. He provides a leadership quality that has and will continue to strengthen the academic and citizenship element of the hockey program. Although Ryan is certainly a leader by example because of how he conducts himself, he is also very effective in reaching out to teammates with academic and personal support. I believe it is his polite personality and genuine willingness to help others that makes him effective in this regard. The amount of time, energy and heart he has committed to community and humanitarian efforts is unmatched by any athlete I have come in contact with in my 20-plus years of coaching. Ryan truly wants to make a difference in society. His sincere discipline to the task at hand has allowed him to achieve so much, despite the demanding schedule of a college athlete. The level of role model Ryan presents as an elite, disciplined student-athlete and stand up citizen has greatly contributed to the development of our program's widely respected culture.

Although I look forward to our last season together in pursuit of a NCAA Championship, I do see beyond this and the importance of what my players will bring to society. Ryan's maturity, integrity, and desire to achieve goals bigger than himself will allow him to have a lasting legacy. The foundation of my program is based on character and passion and I fully endorse Ryan in both of these areas for your purpose.

Sincerely,  
Mark Taylor  
Head Hockey Coach

## COMMUNITY OUTREACH

- Founded the **Hockey Helpers (HH)** and partnered the organization with the **Wounded Warrior Project Foundation (WWP)**. Adler established HH to give the Hobart College hockey team and other NCAA hockey teams the opportunity to volunteer and give back through multiple service projects. Adler then partnered the HH with WWP to bring attention and support to the veterans wounded during war. The WWP is a 501(c)(3) non-partisan, non-profit organization that exists to provide tangible comfort and support to the new generation of severely injured service members upon their return home from Iraq, Afghanistan, and other areas around the world. In addition to developing a website ([www.hockeyhelpers.org](http://www.hockeyhelpers.org)), the foundation logo, apparel (hats, golf shirts, and sweatshirts), and literature, the foundation (spearheaded by Adler) has completed the following projects:
  - **November 2007** - Teamed up with Pike Construction (Rochester, N.Y.) to remake a veteran's house in Canandaigua, N.Y.
  - **November 2007** - Teamed up with the Flag Field of Honor Event at Seneca Lake State Park for Veterans Day, with the money raised going to the local VA and other groups.
  - **February 2008** – Designed and wore camouflage jerseys at a home game and raised over \$6,000 for the WWP with an auction
  - **April 2008** – Sent two camouflage jerseys over to veterans in Iraq.
  - **April 2008** - Teamed up with the Rochester Americans (American Hockey League) and Rochester Knighthawks (Indoor Lacrosse). HH raised over \$400 for the foundation at these events.
  - **August 2008** – Teamed up with the Syracuse Chiefs AAA Baseball Team for a game and held an auction.
  - **August 2008** – Signed a hat deal with Old Time Hockey in hope to spread throughout NCAA Hockey.
  - **September 2008** – Signed a deal with Tim Hortons for every save we make throughout the season, Tim will donate to the WWP at the end of the season.
  - **October 2008** – Held a golf outing and auction dinner, raising approximately \$2000, for the foundation.
  - **November 2008**—Teaming with Rochester Americans for Veterans Day game on Nov. 10 for the second year in a row. Proceeds will benefit the WWP.
  
- **ADDITIONAL VOLUNTEER WORK:**
  - **Annually** – Participated in the Heron Road Race 5K every year to help raise money for Breast Cancer.
  - **Academic Year 2007-08** – Admissions Blogger. Communicated with perspective students about Hobart and William Smith Colleges, answered questions, etc.
  - **September 2008** – Participated in the Day of Service at Hobart College.
  - **Summer 2008** – Participated in a program during summer internship at Royal Bank of Scotland collecting soaps and shampoos from hotels around the country with the help of our co-workers to donate to the local poor shelters.
  - **May 2008** – Volunteered to work at the Relay for Life event at Hobart College.
  - **Fall Semester 2005** – Worked in the America Reads Tutoring Program at an elementary school in Geneva, NY.

## **OTHER ACTIVITIES**

- **Druid Society, 2008-09** – One of seven seniors in the senior honor society which was founded in 1903. The Druid Society works to further the ideals of the College by promoting the values of character, loyalty and leadership. While "druid" refers to a legendary ancient Celtic priesthood in Irish and Welsh sagas, the Druids at Hobart College today are the guardians of Hobart tradition and advise the Dean of the College on matters relating to the Hobart Heritage.
- **Economic Student Committee, 2008-09** – One of ten students elected to the Economic student committee which participates in the hiring process in the department, including having lunch with each of the candidates, and attending each of their job talks.
- **Theta Delta Chi, 2008** – One of three students working on reestablishing the Theta Delta Chi fraternity on campus through the help of alumni, staff, and the national organization.
- **Sophomore Honor Society, 2005-06** – Part of the sophomore class honor society which recognizes promising rising sophomores who have been campus leaders in their first year at the College.

## **AWARDS**

- **Hockey Humanitarian Finalist, 2008** – NCAA award given annually to college hockey's finest citizen.
- **Bill Maxwell Award, 2008** – Presented annually at the Hobart College Block H Awards dinner to a student, member of the staff or faculty, or to a friend of the Colleges whose service mirrors the ideals of Dorinne Maxwell, who was actively involved in the Geneva community. The recipient selects a charity to receive a monetary contribution in his/her name, paid by the Dorinne Maxwell Citizen Award Fund, in her memory. In 2008, the donation went to the Wounded Warrior Project in Ryan Adler's name.
- **Educational Foundation Scholarship, 2008-09** – Received one of fifteen 2008 Educational Foundation scholarship awards through the Theta Delta Chi National Fraternity.
- **Dean Clarence Butler Endowed Scholarship Fund, 2007-08** - Available to third-year Hobart students who are active in campus life and are in financial need.
- **The Chain Scholarship, 2007-08 and 2008-09** - Awarded to Hobart students with obvious need during their junior and senior years who have demonstrated high personal integrity, are significant achievers academically, and who are constructive participants in the life of the College.
- **Hobart Scholar, 2005-06 and 2007-08.**

## **OTHER HONORS:**

2007-08: ECAC West All-Academic Team

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