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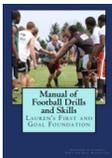
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\$2 Million Milestone Reached



Lauren's First and Goal Foundation is proud to announce that it has reached a milestone in its mission to battle pediatric brain tumors and support families fighting cancer. With the tremendous success of its camps this spring LFG has surpassed \$2 million raised to date. Since the camp began in 2004, more than 24,000 high school age players from across the nation have participated and contributed to the mission.

Approximately 300 student-athletes participated in the 7th-annual Ohio Lauren's First and Goal Football Camp on Saturday, June 4 at Otterbein University. The event, welcomed high school players across 12 states, and raised more than \$12,000 for pediatric brain tumor research for the third-straight summer. The 14th-annual camp was held at Lafayette College in Easton, PA, hosting 1,956 participants and raising a record \$120,000.

The camp is the primary fundraiser for Lauren's First and Goal Foundation, with all proceeds going directly to its mission of providing financial support for brain tumor research and cancer services, offering financial and emotional support to families

living with pediatric cancer, and increasing awareness of the disease.

During the one-day camp, players receive instruction in a variety of offensive and defensive skills from college coaches near and far. Ohio University head coach Frank Solich served as this year's guest speaker at the OH camp. He focused on being a well-rounded individual and meeting all daily standards. Penn State University head coach James Franklin spoke to the crowd at the PA camp, centering his message around core values of a positive attitude, great work ethic, competing in everything you do and being willing to sacrifice.

The football camps are just one way that people can support Lauren's First and Goal. Visit Lauren's [Circle of Strength](#) to learn more about additional opportunities to get involved. Follow the latest foundation news on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#).



Campers at LFG PA getting quality instruction from our volunteer coaches across Divisions I, II and III. (Top left and above) photos by Brielle Kaschak.

Online Ticket Auction

LFG continues its fall tradition of an annual online

football ticket auction thanks to the generosity of the our honorary board of directors and their programs.

Please visit our web site this football season at www.lfgf.org for a list of available tickets and links to the auction. All proceeds benefit LFG.



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LFG Visits Johns Hopkins Lab

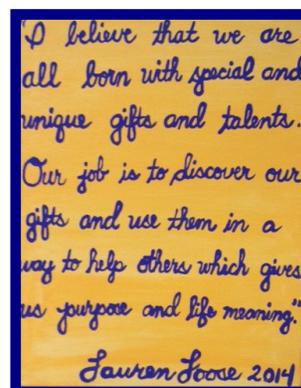
For the past ten years, Lauren's First and Goal Foundation has been partnering with researchers at the PA/PMA Research Fund, which focuses on targeted therapies for low grade astrocytoma brain tumors, at Johns Hopkins School of Medicine. This summer, Marianne, Lauren and Grace Loose had the honor of visiting with Drs. Fausto Rodriguez, Peter Burger, Eric Raab, Ken Cohen and their brilliant team of researchers in the Clinical Neuropathology and Neuro Oncology Research Departments and lab at Hopkins. All who participate in LFG football camps, volunteer and donate play a vital role in advancing this important and groundbreaking research.



Dr. Raab Marianne Loose, Grace Loose, Dr. Rodriguez, Lauren Loose during their visit this summer at the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine Research Lab (center photo), Lauren enjoying some time with some research mice! (left), and Grace checking out some slides under the microscope (right).

LFG's Online Art Auction

Inspired by Lauren's moving 2014 camp speech, LFG is holding a 3rd annual art auction, during Pediatric Cancer Awareness Month, featuring handmade quotes on canvas. Pieces will be displayed on the LFG website for auction throughout the month of September. All proceeds from the sale of the canvasses go toward the mission of the foundation. If you would like to see Lauren's 2014 speech in its entirety and to place a bid on a canvas, please visit the homepage of the LFG website @ www.lfgf.org.



LFG's COS Continues to Grow Strong

The network of family, friends and even strangers who join in working toward the mission of the foundation is Lauren's Circle of Strength. Pictured here are some of this year's newest members. To learn about what these amazing people have done to further the mission of LFG, visit www.laurenfirstandgoal.org/Circle-Of-Strength/Members/2016/. Charity Rugby, Retirement Breakfast, Lemonade Stand, Ninja Warrior Games, Shave for the Brave, hand made bracelets and dream catcher sale, and more!



Ohio University Coach Solich Speaks at LFG OH

Lauren's First and Goal was proud to have Ohio University head coach Frank Solich in his 18th season overall for the Bobcats, as featured guest speaker for the OH camp in June.

Coach Solich has been bowl-eligible in nine of the last ten years, having won 76 games since 2006 - the most among any team in the Mid-American Conference East Division - and has had student-athletes selected in the NFL draft in six of the past nine seasons. Coach Solich has led Ohio to back-to-back bowl wins and its first ever bowl win in 2011, winning the Famous Idaho Potato Bowl. He has directed Ohio to 76 wins since the start of the 2006 season. He has led Ohio to five straight bowl games (2009-13) and coached 72 All-MAC Players. He earned 2006 Mid-American Conference Coach of the Year. He served as the head coach of the Aina Team at the 2005 Hula Bowl. In 1999 and 2001 he was honored as Big 12 Coach of the Year.

Coach Solich's speech to campers emphasized maintaining a focus on becoming a well rounded individual. He also spoke to campers about the importance of meeting all daily standards. Coach Solich and the Otterbein staff also visited with oncology patients from Nationwide Children's Hospital throughout the day of the camp.

LFG and the Otterbein University staff was honored to host special guest Grant Reed and his family, including brother Colin and parents Denise and Troy. Grant, a high school student, OSU fan and brain tumor warrior shared some of his brain tumor journey with those in attendance, while his mom Denise stressed the importance of research into more effective and less toxic treatments.



Pictured above are Troy, Grant, Coach Solich, Colin and Denise Reed at LFG OH at Otterbein University.

James Franklin Keynote at LFG PA

Lauren's First and Goal Foundation held its 13th annual football camp at Lafayette College PA on June 5, 2016 with Penn State's James Franklin as its keynote speaker. This year's camp helped the foundation surpass \$2 million raised toward its mission to support pediatric brain tumor research, pediatric cancer services and family support.

Coach Franklin, a 21 year veteran in the collegiate and NFL coaching ranks, owns a 38-27 career record, with four consecutive winning seasons. He is in his sixth year as a collegiate head coach and has led his first five squads to a bowl game, with post-season victories in the past three of the last four years. Coach Franklin has mentored 16 players that have gone on to the NFL ranks and has secured Top 25 recruiting classes each of the last four seasons, including back-to-back Top 20 classes at Penn State.

Coach Franklin spoke graphically to the nearly 2,000 campers about the core values of the Penn State program that include the importance of a positive attitude, a great work ethic, competing in everything you do and the ability to sacrifice. Coach Franklin joins the ranks of Michigan's Jim Harbaugh, Army's Jeff Monken and the Houston Texan's Bill O'Brein who have also spoken at the camp in previous years.



Penn State Head Football Coach James Franklin shares some smiles with Lauren at LFG PA.



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