

1) Name: Ben Connelly

2) New Trier sport(s): Lacrosse

3) Suburb you lived in (when you went to New Trier): Kenilworth

4) What year did you graduate NT: 2015

5) Where do you live now: Chicago

6) Who was your coach: Tom Herrala

7) HS sport accomplishments/awards/honor:

- 2014, 2015 State championship
- 2x All American ('14, '15)

8) Favorite high school *individual sports* memory:

Getting to be on the same time as my older brother Jack in 2012

9) Favorite high school *team* memory: Winning State in over-time against Loyola in 2014

10) Who was your biggest team rival? Loyola Academy

11) Favorite class and/or teacher at NT:

Mr. Docktor- My freshman English teacher. He made me think and work hard every day of class. He prepared me really well for the rest of high school and through college.

12) Where did you attend college: Tufts University

13) Compare your HS sports experience to your college experience:

Both were unique in that I was fortunate enough to play with 2 groups of guys that enjoyed being around each other and loved working hard. New Trier and Tufts were two awesome programs I got to be a member of.

14) College sport accomplishments:

- 3x NESCAC Conference Champion
- 2016 National Runner-Up
- 3x All American

15) Favorite college sports moments: Winning the 3 conference championships

16) Area of study: American Studies

17) What do you do now? Analyst at EQ Office

18) If you could go back in time and give yourself advice/wisdom as you are starting Freshman year at New Trier, what would that advise be?

Nothing can ever replace hard work. Invest yourself fully into things you care about. Find ways to positively impact the world around you.

19) What would you do differently if you could do it again?

Nothing. New Trier was great to me, and I made some incredible connections through my time playing lacrosse there. I hope that the guys that continue to go through the program enjoy it as much as I did.



