

## Stony Brook Men's Lacrosse Announces Class Of 2010

Rising Seawolves ink 10 for next fall

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**Stony Brook, N.Y.** - Stony Brook men's lacrosse head coach [Lars Tiffany](#) has announced the commitments of 10 student-athletes who will join the program next fall. The Class of 2010 marks the biggest recruiting class to sign during the early period in the history of the Stony Brook men's lacrosse program.

Donning the Seawolf uniform next year will be: **D James Bush** (Centennial, Colo./Arapahoe HS), **A Tom Compitello** (Hauppauge, N.Y./Hauppauge), **M Josh Eustice** (Orchard Park, N.Y./Orchard Park HS), **G Alex Kajencki** (Medfield, Mass./Xaverian Brothers Academy HS), **M Greg Khanzadian** (Syracuse, N.Y./Christian Brothers Academy), **M Chris Lenoci** (East Meadow, N.Y./East Meadow HS), **M Mike Palmer** (Westbury, N.Y./W.T. Clarke HS), **A Chris Scott** (West Babylon, N.Y./North Babylon HS), **D Mike Sopko** (Shoreham, N.Y./Shoreham-Wading River HS), **D Steven Waldeck** (Levittown, N.Y./MacArthur).

"Our staff is excited about the men Stony Brook University has signed to the National Letters of Intent," said Tiffany. "These men will make us a better program on the field, in the classroom and in the community."

**Bush** is a defenseman from Arapahoe High School in Centennial, Colorado. He is a two-time All-State selection and the captain of his high school team. He played in the Colorado All-State game and was an all-star at Top 205 camp last summer. Bush also was an all-league pick as a wide receiver for the Arapahoe football team. "James brings excitement and athleticism to Stony Brook," said Tiffany. "He possesses outstanding speed which will give him the opportunity to compete for playing time early in his career."

**Compitello** will be a four-year performer at attack/midfield for Hauppauge High School in Hauppauge, N.Y. The offensive team MVP has tallied 58 goals and 37 assists in the last two seasons, earning all-division honors. He also was a member of the varsity football and basketball teams, earning all-division and all-county honors as a football player. "Tom is an outstanding competitor who is eager to prove himself at the next level and I foresee him being an integral member of our program," said Tiffany. "As a talented three-sport athlete in high school, he truly represents the type of recruit we look for at both attack and midfield."

**Eustice** stars at midfield for Orchard Park High School in Orchard Park, N.Y. Eustice earned all-conference honors as a junior after scoring 17 goals and 20 assists and was a member of the Western Team at the Empire State Games last summer. "Josh has the potential to be an impact player at the Division I level given his size and shooting skills," said Tiffany. "We look forward to working with Josh so that he can realize his potential."

**Kajencki** is an All-Catholic Conference goalie at Xaverian Brothers High School in Westwood, Mass. A team captain, Kajencki was voted team MVP after posting a .710 save percentage and a 4.42 goals against average last season. "Alex is one of the top goalie recruits in the high school class of 2006 and we are very happy to have him join our program," said Tiffany. "He has the talent and attitude to compete for playing time early in his career."

**Khanzadian** is a four-year letterwinner at midfield for Christian Brothers Academy in Syracuse, N.Y. He was a second-team All-Central New York pick and team MVP as a junior. He was selected as one of the Top 50 players at the Blue Chip 225 camps and was the captain for the last two years for Team Syracuse. He was a three-year varsity letterwinner as a running back and linebacker where he garnered second-team All-Central New York recognition. "Greg has a solid face-off game and great strength," said Tiffany. "Combine that with the toughness and drive he possesses and you have a young man who we are thrilled will be wearing a Seawolf uniform."

**Lenoci** is a midfielder at East Meadow High School in East Meadow, N.Y. A team captain, he also lettered in football. "Chris is a focused and prepared athlete," said Tiffany. "He is a welcome addition to our team and improves our overall athleticism."

**Palmer** is a three-year starter at midfield for W.T. Clarke High School in Westbury, N.Y. He was an all-conference selection as a junior after scoring 59 goals and 25 assists, one year following recording 44 goals and 30 assists as a sophomore. Palmer is also a four-year performer for the wrestling team and a three-year standout for the football team. "Mike is a speedster," said Tiffany. "He has an aggressive dodging style and attitude on the lacrosse field and will help our transition game immediately."

**Scott** is a two-time captain at attack for North Babylon High School in North Babylon, N.Y. Last season, he netted 37 goals and 22 assists. He also played tight end and safety for the football team that won the Long Island Championship in 2004. "Chris brings an attitude and a goal scorer's mentality to Stony Brook," said Tiffany. "A leader on the gridiron and lacrosse field for North Babylon, he will be looked upon to continue in such a role in college."

**Sopko is a four-year varsity performer on defense for Shoreham-Wading River High School in Shoreham, N.Y. An all-county selection, Sopko was a member of the 2003 Long Island Champions and the back-to-back Suffolk County championship teams for the last two seasons. Sopko also is a three-year starter for the soccer team in which he earned all-county honors last fall and was named the Huron Smith Memorial MVP in leading Shoreham-Wading River to the county title. In 2004, he won all-conference honors and was voted Section XI MVP. He also garnered all-league honors during the winter track season.**

**"Mike is a tenacious competitor," said Tiffany. "He has a field general personality and truly understands the importance of hard work and team chemistry."**

**Waldeck** is a three-year standout on defense for MacArthur High School in Levittown, N.Y. Last season, Waldeck led his team in assists and ground balls en route to all-county honors and being named the team defensive MVP. As a sophomore, he tied the school record with 18 ground balls in a single game. He also was a two-time captain for the football team, earning all-county honors as a wide receiver last fall.

"Steven is a fierce athlete," said Tiffany. "He has the speed and lateral quickness to continue to be an aggressive, physical defenseman at the collegiate level."

Stony Brook is coming off a 10-6 season in which it earned a Top 20 national ranking for the first time and advanced to the America East championship game. The Seawolves begin the 2006 season on February 25 in Charlottesville, Va. against the University of Virginia.