



2008 CAA Coach of the Year
2008 VaSID Coach of the Year

After leading the William and Mary lacrosse team to one of its most successful and exciting campaigns in the program's history last spring, Head Coach Christine Halfpenny enters her third year at the helm of the Tribe Lacrosse program.

Honored as the 2008 Colonial Athletic Association Coach of the Year, Halfpenny guided the College to a No. 1 seed in the conference tournament and a final national ranking of 20th. Halfpenny was also chosen as the 2008 Virginia Sports Information Directors (VaSID) University Division Coach of the Year after leading W&M to victories in eight of its final 11 games and an appearance in the CAA championship game. The Tribe registered four triumphs against ranked teams, including wins versus top-10 opponents Stanford and George Mason.

In addition to the team's success in '08, Halfpenny helped a number of Tribe players earn individual accolades. Five players garnered all-conference honors, highlighted by first-team selections Grace Golden and Jaime Sellers. Golden was also chosen as the CAA Rookie of the Year and the VaSID Rookie of the Year, while Sellers was named to the Intercollegiate Women's Lacrosse Coaches Association (IWLCA) All-South Region Second Team.

W&M student-athletes also excelled in the classroom, as 15 players earned the CAA Commissioner's Academic Award in 2008, bringing the College's total to 26 during the last two years.

Halfpenny took over the Tribe program during the summer of 2006 after a successful three-year stint as the top assistant at Duke University. During her first season in Williamsburg, Halfpenny began building the foundation for the success that would ensue in '08. In addition to the memorable upset victory against ninth-ranked James Madison at Albert-Daly Field, Kristen Wong and Sellers earned all-conference honors. Wong was also selected to the IWLCA All-South Region Second Team and later earned a spot on the U.S. National Elite Team during the summer of 2007.

Prior to coming to W&M, Halfpenny was part of a Duke staff that guided the Blue Devils to the 2005 Atlantic Coast Conference Championship and three-straight NCAA Tournament



The Halfpenny Family: Cole, Christine, Jackson and Matt

appearances, including national semifinal appearances in 2005 and 2006. While in Durham, Halfpenny's duties included serving as the head recruiting coordinator, team academic coordinator, strength and conditioning liaison, travel coordinator and compliance coordinator. Halfpenny also served as the goalkeeper coach, mentoring current Tribe volunteer assistant Megan Huether to First Team All-America honors in 2005, the same year the standout net-minder was named the IWLCA/US Lacrosse Goalie of the Year.

In each of her three seasons at Duke, Halfpenny's recruiting classes were ranked among the nation's top four, according to Inside Lacrosse, and included the nation's top class in 2005. She showed an equal commitment to work in the classroom, as the Blue Devils posted the nation's top team GPA (3.46) in 2004 and the nation's second-best team GPA (3.42) in 2005. Additionally, Halfpenny saw over 50 Blue Devils named to the ACC Honor Roll between 2004 and 2005.

Prior to her stint at Duke, Halfpenny was an assistant coach at her alma mater, Virginia Tech, during the 2002-03 academic year. In Blacksburg, Halfpenny served as the Hokies' head recruiting coordinator, travel coordinator and offensive coordinator. Halfpenny began her collegiate coaching career at Brown University as an assistant during the 2001 and 2002 seasons.

An active camp coach and counselor since 2000, Halfpenny directed the Duke Winter Lacrosse Camp in 2004-05 and has served as an assistant director at a variety of camps across the country. She is also an active member of both US Lacrosse and the IWLCA, serving on the coaches association growth committee in 2002-03.

Under Halfpenny's guidance, the College has hosted a number of clinics as well as a junior day event last spring.

A 1999 graduate of Virginia Tech, Halfpenny was a four-year letterwinner in lacrosse and a starter on the 1999 Hokies team that captured the Atlantic 10 Championship. She received the team's Coaches Award that year and was a member of the Athletic Directors Honor Roll in 1998 and 1999.

After graduating from Virginia Tech, Halfpenny worked at Cave Spring High School in Roanoke, where she was the head coach of the boys and girls varsity swimming team and assistant varsity tennis coach. She guided the boys swim team to Valley District, Northwest Region and AAA State titles in 2000.

A native of Latham, N.Y., Halfpenny and her husband, Matt, have two sons: Jackson, 3, and Cole, born on Jan. 9, 2009. Matt Halfpenny is Tennis Facility Coordinator at the Folkes-Stevens Indoor Tennis Center at Old Dominion University.

The Halfpenny Coaching Track

Year	School	Title
2001-02	Brown	Assistant Coach
2003	Virginia Tech	Assistant Coach
2004-06	Duke	Assistant Coach
2007-	William and Mary	Head Coach



TRIBE Lacrosse



**allison
EVANS**

**ASSISTANT COACH
SECOND SEASON
WILLIAM & MARY, 2003**

After an incredibly successful first season as William and Mary's top assistant coach, Allison Evans returns for her second year with the Tribe.

A former all-conference midfielder at W&M and a member of the U.S. National team, Evans was instrumental in leading the College to a No. 1 seed in the Colonial Athletic Association Tournament and a final national ranking of 20th. Additionally, the Tribe registered victories in eight of its final 11 contests and made an appearance in the CAA championship game. Among the College's four wins against ranked teams, two of them came against top-10 opponents (Stanford and George Mason).

In addition to the squad's success, Evans helped a number of W&M players earn individual honors. Five players were selected to all-conference teams, while Jaime Sellers garnered Intercollegiate Women's Lacrosse Coaches Association (IWLCA) All-South Region Second Team honors.

Evans' primary responsibilities include working with the Tribe's attack, as well as practice planning and overseeing the team's fitness program. Additionally, Evans serves as the program's recruiting coordinator and travel coordinator, as well as assisting with administrative duties for camps and clinics.

"I am excited to welcome Allison back to W&M to begin her coaching career," said Head Coach Christine Halfpenny upon the hiring in the fall of 2007. "Allison is a very bright, energetic, and hard-working coach. With Allison's playing experience at W&M and with the U.S. Elite team, she knows what it takes to compete at the highest level."

This January, Evans served as a presenter at the 2009 US Lacrosse National Convention in Baltimore, Md. Evans discussed effective coaching techniques of successful dodging. Her presentation covered various dodges, points of emphasis when teaching them, catch words and phrases to use and drills to help refine and teach skills necessary to execute a dodge.

In the summer of 2006, Evans was named to the United States Elite Team. The 24-player Elite team is comprised of individuals who demonstrate their exceptional abilities as lacrosse players with regard to skill, but also through leadership and sportsmanship.

At the College, Evans was a two-time All-CAA selection (2002, 2003) and a team captain during her senior season. Evans recorded 116 career points on 85 goals and 31 assists for the Tribe.

As a junior in 2002, Evans was a second-team all-conference selection after sharing the team-lead with a career-best 52 points on 33 goals and 19 assists. At the time, Evans' total of 19 assists was the 10th-best single-season mark in school history. She added a team-best 41 draw controls, which ranked fourth in the CAA, and also finished among the league's top-10 with 22 caused turnovers.

During her senior campaign, Evans once again shared the team lead with 43 points on a career-best 34 goals and nine assists. Evans also recorded career marks in ground balls (41) and caused turnovers (28) as a senior to once again earn second-team all-league honors. In the final game of her career, Evans scored six goals and added two assists for eight points in an 18-10 victory against Towson.

Prior to joining the Tribe program in 2007, Evans worked as a financial analyst for JPI, a real estate developer in McLean, Va., and an asset analyst for the Mills Corporation in Chevy Chase, Md. After graduating from W&M in 2003, Evans served as the lacrosse coach at St. Mary's School in England for a year and later at Annandale High School, her alma mater.

A native of Annandale, Va., Evans graduated from W&M with a degree in psychology.



TRIBE Lacrosse



**ashley
COLL**

**ASSISTANT COACH
FIRST SEASON
DUKE, 2006**

Ashley Coll joined the William and Mary coaching staff in the summer of 2008 and enters her first season as an assistant with the Tribe.

While Coll is instrumental in all aspects of the W&M program, her primary responsibilities include coaching the defensive unit and working on individual skill development for the entire team. She also serves as the travel coordinator, oversees the strength and conditioning program and coordinates recruiting efforts.

"I am thrilled with the addition of Ashley to our staff," Halfpenny said at the time of the hiring. "I'm excited to have Ashley be a part of our program as she shares my vision of taking Tribe Lacrosse to new success and national prominence. It is a great honor to have the opportunity to work with Ashley once again. As a player she was hard working, dedicated and goal orientated. I am confident that those traits will carry over as she establishes herself as one of the nation's top young assistants."

A four-year letterwinner at Duke University from 2002-06, Coll was a key contributor on the Blue Devils' defensive unit. In addition to helping the program earn four consecutive NCAA Tournament appearances, the squad advanced to the Final Four during her final two seasons. Duke also claimed the Atlantic Coast Conference championship in 2005. During her final three seasons Coll was coached by Halfpenny, who was an assistant with the program from 2004-06.

A member of one of the nation's top defensive teams, Coll earned the squad's Most Improved Player Award in 2004 and was selected to the ACC Honor Roll three times. She also served on the Student Athletic Advisory Committee (SAAC) and was Duke's representative at ACC meetings.

While at Duke, Coll worked as a counselor at numerous summer and winter lacrosse camps. She has also served as a camp director at Archbishop John Carroll High School (Wayne, Pa.).

Prior to joining the Tribe staff, Coll was a graduate manager with the Ohio University women's basketball team in 2007-08. She also worked as a teaching assistant while completing her master's degree at OU.

Following her collegiate playing career at Duke, Coll served a one-year stint as a campus ministry intern with Athletes in Action in Durham, N.C.

A native of Phoenixville, Pa., Coll earned a B.A. in psychology and a minor in sociology from Duke in 2006. She completed a master's degree in recreation and sports sciences at Ohio in 2008.

Coll's younger sister, Lauren, is a senior defender for W&M.





After serving as a full-time assistant coach with the Tribe during the past two seasons, Megan Huether will remain on the staff as a volunteer assistant this year.

A former All-American goalkeeper at Duke University and recently selected to the 2008-09 U.S. national teams, Huether played an important role in William and Mary's success last season. In addition to helping W&M secure the top seed in the Colonial Athletic Association tournament, the College registered victories in eight of its final 11 games, advanced to the conference championship game and earned a final national ranking of 20th. Among the Tribe's victories were four triumphs against ranked teams, including wins versus top-10 opponents Stanford and George Mason.

Primarily assisting with the team's defense and goalkeepers, she was instrumental in the development and success of freshman all-conference goalkeeper Emily Geary. In addition to leading the CAA and ranking 12th nationally with 10.16 saves per game, Geary was fifth in the country with 193 saves. She also ranked second in the league with a .483 save percentage, a figure that ranked 17th nationally.

Geary's all-conference selection marked the second consecutive year in which Huether helped a Tribe player garner all-league honors. In 2007, freshman goalkeeper Sara Beckstead earned a spot on the CAA All-Rookie Team as the first-year netminder ranked third in the CAA with 9.88 saves per game.

Huether began her collegiate coaching career at W&M in the summer of 2006 under her former position coach after completing a standout four-year career at Duke. A two-time All-Atlantic Coast Conference selection, Huether was named a First-Team All-American and the National Goalkeeper of the Year by the Intercollegiate Women's Lacrosse Coaches Association (IWLCA) in 2005 after helping lead the Blue Devils to an ACC title and the semifinals of the NCAA Lacrosse Championship.

With Huether, a four-year starter in goal, Duke recorded three consecutive trips to the NCAA Championship (2004, 2005, 2006), including another semifinal appearance in 2006. Additionally, the Blue Devils posted an overall record of 61-18 during her career, which included a school-record 18 victories in 2006.

A native of Lutherville, Md., Huether graduated in May of 2006 with a bachelor's degree in psychology and was a three-time ACC Academic Honor Roll selection as well as a three-time Dean's List member.

Active off the field as well, Huether served as the program's summer office assistant in 2005 and was the team's council representative from 2004-06. She also spent time as a student intern with the KidScope Early Intervention Program in Hillsborough, N.C., served as a classroom assistant with the Duke School for Children and was a student assistant with Duke's Children's Campus.

A member of the U.S. National Developmental team from 2004 to 2006, Huether also has experience coaching high school goalkeepers and working at a number of lacrosse camps, including Stanford Lacrosse Camp, the Bryn Mawr School Lacrosse Camp in Baltimore and the Between the Pipes Goalie Camp in Reisterstown, Md.

Huether is also currently pursuing a master's degree in counseling at W&M.



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