

# The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Sam Mignoli Memorial Scholarship

A camp parent says it best for all of us: "The hockey community and Korn Camp lost a wonderful young goalie coach. Even though we only got to know Sam during the DC camp last year, he touched our hearts deeply. Sam encouraged and challenged my Michael to do his best. When we said goodbye he gave him words of encouragement to apply what he learned in camp...to always work hard both on and off the ice and hockey will take you far in life. He made a difference in my son's life...we will always remember Sam for that. Thoughts and prayers to all his family and friends."



## **ABOUT SAM:**

We lost Sam Mignoli on Monday, June 20, 2016 at the age of 23. Sam was one of the most popular members of our group ever. His personality, energy, humor, empathy and "accent" endeared him to both goalies and parents. He was truly one of a kind. He had a "pied piper effect" with the goalies in camp.

Life was never easy for Sam. Mitch met him when he was 13 and in goalie camp. Within months he was in a coma with serious brain injuries from a car crash. Sam survived and continued to play hockey, but the brain injuries created many life challenges...and they never stopped.



Mitch re-connected with Sam when he was 17. Sam was the happiest when he working the Korn Camp Northeast locations. Hockey gave Sam hope.

Whenever possible, Sam spent time with the Nashville Predators and



Washington Capitals as a "stick boy". He was in the team locker room and on the bench for games in Bridgestone Arena, Verizon Center, Madison Square Garden, Nassau Coliseum and Barclay Center. The NHL players loved Sam, and he was so happy (who wouldn't be). His joy was infectious. His spirit remains with us.

Sam loved Korn Camp, and his family wants other young goalies to experience our program. **In 2017 the initial scholarships were awarded to Max Stefanakos (Massapequa Park) and Jack Feerick (Long Beach).** For 2018, a spot has been reserved in both our Northford, Ct. camp (July 6 – 9) and Newburgh, NY camp (July 10-13) for the deserving scholarship goalies. In addition to camp tuition, hotel assistance will be provided, according to the Mignoli family.

## **Scholarship Details**

- All aspects of the scholarship process, selection and distribution of funds are the responsibility of the Mignoli Family. Korn Camp has no role in this process.
- The Mignoli Scholarship is open to goalies, age 9 to 17, from the Long Beach, Long Island area, who meet the criteria on the scholarship application form.

### **2017 winner Max Stefanakos and what his Dad said:**



Mitch, thank you for everything! Max took in a tremendous amount of info. Most importantly your message of "being a good person" just emphasizes everything. Your passion along with your staff, truly comes through. Once again, thanks to you and the Mignoli family for awarding Max the "Sam Mignoli Scholarship."



Please go to: <http://www.rememberingsammignoli.com/> for the required Scholarship application process.