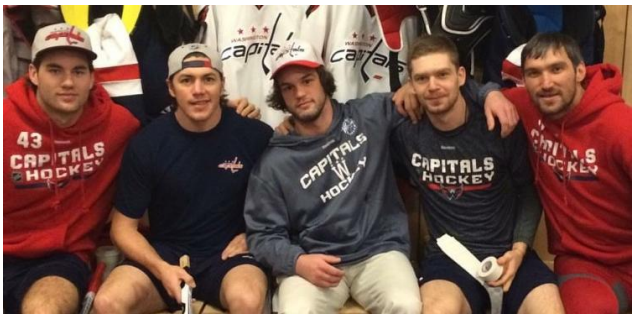
The 11th Annual Sam Mignoli Memorial Scholarship

A camp parent says it best for all of us: ***"The hockey community and Korn Legacy 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 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 and Jack Feerick. For 2018, Joe Liabach and Kieran Byrne earned spots. In 2019, Caden Pasqualone and Oliver Koch attended. Covid cancelled camps in 2020. Other winners include Matt Marino & Patrick Reilly (2021), Justin Mele (2022), Jordan Valcich (2023), Peter Tumminello (2024), John Schwenker (2025) and Luca Romano (2026). For 2027 a spot has been reserved for the Northford, Ct -1 camp (July 7-10) for the deserving scholarship goalie.** In addition to camp fees, hotel assistance is provided, according to Sam's Mom.

A note from Sam's Mom

We are thrilled to send young goalies to Korn Legacy Camp in honor of Sam!

Thank you, Mitch, for allowing us to keep Sam's memory alive at Korn Legacy Camp!

Here is a picture of Luca Romano who attended in 2026

Scholarship Details

- All aspects of the scholarship process, selection and distribution of funds are the responsibility of the Mignoli Family. Korn Legacy 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.

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