

Dr. Lindsay Pieper
Class of 2003



Lindsay Pieper was a three-sport athlete at Columbia, running cross-country for a year and playing for the varsity basketball and lacrosse teams. She was the Vice President of the Class of 2003, and spoke as its Salutatorian during commencement. In 2007, she graduated from Virginia Tech, where she played lacrosse for four years, with B.A. degrees in Communication and History. Lindsay earned an M.A. in Women's History at The Ohio State University, where she later earned a Ph.D. in Sport Humanities in 2013. As a graduate student, Lindsay served as a U.S. representative at the International Olympic Academy in Olympia, Greece.

Lindsay ranks among the most respected and talented scholar-athletes in Columbia's 21st century athletic program history. An exceptional student in any class she took, Lindsay was the quintessential team player and a natural leader, too. She played midfield in lacrosse under coaches Rich Jones and Dotty Masiello from 1999 to 2003, and shooting guard in basketball under coaches Rich Jones and Mike Bennett from 2000 to 2003. Lindsay was also the captain and leading scorer of both teams. Her most memorable sports moment at Columbia occurred during the semi-finals of the 2003 lacrosse regionals in her senior year. Lindsay recalls: "We had previously lost to Niskayuna in the regular season and were not expected to win." Columbia, the lower seed, defeated Niskayuna in a nail-biter.

Lindsay earned major recognition in both sports; in 2003, she was a Suburban Council All-Star in basketball and was named a US Lacrosse Academic All-American and member of the New York State National Lacrosse Team. She was also named First Team Council All Star in both sports. To date, Lindsay ranks among the top ten players in several of Columbia's girls basketball categories: 737 career points; 111 assists; 52 three-pointers; 165 free throws; and career games with 10 or more points (36). She also played in 81 games, tied for 2nd. In lacrosse, Lindsay's teams enjoyed excellent seasons, making the Section 2 semi-final round in 2002 and winning the South Division Championship in 2003.

Lindsay participated in several lacrosse clinics and camps: Albany Capitals Youth Lacrosse, the All-American Lacrosse Camp, Herndon County Youth Lacrosse Camp, and Virginia Tech Lacrosse Camp. In demand among lacrosse programs nationwide, Lindsay, a New York State Scholar Athlete, selected Virginia Tech. Playing in a Division 1 program, Lindsay distinguished herself in all phases of the game at VT; as a midfielder, she was a four-year starter and two-year captain of the lacrosse team from 2003-2007. Her most memorable sports moment at Tech occurred at the end of her freshman year, when her team defeated a ranked George Mason, 5-4. This bumped the team up into the rankings, the first time in Tech lacrosse history. Lindsay ranks in the top ten in several categories in her alma mater's history. At Virginia Tech, she ranks 7th in career goals (115), and is tied for 6th in goals for a season with 46 in 2006. She ranks 8th in career points (144), 3rd in creating turnovers, and among the top ten players in the program's history for draw controls and ground balls.

Lindsay made the All-ACC Academic Team in 2006 and 2007. She was honored as the team's MVP in 2005 and 2006, and the school's Scholar-Athlete recipient in 2006 and 2007. In 2007, Lindsay was named a Women's Lacrosse Academic All-American by *ESPN the Magazine*, an Atlantic Coast Conference Scholar Athlete of the Year, and an ACC Post-Graduate Scholarship recipient.

Today, Dr. Lindsay Pieper is an Assistant Professor of Sport Management at Lynchburg College in Lynchburg, Virginia. Dr. Pieper's research interests include gender and sport, sports law, and Olympic history. Her book, *Sex Testing: Gender Policing in Women's Sports*, named an American Library Association "Outstanding Academic Title," examines the implementation and implications of the International Olympic Committee's sex testing policies. Married to Kyle Krisko in 2013, Dr. Pieper is an avid runner in marathons and coaches youth lacrosse.