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Jamie Hyneman, BA'82, cultivates his unconventional myth-busting television career.

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## 2008 FIELD OF DREAMS

### Athletics director creates inner-city lacrosse program

BY DAWN REISS



Sam Angelotta, BA'08, started a non-profit organization to create sustainable lacrosse programs for inner city schools and communities.

As an art history major at Indiana University, **Sam Angelotta**, BA'08, jokes that everyone always asked what he would do with his life after graduation.

"It was the exposure to new ideas that was really conducive to thinking differently about what I was going to do with my life," says Angelotta, who played lacrosse on IU's club team. "It allowed me to think creatively and develop my own career path versus just falling in line."

After graduation, Angelotta took a 10-month job coaching lacrosse while playing semi-professionally in Manchester, England.

"You're in the epicenter of the soccer universe when you're in Manchester," says Angelotta, who played and coached for the Manchester Waconians Lacrosse Club. "There was an opportunity for kids who weren't great soccer players to try something new. Not always being the best lacrosse player made me understand the fundamentals of the game. That translated into being a pretty good coach."

Angelotta returned to the U.S. and decided he wanted to teach and coach. He eventually began student teaching at St. Malachy School, on Chicago's poverty-stricken West Side, in 2011 and created a non-profit organization called OWLS—Outreach With Lacrosse and Schools.

"I was researching after-school programs and where they fall short," Angelotta says. "We found an epidemic of physical inactivity levels among inner-

city youth. I wanted to start a lacrosse program to combat that."

Over the past four years, the program has grown from 10 middle schoolers with donated gear into a 501c3 with more than 100 athletes, a board of directors for a league of five Chicago schools (five boys and two girls teams), and a community-based team that is coached by volunteers.

"Now gear is the least of our issues," he says. "It's our organizational capacity and growing demand and trying to keep up with that financially."

To keep his lacrosse players motivated, Angelotta has scheduled college field trips, which included playing during halftime of an ESPN-televized Notre Dame–Army lacrosse game.

"It's all about giving them something to look forward to," says Angelotta, who is now St. Malachy's athletics director and also coaches flag football and basketball. "By exposing them to institutions of higher learning, we are giving them something to look forward to and giving them a reason to want to go to college."

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Michigan Department of Natural Resources' Chief of Parks and Recreation **Ronald A. Olson**, MS'72, recently received the Distinguished Service Award from the National Association of State Park Directors. The award recognizes a state park director who has demonstrated professional accomplishment in the field of parks and recreation management. Olson lives in Ann Arbor, Mich.

In November, Ellettsville, Ind.-based Smithville Communications named longtime media executive **John W. Patten Jr.**, BS'72, as its chief operating officer. He began his career in Indianapolis at radio station WIRE and later moved into executive roles in media, education, and construction.

In September, the Illinois State Dental Society presented its 2014 Distinguished Member Award to **Keith W. Dickey**, DDS'74, for his services in extending the practice of dentistry into civic, cultural, and humanitarian areas. A dental educator at Southern Illinois University School of Dentistry for 39 years, Dickey is a past president of the ISDS.

In March, **Pusadee Tamthai**, MAT'75, PhD'82, was named acting governor of Bangkok, Thailand. A former member of Thailand's House of Representatives and deputy governor of Bangkok, she has been a strong advocate for education and women's issues in Thailand.

Football I-Man **W. Walter Booth**, BS'77, of Washington, D.C., is vice president of investments at Folger Nolan Fleming Douglas, a D.C.-based private investment firm.

In August, the United States Professional Tennis Association honored **Jeff A. Rothstein**, BS'77, with the organization's Industry Excellence Award. As executive regional director of junior tennis development and programming at Centercourt Athletic Club in Chatham, N.J., Rothstein expanded the under-10 tennis program, increased pro shop sales by 35 percent, and raised \$14,000 for Centercourt's Academy Cares program. Rothstein lives in Pine Brook, N.J.

**William F. Carroll Jr.**, PhD'78, a vice president at Occidental Chemical Corp. in Dallas, has been re-elected to the board of directors of the American Chemical Society, the world's largest scientific society. He served as the board's chairman until Dec. 31. In addition to his senior management position at Occidental, Carroll is an adjunct industrial professor of chemistry at IU Bloomington.

**Ricki A. Lewis**, MA'78, PhD'80, writes that her textbook on genetics is in its 11th printing and has become a standard college textbook on the subject. She published one of the first articles on DNA fingerprinting in *Discover*