



A GOOD TURN

LCC Marks a Big Turning Point for Noah Romoff '12, Inspiring Him to Give Back

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AFFABLE AND GREGARIOUS, LCC GRAD NOAH ROMOFF '12 IS NO WALLFLOWER; DURING HIS STUDENT DAYS AT LCC, HE COACHED HOCKEY AND FOOTBALL, AND ALSO TOOK TO THE STAGE IN THE PRE-U PLAY. IT IS HARD TO BELIEVE THERE WAS A TIME WHEN NOAH WAS LESS THAN COMFORTABLE IN HIS OWN SKIN.



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“I always mark coming to LCC [in grade 11] as a turning point in my development, and I really felt like I belonged here, especially in Pre-U. I came to school every day thinking, ‘OK, this is where I am, this is where I belong.’ I can’t say enough good things about this school—for me, the whole LCC experience was fantastic.”

By the time Noah came to Lower Canada College, he’d “bounced around a bit,” having attended a couple of different schools in the Montreal area. “When I look back on that time, I see I hadn’t really settled into those schools. It just wasn’t the right fit for me and I felt like I didn’t belong.”

Not one to give up easily, he found the right fit. “I was very big into hockey, so I was looking for a good mix between something that was academically challenging, yet also a place where I could pursue my athletics. I was looking for smaller class sizes and teachers who were responsive to their students’ needs, which is what I clearly found at LCC.”

As a student, Noah assisted in coaching both hockey and football at LCC. After he graduated, Senior Football Coach Mike Carlyle reached out to him, and now Noah is back at LCC coaching hockey while enrolled full-time at Concordia University studying Human Relations. At the same time, he is also scouting for a Quebec major junior team. “I was given the opportunity to come back to LCC as a coach, and it was something that I was not going to pass up—the kids here are fantastic. I have these moments of connection with them—especially in hockey, because that’s my area of expertise.”

Noah has experienced the tangible effect he’s had on others. “One player—Giordano Saputo ’14—was in grade 10 when I was in Pre-U and captain of the boys’ hockey team. I’d coached him a couple of years ago, and he has since gone on to become a coach himself. That makes me see the importance of what I do.”

Noah has not just coached others; he has coached himself along the way, learning some valuable lessons about following his instincts and making wise decisions. “The decision to do the one-year Pre-U at LCC was, in my mind, made before I decided to come to LCC in grade 11. I was speaking to an advisor here and I just knew.”

Coming to LCC marked a shift for him, not just personally and socially, but also academically. Noah says, “My marks shot up 15 per cent. I’d always been an average student, but then I came to LCC and graduated with high honours. My dad was happy about that!”

About 17 percent of LCC students benefit from some kind of financial award, and, like others, Noah received a bursary. “This is a big part of the reason I give back, but there are so many other reasons. LCC gave me so much—they gave me a first-rate education, plus incredible memories and experiences. I might not have been able to come to LCC had it not been for that bursary.”

Whether on the ice or on the field, Noah enthusiastically gives back. He shares his gifts with young, developing players. “To coach is the least I can do. I’m giving back doing the thing I love. LCC was so good to me when I was here. I matured as a person and a leader.” He grins and adds, “I don’t think LCC can get rid of me—not until someone makes me leave!”

We don’t see that happening any time soon, Noah. ■

