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# LFG Football Camp Reaches Landmark Anniversary

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Lauren's First and Goal Foundation has raised more than \$107,000 this year and celebrated its 15<sup>th</sup> year in PA at Lafayette College. Nearly 1,850 high school players representing 16 different states participated in the PA camp this past June. 327 college coaches representing 102 programs volunteered their time to coach at the camp. Camper registrations and donations go directly to the mission of the foundation to support pediatric brain tumor research, patient services and families living with the disease.

This year the camp was pleased to announce and welcome its newest sponsor, the Army Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC). Officers were on hand to explain to student athletes how they can start strong in life by enrolling in Army ROTC.

Lauren Loose, addressed campers about the challenges of life. She encouraged the crowd to make the choice to get better instead of getting bitter and not leave anything up to fate. Lauren even brought the crowd to their feet for a standing ovation with a story of making the best of looking

like a kid but being an adult when she ordered a kid's meal and a beer on her 21<sup>st</sup> birthday. Temple University's Coach Geoff Collins was this year's featured guest speaker. He captivated campers with his motivating message.

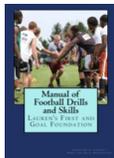
"We are so grateful for the community effort that takes place each year on every level. There are so many incredible people – volunteers, coaches, medical staff, athletic trainers, grounds crews, football players and former team members - who come back each year with enthusiasm and positive energy. What is accomplished here could not be possible without them." said LFG founder Marianne Loose.

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Lauren Loose with her mother Marianne, gets a standing ovation during her 2018 camp speech (above). Temple University coaching staff pictured with Lauren (center) and head coach Geoff Collins (to Lauren's right), all volunteers at LFG football camp PA. (left)

# LFG & the Pro Football Hall of Fame Academy

Lauren's First and Goal Foundation and The Pro Football Hall of Fame have partnered to provide an exceptional experience for children who are battling the most fierce opponent they will face either on or off the playing field.

The Pro Football Hall of Fame Academy hosted 11 year old [Trey](#) and 12 year old [Kente](#), both brain tumors survivors, at the Academy this summer. Each boy had the opportunity to spend a special day visiting at the Academy which culminated in some game action! With teammates blocking for them, each boy ran a sweep left play and scored a touchdown. The PFHOFA campers rallied around the boys in a triumphant moment of glory. The boys were presented with game balls signed from all the Academy coaches which consisted of former NFL legends, including Rod Woodson.

The Pro Football Hall of Fame Academy offers a unique football training experience for athletes. Young athletes that are nominated and accepted access an elite coaching staff, featuring both NFL Gold Jacket athletes and current/former NFL coaches and a world-class training facility at the Pro Football Hall of Fame in Canton, OH. Lauren's First and Goal is proud to partner with the PFHOFA to provide a special experience to children battling brain pediatric cancer.

To check out the inspiring PFHOFA touchdown videos visit the LFG Facebook page or click on [Trey](#) or [Kente](#). For more information about the Pro Football Hall of Fame visit <http://www.profootballhof.com/>.



*Kente and his family at the Pro Football Hall of Fame Academy. (above). Board of Directors of LFG Pamela and John Troxell with their daughters Summer and Capri visiting the Pro Football Hall of Fame (right) and John Troxell, C. David Baker Pro Hall of Fame President, and John Loose (bottom right).*



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Pediatric Cancer  
Awareness Month** 

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<http://www.lfgf.org/How-To-Help/>  
<http://www.lfgf.org/Pediatric-Brain-Tumor-Resources/>

# Temple's Geoff Collins Speaks to Campers in PA



*Coach Geoff Collins and Lauren at LFG PA (above).*

Lauren's First and Goal was honored to host Geoff Collins, Head Football Coach at Temple University, as the featured guest speaker at the 15th annual LFG Football camp on Sunday, June 4 at Lafayette College's Metzgar Athletic Complex.

Assistant Head Coach, Ed Foley, enthusiastically warmed up the masses for Coach Collins after a brilliant and touching speech

by Lauren Loose. Coach Collins began his talk with a very modest admission of being smart enough to know he shouldn't be the speaker to follow such an eloquent Lauren.

Collins began his coaching career at Fordham in 1996 before becoming the defensive coordinator at Albright College. He went on to coach the tight ends at Georgia Tech. Collins returned to his alma mater to become Western Carolina's defensive coordinator from 2002 through 2005 before returning to Georgia Tech in 2006 as the Director of Player Personnel. After a year at Alabama as the Director of Player Personnel, Collins would return to UCF as linebackers coach and recruiting coordinator from 2008 through 2009.

Collins served as the defensive coordinator for Florida International during the 2010 season. Collins coached at Mississippi State from 2011 through 2014. Collins spent two years as the defensive coordinator at Florida. Collins secured his first head coaching job in December 2016 when he was appointed as head football coach at Temple University. In Collins' first season, Temple went 7-6 and won the 2017 Gasparilla Bowl, the program's first bowl win since 2011.

Lauren's First and Goal is grateful to Coach Collins and his staff for their historical support of the foundation and for a rousing keynote speech.

## US Army ROTC Sponsors LFG



*Ryan Hunt speaks to the crowd at LFG*

Lauren's First and Goal Foundation is proud to have Army ROTC sponsor the PA this year. Harry Harp was on hand from Lehigh University's Department of Military Science and Leadership to speak to interested campers about the opportunities available through ROTC Army (Reserve Officers' Training Corps). The ROTC is college elective for undergraduate and graduate students that provides leadership training for success in any career field. ROTC is available at over 1,100 colleges and universities nationwide and it offers merit-based scholarships that can pay up to the full cost of tuition. In addition, ROTC college students were also available to talk with interested campers about their experiences with ROTC. Newly Commissioned 2nd Lt. Ryan Hunt, a former LFG camper from Pen Argyl HS and Lehigh University graduate spoke to the student-athletes about the opportunities afforded him through the ROTC scholarship program. For more information about Army ROTC go to their website at <https://www.goarmy.com/rotc.html>. LFG is grateful for the support of Army ROTC.



*Harry Harp discusses the options available to students through Army ROTC. (above)*



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