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UVA MEN'S LACROSSE COLE KASTNER AWARDED CROWLEY SCHOLARSHIP

Honored for leadership, sportsmanship, character and integrity

CHARLOTTESVILLE – University of Virginia Men's Lacrosse defenseman Cole Kastner has been awarded the prestigious T. Rodney Crowley Scholarship for 2023-2024.

Awarded to an accomplished student who demonstrates leadership, sportsmanship, character and integrity, the Crowley Scholarship provides the equivalent of full in-state tuition for the recipient's undergraduate fourth year.

A student in the McIntire School of Commerce, with concentrations in Finance and IT, Kastner is a Dean's List student and has been named to the ACC Athletics Academic Honor Roll every semester since enrolling at the University.

During his time at UVA, Kastner has been an All-ACC and All-American defensive player and team captain. He also played on UVA's 2021 National Championship team. Earning second team All American honors after his second season, he was also named ACC Defensive Player of the Year. He has a strong record of community involvement at the University and in the Charlottesville area. Within the Athletics Department he is a member of the Student Athletes Advisory Committee. Additionally, he is involved in the Citizen Leader and Sports Ethics Community Impact Fellowship program which helps empower student-athletes to address issues including the strain of balancing competitive sports pressures with academic responsibilities and social and emotional well-being. Cole has also tutored local students at Burley Middle School.

Kastner graduated from the Menlo School in Atherton, California, where he also played basketball and was a US Lacrosse Academic All-American.

Men's Lacrosse Coach Lars Tiffany commented: "Cole has the gift of uplifting others, and he goes straight at the challenges he accepts in life. With Cole as a friend, a teammate, or as a leader you will have a devoted, trusted and thoroughly engaged man by your side or out in front leading the charge. I could think of no one better than Cole to carry on the exceptional torch of the Crowley legacy."

One of the University's most prestigious undergraduate awards, The T. Rodney Crowley Jr. Memorial Scholarship was established in 1991 to honor that rising fourth-year student who best exemplifies the qualities and characteristics of its namesake. Remembered as the consummate student, athlete, coach and friend, Crowley played varsity tennis each of his four years at Virginia and captained the team before competing professionally. After taking his degree from the College of Arts & Sciences in 1980, he coached UVA Women's Tennis to a 15-9 season and state championship in 1981. Crowley was a member of Zeta Psi fraternity, the Z Society and T.I.L.K.A. He died of brain cancer in 1991.

Nominations for the Crowley Scholarship were submitted early in the Spring semester. Finalists were interviewed by a committee of Crowley Scholarship Trustees, which consists of University alumni (including friends and family of Rodney), several of whom are past winners of the award.

For further information, go to www.crowleycholarship.com.

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