





# Before COVID closure, RCS lacrosse continued rebuild

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Two years ago it seemed like our lacrosse program was a lost cause. Losing one of our original coaches was something many Roxboro Community School (RCS) lacrosse players struggled with.

However, we didn't have to wait long for three new coaches to step up and take on this role -- RCS alumni Matt Villaro, Daniel Oakley, and Ben Townsend. A year later, after these three became coaches, the RCS lacrosse program continues to rebuild.

Unfortunately, Oakley and Townsend could not stay with the program this year; however, Oakley's brother David Oakley and Bryce Snow (who are both former RCS lacrosse players) will be coaching.

The RCS lacrosse program means a lot to our players. However, it is also special to our coaches, like David Oakley, who said, "It means a lot to me. I've put a lot of time into this program." Oakley said he had played since seventh grade. He added that lacrosse had given him a foundation -- not just for lacrosse -- but in life.



Photo by Ken Martin

Villaro has similar feelings. He said coaching offers him a way to give back, and it also gives him memories of his high school days.

Oakley and Villaro both have one main goal for the organization moving forward, and that is to be competitive with other schools.

Even though we look towards the future of this Bulldogs lacrosse team, we can't help but remember the roots from which it came. The roots I speak of are of course the two men who started the lacrosse program; Jimmy Reardon (who still helps coach the middle school lacrosse team) and Pete Daly. Both Oakley and Villaro said that they appreciate them for "giving us the game" as Villaro said.

*Editor's Note: This column was written before the governor closed North Carolina schools due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Obviously, this put the 2020 lacrosse season on hold.*

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## RCS seeks candidate to fill Board of Directors vacancy

Roxboro Community School, a tuition-free North Carolina Public Charter School, has a vacancy on its Board of Directors.

The Board provides school oversight rather than day-to-day management of operations.

The RCS Board of Directors encourages applications from interested residents.

Please download an application from the school web site, [www.roxborocs.org](http://www.roxborocs.org), and email completed application to Dave Ebert, Managing Executive Director, at [ebertdr@roxborocs.org](mailto:ebertdr@roxborocs.org).

The deadline to submit applications is Friday, May 1, 2020, at noon.

# COVID-19 disrupts my 2019-2020 school year

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On March 13, there was still a good part of the school year left for me and everyone else. I feel sad to realize that my school year is basically over now, because I am going to be stuck at home the rest of the school year.

My friends and I had a lot of events coming up. I was in dance and attend Christi's Dance Center. I was about to go to a dance competition on March 21 but it got canceled. I also can't go to my dance classes anymore.

As of right now, I am not sure if I'll even have a dance recital or go to camp this summer. My friends are upset because they take dance with me and can't go to competitions either.

Although it's upsetting that my plans for the next few months have been canceled, I am thankful for the isolation. I have a lot of grandparents with health issues and if they weren't told to stay inside their houses, they could've gotten sick.

I haven't really relaxed since being out of school. My brother and his wife decided that they were going to move out of their apartment and live with us for a few months.

This was to save money they would use to move into a house in a month or so.

My family and I spent about four days trying to move them out amongst the chaos in Greenville, where they lived.

We had to go to Walmart a lot and all the toilet paper was gone, along with disinfectants. I also noticed that a lot of people would eye you down if you were holding toilet paper or anything that wasn't stocked.

I noticed a lot of random things were missing in the store like hydrogen peroxide and iodine, which definitely won't protect you from the COVID-19 virus.

My personal opinion is that people who aren't at high risk are freaking out. It doesn't help that the media is only causing panic and not trying to dissolve it.

Elderly people shouldn't be forced to go out of their houses as much as they are just to find nothing in the stores. If you are hogging any items in the stores, remember to keep others in mind, because they need essentials too.

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## Double rainbow



Photo by Peyton Weaver

## Cross Country coach needed

RCS seeks a knowledgeable, passionate, and experienced coach to help build our Bulldog athletic programs. Successful candidates must enjoy working with student-athletes, possess the ability to take initiative, and demonstrate a strong work ethic while maintaining a positive attitude. We currently have a vacancy for a Head Cross Country Coach. Contact Melinda Goodson or Pete Tuck, Athletic Directors, at 336-597-0020, ext. 426/428. Please send an email of interest and/or resume to [goodsonmf@roxborocommunityschool.org](mailto:goodsonmf@roxborocommunityschool.org).