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For Immediate Release:

thinkLAX Announces Hiring of Director of Service!

In order for our organization to separate ourselves and provide our young ladies with a life-changing experience, we have hired a Director of Service for our entire club Mary Abdo (nee Wittelsberger)! I was truly blown away by Mary! She will be changing lives coaching and through service! She will be contacting each team in the near future to set up service projects! She will also be spearheading our overseas service trips during the summer of Senior Years! This will really set our young ladies up for a productive adult life before entering college! Her ideas are incredible and we will fully support her vision!

Mary Abdo (nee Wittelsberger) has an extensive history with lacrosse. She grew up playing the sport and as a senior in high school, in addition to two previous state field hockey championships, Mary was placed on the Tewaarton watchlist, named 23rd recruit in the nation, and played in the 2007 inaugural Under Armour All-America games. Mary was recruited to play division one under Ricky Fried at Georgetown University. Over her four years on the team, she gleaned better lax IQ, game sense, and a tougher work ethic. She believes in discipline on and off the field but throughout her coaching boys and girls lacrosse and field hockey in various clubs and for various high schools, she has always maintained it should be a fun experience. She looks forward to instilling a love for the game for the 27s, as well as plant the seed for a bright future for every player.

In addition to coaching, Mary will also be coming on as our Service Director. She has been an instrumental part in efforts to create more awareness, equity, and inclusion in her role as a Spanish teacher (MAT, K-12) at Mount Saint Joseph HS and now Bethesda Chevy Chase HS. She has been the advisor to BSUs, Minority Scholars Programs, and a key player in the push to further develop both schools' professional development surrounding anti-racism and anti-Semitism work. Prior to becoming a teacher, however, Mary lived in El Salvador as a Youth Development Specialist for the United States Peace Corps. For two years, she lived within a small rural town working with youth, men, and women in various projects like recreational activities, teaching English, workshops on art, self-esteem, sports, cosmetology, and she even attempted to teach them lacrosse! It only lasted for a day, though. She can't wait to share her love of service with the young women of the thinkLAX organization and help them become even more well-rounded and empathetic people.

For More Information on Coach Abdo:

<https://www.uslaxmagazine.com/fuel/women/wittelsberger-lacrosse-legacy-stretches-to-el-salvador>

https://www.huffpost.com/entry/el-salvador-made-me-a-better-person_b_9412194?guccounter=1&guce_referrer=aHR0cHM6Ly93d3cuZ29vZ2xlLmNvbS8&guce_referrer_sig=AQAAACepxih2u4tbCFOcvSO3qZOOXr6NPMsFMqjzc9MvgWKs-NeYcSFhQXb5z9mWD7yl48hby2SpyldXxDJTWpQxbPzXZiy_nzS6iAp9OO1BVZaGP_dOI8KAmmq6CioYUihX7dW86gJAqVSQKkuesxd5hB5IO82h_zyGtLYQ32Mt2-C

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Thanks! Coach Haight

