

## Interview Mini Profile: Community and Belonging: how hockey impacted William Arnone

As for many Americans, finding community and belonging can be a difficult achievement, however William Arnone finds community in one of his greatest passions, hockey. Born in New Jersey, William Arnone grew up in one of the greatest places to get into hockey with the three time winning NHL team the Jersey Devils, William was introduced to hockey by his family and soon became the community that William strived for

“ My family plays for a community hockey team and its not just deepen my family's relationships but also connecting with my community” Arnone said William would go on to play in competitive travel hockey teams, such as the jersey capitals, a local youth travel hockey team. When travelling with his hockey team, William found a sense of belonging and community with his travel hockey team, especially when learning to work as a Team.

“Yeah, we all were learning how to work as a team together so it made us grow a lot closer and, you know, learn how to work with one another.” Arnone said

Even today, William holds hockey very close in his life as it has taught him so much about how to communicate, connect and understand within his community, all through the lens of hockey.