



# APPLAUSE

CELEBRATING OUR ALUMNI

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**Jeffrey Warnkin '80** lives in Westlake, Ohio and



serves as a CPA & Financial Planner for the Warnkin Financial Group. He specializes in comprehensive estate, retirement and investment planning for high net worth families

and organizations. By owning his own tax consulting and financial planning practice, Jeff is able to fulfill his company's mission to build, preserve, harvest and bequeath multigenerational wealth.

After attending Lake Ridge Academy, Jeff continued his studies at Baldwin-Wallace College and later attended the University of Akron to earn his Master of Taxation degree. Jeff enjoys traveling, golfing and spending time with his family, wife Michelle, son Brad (14), daughter Sarah (13), and son Joey (10).

Jeff vividly remembers his time at Lake Ridge Academy.

*The best thing about Lake Ridge Academy was the freedom we had to pursue whatever our interests were.*

Specific interests for Jeff included his experiences playing Varsity Lacrosse. Below is the 1978 Lake Ridge Academy Lacrosse team that finished with a record of 9-2, which earned a Tri-State Championship "B" Division.



**Front Row** – L-R, Chris Whelan, Rich Cole, Paul Roubekas, John Hendricks, Bill Hassler, Shaun Simonson, Al Downie, Chip Pimlott.  
**Back Row** – Coach Dell Bethel, Tom Ferguson, Jeff Warnkin, Sean McCoy, Dan Wasil, Dave Moore, Cole Fauver, Bob Wall, Coach Karl Kiesel.

**Blake Oatey '01** is the Director of South Asian Operations for the Oatey Company, owned and managed by Blake's family from its inception in 1916. Oatey Company manufactures chemicals for the plumbing and water transmission markets. Right now, Blake's main role is to develop an operational presence in India. He is focused on growing their business in water-starved areas.

Blake attended Furman University after graduating from Lake Ridge Academy, where he earned a degree in Business Administration in 2005. At Furman, Blake also dabbled in the media world, serving as the Manager of the FU2 Television Station.



Cross country skiing, backpacking and hiking, paddle boarding and running are favorite pastimes for Blake, and he just recently visited Los Glaciares National Park in Argentina.

Blake remembers his time at Lake Ridge Academy fondly, noting especially the camaraderie that came from graduating from such a small school.

*I really enjoyed the free and close-knit social environment in the Upper School Commons. In the classroom, teachers, like Dr. Mozumdar, challenged us but made learning fun.*

Blake lives in Rocky River, OH and is excited about his class's ten-year reunion in May!

## [SAVE THE DATE](#)

**Friday, January 28 – Notice Change in Date!**  
Upper School Career Day - Alumni Speakers

If interested, please contact Ken Moore  
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