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The Institute for Rowing Leadership at Community Rowing, Inc.,
announces the 2020 Early Decision Fellows

Regular decision applications now being accepted

Brighton, MA — The Institute for Rowing Leadership at Community Rowing, Inc. announces the accepted early decision Fellows for the Advanced Certificate in Rowing Leadership program, Class of 2020. The early decision Fellows were selected from a competitive pool of applicants with a variety of rowing, coxing, and coaching experience. The Class of 2020 is united by the life changing impact that rowing and coaching has had for them and are motivated to bring that to their coaching.

The Class of 2020 is the ninth class of the IRL and begins in July. There are 52 alumni working throughout the rowing world, with an additional 7 fellows on track to graduate and join the professional coaching ranks this June.

The early decision Fellows for the Class of 2020 are:
- Kirsten Girard - University of Tennessee
- Ben MacDougald – College of the Holy Cross
- John O’Neill - Fairfield University

“We are excited about this first group of Early Decision Fellows. These candidates come from different programs but share the same high level of passion for rowing and coaching. With the IRL’s opportunities to learn from exceptional instructors in the classroom and outstanding mentors during coaching practicums, there’s no doubt these fellows will be game changers in the lives of their future rowers” said CRI Director of Coaching Education Pat Larcom. “It’s clear that our IRL graduates are highly sought after in the job market and that is a direct result of bringing in exceptional groups like this one and providing them with an environment focused on their development as coaches and people.”
The Advanced Certificate in Rowing Leadership program is a twelve-month, intensive active learning experience, which includes daily learning in the classroom coupled with immediate implementation of this knowledge on the water. Fellows attend classes taught by top-level instructors and coaches from universities including Harvard University, Brown University, Boston University, Boston College, and Northeastern University. Before and after classes each day, fellows coach in a mentored assistant coach program working with world-class coaches in youth, collegiate, and pre-elite level rowing programs on the Charles River and throughout Boston. IRL graduates have gone on to coach successfully at all levels of rowing from grassroots community programs to the World Championships.

The IRL is currently accepting applications on a rolling basis and the regular decision deadline is April 1st. Anyone interested in joining the Class of 2020 should apply as soon as possible. More information on the program, course structure, instructors, and application details can be found online at www.IRLatCRI.org.

ABOUT THE INSTITUTE FOR ROWING LEADERSHIP (IRL@CRI)

The Institute for Rowing Leadership, based in Brighton, MA, at Community Rowing Inc., offers the only sport-specific graduate level education program in the USA accredited through the National Committee for Accreditation of Coaching Education (NCACE). The Advanced Certificate in Rowing Leadership is an intensive yearlong post-graduate fellowship program. Fellows spend 16-20 hours a week in the classroom learning from top level Boston-area professors, coaches and professionals. Fellows put their knowledge into practice through a mentored coaching practicum, coaching 16-20 hours a week with world-class coaches in collegiate, youth and pre-elite local programs, and implementing lessons learned in the classroom. The IRL develops future leaders in rowing, equipping fellows with leadership and management training as well as the highest level of technical knowledge about the sport of rowing. In addition to the fellowship program, the IRL provides community-wide learning opportunities through two monthly events, A Coach Talk and the CRI Speaker Series, in addition to the annual ‘What Works’ Summit held each February.

Additional information may be found at www.IRLatCRI.org | Instagram: @IRLatCRI | Twitter: @IRLatCRI | and on our Facebook page @IRLatCRI
ABOUT COMMUNITY ROWING, INC.

Rowing changes lives. At Community Rowing Inc. (CRI), the largest nonprofit rowing organization in the United States serves more than 7,000 rowers annually based in Brighton, MA, we are dedicated to fostering a community that is both welcoming and supportive. Under the banner of “Rowing for All”, we make rowing accessible without regard to individual ability, background or experience with a range of programs for beginners, recreational rowers, and competitive athletes. CRI promotes health and fitness for the entire greater Boston community, delivering after-school programs to urban youth, health and fitness programs to physically and mentally challenged members of the community, and learn-to-row programming for youth and adults. CRI was founded in 1985 by a group of Olympic and National Team rowers with the goal of widening the circle of rowing and securing public access for the sport on the Charles River. Today, the organization has over 40 programs and a fleet of more than 105 sweep and sculling shells.

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