

James C. Metzger '83

James C. "Jim" Metzger is chairman and CEO of The Whitmore Group, Ltd., a leading Long Island insurance brokerage and financial services firm. Mr. Metzger is a former All-American lacrosse player at Hofstra University and has given back generously to his alma mater as well as other educational and charitable organizations, such as Big Brothers Big Sisters of Long Island.

Jim founded The Whitmore Group in 1989. The Whitmore Group provides the gamut of insurance products and financial services, including commercial property and casualty, a specialized funeral services program, personal insurance, health benefits, life insurance, estate planning, financial services, real estate insurance programs, specialty transportation industry group and claims services. In 2011, Long Island Business News reported that The Whitmore Group was the seventh-largest insurance brokerage business on Long Island. The company is licensed in 48 states and has more than 70 employees located in Garden City, New York.

James Metzger is a Board Director of the Hofstra University Pride Club and has generously supported Hofstra Athletics throughout the years. He donated the funds to build the Royle Sombrotto Locker Room to provide a state of the art facility for the Men's Lacrosse team and to honor his former coach Harry Royle and former teammate at Hofstra, National Lacrosse Hall of Fame member Vinnie Sombrotto. Jim also donated the funds to enhance the women's lacrosse locker room, which was named in his honor. Jim donations include; The Hallways Traditions Project at Margiotta Hall which showcases the history on the men's and women's lacrosse programs and the football program, the project is named after Hofstra standout athletes Mike D'Amato '68 and Lou DiBlasi '61, The Metzger Capital Fund which supports all sports and The James C. Metzger Lacrosse Endowment. Hofstra honored Jim by naming the men's and women's lacrosse offices after Jim and Kevin Huff (Hofstra '78). Finally, Jim is proud to participate on the academic side of the ledger, Jim and his former professor Michael D'Innocenzo created the Metzger- D'Innocenzo Summer Internship for the Center for Civic Engagement. The internship is given to a deserving student based on academic achievement and/or financial need who is majoring in History. According to Michael D'Innocenzo, "Jim's generosity by endowing the Center for Civic Engagement student internship illustrates his own deep commitment to Hofstra, to young people, and to fostering the kind of attentive society in which democracy can thrive."