

# CHRIS CHELIOS

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Not THAT Chris Chelios, yet this Chris Chelios is still quite hockey accomplished. Playing the game early in life and as often as possible (many times playing on several teams simultaneously), Chris always found time to be on the ice, and that love for the rink continues to this day.

Following a myriad of youth hockey teams, "Cheli" found himself playing Junior A for the Sioux City Muskateers in the USHL, followed by a collegiate career at the University of Wisconsin - Superior, where he earned a Physical Education degree with minors in Coaching and Health. Following college, he was off to the minor pro leagues playing for the Shreveport Mudbugs in the CHL, the Baton Rouge Kingfish of the ECHL and a professional contract in Germany.

Fast forward to 2003 where Chris returned to his roots in the Chicago Suburbs and landed as a coach at the Sabre Youth Hockey Development Club. Instantly a favorite with the Learn to Skate sector at All Seasons Ice Rinks, Chris became in high demand and advanced quickly to become the Associate head coach of the national-bound Robert Morris University Girls Hockey Team and the Midget & Skills Director at the Sabres Hockey Club, where you can still find him today. While Chris believes he has a penchant for successful multi-tasking, truth be told, his successes are truly a tribute to his parents, Mr. & Mrs. James Chelios, who instilled an uncompromising work ethic with a "Work Hard, Stay Humble" attitude. This message is one he shares with his students today. Chris is happy to attest, even today, that his parents are his most trustworthy mentors at each stage of his hockey career, and he is eternally grateful.

Chris is crazy happily married to his wife Kate and the proud, proud father to two boys, Brayden and Zak. In his words, "I hope to be a great father and a mentor they can look up to not just in athletics, but in life in general".

It is simple and truthful to say you can always find Cheli at the rink, or on his way there or from. It is rare that anyone in the youth hockey community has not benefited from meeting or working with Chris during their hockey journey.