

said McHone. "I would never see that in any of my other classes."

McHone learned to relate to the players by attending their games and playing some magic card tricks on them. The card tricks would relate back to the course material.

When the players were learning about biofeedback, McHone had them run up and down the stairs to get their heart rate up. He would have them stop immediately to see who could reduce his heart rate the quickest.

Personal finance instructor Lorraine Maslyk played to the competitive nature of the hockey players. She played games, made crosswords puzzles and used similar tools to keep the players engaged in learning personal finance. She also brought prizes.

One prize was a Japanese soda bottle, with a marble on the top. In order to open the bottles, people have to hit the top and the marble goes inside the bottle. The Japanese soda bottles were a hit among the players and they wanted to win them.

After the first day of homework, the players were overwhelmed and some said they were completely lost and that's when Maslyk knew she had to change her entire class.

One thing, Maslyk said, that increased the players' curiosity was a video that showed stories about professional athletes who had millions and are now broke.

Teaching players from other countries presented Maslyk with the task of teaching players personal finance in a currency they were unfamiliar with. She compared the different currencies, used commercials and defined terms to help the players get a better understanding of the U.S. dollar.

Some players had parents that set them up with stock accounts. As players learned about personal finance, they became more interested in those accounts.

"That's really nice to see them get an interest," said Maslyk. "They were just so sure at the beginning this was going to be a boring math class and they came out feeling more empowered and confident with their money."

Maslyk said her younger brother was a junior hockey player and now owns a goalie school in Phoenix, so she's aware about how their minds worked.

"Because their mind is really on their first job, which is hockey and school is second," said Maslyk.

In her last class, the team surprised her with gifts and gave her a hug.

"Of course I have season tickets now,"

said Maslyk. "I think I got as much out of it as they did."

Communication instructor Kelly Brennan has taught multiple classes to the Winterhawks along with David Green, an intern for him. The classes have been public speaking, mass media and social media and interviewing.

Regarding the interviewing class, McKenzie, who is taking college classes for the first time, said, "That helped because, I mean, throughout the season you do a lot of different interviews and stuff like that. It helped you to adjust to the atmospheres that you'll be put in front of."

In the public speaking class, Brennan teaches about the different genres of public speaking. While giving a lecture on tribute speaking, Brennan explained

One assignment in the mass media class made the players had to do a 30 second commercial on themselves. Green liked watching the players advertise themselves to a NHL team as to why they should be picked by that team.

Some of these players are the descendants of former NHL players and know that the Winterhawks are shaping them to hopefully get drafted, if they haven't already, by a NHL team.

The biggest compliment Brennan felt was after his first year of teaching the players. Former Winterhawk player, Brendan Burke, put a shout out on Twitter, Instagram and Facebook thanking CCC and Brennan for teaching the Winterhawks how to speak in public.

Brennan and Green follow the players,

one can do, if they are going to teach the Winterhawks, is go to their games," said Brennan.

Workforce Training Coordinator, Teri Olsen, said the Winterhawks really like Brennan and they try to figure out what he can come teach.

As for the rest of the instructors, Turgeon said they have all been good with the team.

"They all worked with us very, very good. You know, when we've need help, they've always been there and just giving us the time that we need for our work too," said Turgeon.

The next instructor for the Winterhawks has yet to be determined. To find instructors, Olsen contacts the department chairs to find out who is available. There isn't an



The team votes for their captain, Dominic Turgeon, to read his personal narrative first. Turgeon did not go first because his narrative wasn't finished.

people could get emotional when talking about someone near and dear to them. The players thought that would never happen to them because they were hockey players.

When the day of tribute speaking rolled around, one player spoke about his mom and how she had overcome breast cancer and the sacrifices she had made. During one of the stories the player was recanting, he became overwhelmed with emotion. The player was reaching for the previously scoffed at tissues that Brennan had put on the podium. Other teammates were getting overwhelmed with emotion too.

"For me that was a nice breakthrough to the guys because they have his tough exterior that they've got to put on as tough guys," said Brennan. "And to be able to see that guard dropped and to see the humanity that they really have."

both past and present, on social media. Green really likes the Philadelphia Flyers and follows former Winterhawks player Taylor Leier, who is now with the Flyers.

Brennan is a Chicago Blackhawks fan. However, if one were to walk into his office, one would find a Winterhawks bobblehead of Bredan Leipsic that Leipsic gave to Brennan. Leipsic recently made his debut NHL for the Toronto Maple Leafs on Feb. 13.

Some other players Brennan and Green have taught who are now either playing or been drafted by NHL team are Derrick Pouliot, Nic Petan, Oliver Bjorkstrand, Anton Cederhom and Chase De Leo.

They attend games, too, and encourage other instructors to do they same if they teach the Winterhawks.

"One of the most important things any-

instructor sign up list partly because a lot of people still don't know about it.

Customize training usually keeps their clients confidential but the relationship with the Winterhawks has been unique. The Winterhawks have embraced CCC.

One night is teacher appreciation night and they announce their partnership with CCC and it has become public.

"It's been a great partnership," said Olsen.

She can see the program refining each year but they've got a pretty good thing going on right now.

"What an honor it's been to be able to teach these boys," said Brennan. "I hope its going to be an opportunity to teach these boys for quite a long time or at least until I retire."