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Tom Peters & Dana Skinner to be Presented Hockey East Founders Medals Presentation set for Hockey East Semifinals on March 22

Former Boston College Associate Athletic Director **Tom Peters** and former UMass Lowell Director of Athletics **Dana Skinner** will be presented the prestigious Hockey East Founders Medal at this year's Hockey East Championships, it was announced today by Hockey East Commissioner **Joe Bertagna**. The ceremony will take place on TD Garden ice on Friday, March 22, between semifinal games of the 35th Annual Hockey East Championships.

"Tom and Dana combined for nearly six decades of contributions to the advancement of Hockey East," said Bertagna. "The quality and length of their service to growing the conference are unparalleled in the history of Hockey East."

Tom Peters, who was promoted to senior associate athletics director in May 2010, spent 26 years at Boston College. Peters joined the Eagles' staff as an associate athletics director in January 1992. Prior to coming to the Heights, Peters spent more than three years as associate athletic director at Tulane University. In addition, Peters served as Tulane's acting athletic director from December 1990 until June 1991.

Peters served on the Executive Committee of Men's Hockey East, chairing the committee in 2012-13, and on the Hockey East Special Events Committee. He was also a member of the men's Beanpot Hockey Tournament Committee, which organizes the annual competition between the city's four Division I hockey schools.

A 1971 graduate of the University of Massachusetts, Peters was a three-year hockey letterman for the Minutemen. Peters earned a master's degree in sports management from the University in 1973. Peters was then an administrative assistant at the University of Virginia, before joining the New Boston Garden Corporation and Boston Bruins as assistant sales and marketing manager in 1973. In 1976, he was named sales and marketing manager. From there, the Arlington, MA, native moved to New Jersey where he was the assistant athletic director at Rutgers University from 1981-88.

After more than three decades of leadership and service at UMass Lowell, including 23 years as director of intercollegiate athletics, **Dana Skinner** retired in September 2018. He recently led the university's successful transition to NCAA Division I competition, a comprehensive five-year process that was formally completed last summer. Skinner's commitment to excellence was reflected in his focus on both sides of the "student-athlete" hyphen. Since joining the Division I America East Conference in 2013, UMass Lowell student-athletes have achieved a cumulative 3.0 GPA or higher every semester. A firm believer that sports can be used to promote positive social change, Skinner took pride in the River Hawks' community engagement efforts with the Special Olympics, the National Youth Sports Program, the Make-A-Wish Foundation and Team Impact.

A native of Danvers, MA, Skinner was a Division II All-American basketball player for Merrimack College, where he graduated in 1978. He was drafted by the Boston Celtics in the third round (50th overall) of the NBA draft and played briefly for the Maine Lumberjacks of the Continental Basketball Association. He later became head coach of the New England Gulls of the Women's Professional Basketball Association and earned a master's degree in sports administration from St. Thomas University in Miami.

The Hockey East Founders Medal was established in 2009 upon the occasion of the 25th anniversary Hockey East season. The inaugural recipients were, fittingly, the five founding athletic directors who created the conference in the mid-1980's. In all, the award has been presented to seven institutional administrators, three conference administrators, two administrators associated with the TD Garden (home of the Hockey East Championship) and two head coaches.

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Recipients of the Hockey East Founders Medal

Year	Recipients
2009	Irwin Cohen, AD, Northeastern University Bill Flynn, AD, Boston College Lou Lamoriello, AD, Providence College Andy Mooradian, AD, University of New Hampshire John Simpson, AD, Boston University
2011	Bob DeGregorio, Commissioner, Hockey East Stu Haskell, Commissioner, Hockey East Brendan Sheehy, Supervisor of Officials, Hockey East
2013	Steve Nazro, VP of Events, TD Garden Jim Prior, PA Announcer, TD Garden
2014	Jack Parker, Head Coach, Boston University
2018	Dick Umile, Head Coach, University of New Hampshire
2019	Tom Peters, Associate AD, Boston College Dana Skinner, AD, UMass Lowell