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Pete Souris Named Joe Concannon Award Winner

Former Hockey East Assistant Commissioner Is 26th Recipient of Award

WAKEFIELD, Mass. - **Pete Souris** has been named the recipient of the prestigious Joe Concannon Award, Hockey East Commissioner **Joe Bertagna** announced today from the league's annual media day at TD Garden. Souris becomes the first recipient with direct ties to the league after serving as Assistant Commissioner for Public Relations for over six years.

"I can't think of a better person to set the precedent of honoring someone outside the field of media representatives than Pete," said Bertagna. "Consistent with the purpose of this award, Peter has done an incredible job in promoting the interests of Hockey East through various media, going back to his undergraduate days at UNH. He has distinguished himself by a selfless desire to help the conference in any way he can."

Souris has spent nearly two decades promoting and assisting in the media coverage of Hockey East, including the last two years as Associate Athletic Director for Communications at UMass Lowell. He was hired in January of 2014 as Assistant Athletic Director for Communications.

Previously, Souris spent over six years at Hockey East as Assistant Commissioner for Public Relations where he supported 11-member institutions in a media relations capacity, served as the media coordinator for six Hockey East Championships at the TD Garden and was the media coordinator for two sold out Frozen Fenway events at Fenway Park in 2010 and 2012. In addition, he was charged with creating a digital media plan for the conference's website and social media channels, as well as serving as the liaison for the league's three national and regional television partners.

Souris previously spent six years from 2001-2007 working in the athletics media relations department at the University of New Hampshire, serving as the primary contact for men's ice hockey. Also, he served as the media coordinator for the 2004 and 2007 NCAA hockey regionals in Manchester, New Hampshire.

Souris has worked the last 18 Frozen Fours in a media relations capacity, dating back to 2000 in Providence, R.I., which included two appearances with the Wildcats in 2002 and 2003, and in a consulting role with the River Hawks in 2013.

ABOUT THE JOE CONCANNON HOCKEY EAST MEDIA AWARD: The prestigious honor, named in 2001 in memory of beloved Boston Globe sportswriter Joe Concannon, is bestowed annually upon an individual who has demonstrated an outstanding body of work in covering and promoting the interests of the Hockey East Association.

Joe Concannon Hockey East Media Award History

Year	Recipient, Affiliation	Year	Recipient, Affiliation
1992	Larry Mahoney, Bangor Daily News	2005	Eric Frede, NESN/Cod Rock Media
1993	Bob Whitelaw, New England Sports Network	2006	Dan Hannigan, Maine Radio/Cod Rock Media
1994	Bob Monahan, Boston Globe	2007	Allen Lessels, New Hampshire Union Leader
1995	John Connolly, Boston Herald	2008	Mike Logan, Providence College Radio
1996	Charles Scoggins, Lowell Sun	2009	Bob Ellis, UMass Lowell Radio
1997	Bob Norton, New England Sports Network	2010	Brock Hines, UMass Sports Network
1998	Joe Concannon, Boston Globe	2011	Mike Machnik, Merrimack Radio, CHN & USCHO
1999	Dick Osborne, UNH Sports Network	2012	Jim Connelly, USCHO
2000	Bill Doherty, Huskies Radio	2013	Dan Parkhurst, UNH Radio/TV & Merrimack Radio
2001	Dave Hendrickson, USCHO	2014	Pete Webster, UNH Wildcat Sports Radio Network
2002	Roger Brown, Portsmouth Herald	2015	Nancy Marrapese-Burrell, The Boston Globe
2003	Bernie Corbett, BU Radio	2016	Ted Ryan, Burlington Free Press
2004	Rob Rudnick, Huskies Radio	2017	Pete Souris, New Hampshire/Hockey East/UMass Lowell

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