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Record 70 Hockey East Alumni Named to NHL Rosters

Hockey East Boasts Most NHL Players on Opening Night Rosters Ever

WAKEFIELD, Mass. – A record 70 alumni of the Hockey East Association will start the 2017-18 season on National Hockey League rosters, one more than the previous record of 69 set last season and 11 more players than began the 2015-16 season on NHL teams.

Hockey East alumni on NHL rosters to start the season represent 11 different schools. Boston College sends 20 players for opening night, while Boston University boasts 14, Maine, Massachusetts and UMass Lowell each send six, Northeastern and Providence claim four, New Hampshire and Vermont each have three Hockey East alumni, and UConn sends one, while three former Notre Dame skaters who spent time in Hockey East also appear on NHL rosters.

Five players that skated in the 2016-17 Hockey East season were named to an NHL club as Boston College's **Colin White** (Hanover, Mass./Ottawa), Boston University's **Clayton Keller** (Swansea, Ill./Arizona) and **Charlie McAvoy** (Long Beach, N.Y./Boston), UConn's **Tage Thompson** (Orange, Conn./St. Louis) and Notre Dame's **Anders Bjork** (Mequon, Wis./Boston) will all start 2017-18 at the game's highest level.

Hockey East alumni are featured on 27 of 31 NHL teams and 11 carry at least three Hockey East alumni: Anaheim, Boston, Carolina, Colorado, Dallas, Florida, Nashville, New Jersey, New York Rangers, Pittsburgh, and St. Louis. Boston and New Jersey each carry seven league alumni, the most of any NHL club.

NHL Team	First	Last	Pos.	School
Anaheim	Josh	Manson	D	Northeastern
Anaheim	Brandon	Montour	D	Massachusetts
Anaheim	Patrick	Eaves^	F	Boston College
Arizona	Adam	Clendening	D	Boston University
Arizona	Clayton	Keller*	F	Boston University
Boston	Noel	Acciari	F	Providence
Boston	Anders	Bjork*	F	Notre Dame
Boston	Matt	Grzelcyk	D	Boston University
Boston	Charlie	McAvoy*	D	Boston University
Boston	Kevan	Miller	D	Vermont
Boston	Tim	Schaller	F	Providence
Boston	Frank	Vatrano	F	Massachusetts
Buffalo	Jack	Eichel	F	Boston University
Buffalo	Evan	Rodrigues ^	F	Boston University
Calgary	Johnny	Gaudreau	F	Boston College
Carolina	Scott	Darling	G	Maine
Carolina	Noah	Hanifin	D	Boston College
Carolina	Brett	Pesce	D	New Hampshire
Carolina	Trevor	van Riemsdyk	D	New Hampshire
Colorado	Matt	Nieto	F	Boston University
Colorado	Colin	Wilson	F	Boston University
Colorado	A.J.	Greer	F	Boston University
Columbus	Cam	Atkinson	F	Boston College
Dallas	Ben	Bishop	G	Maine



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Dallas	Stephen	Johns	D	Notre Dame
Dallas	Jamie	Oleksiak	D	Northeastern
Dallas	Devin	Shore	F	Maine
Detriot	Jimmy	Howard	G	Maine
Detriot	Gustav	Nyquist	F	Maine
Edmonton	Matt	Benning	D	Northeastern
Edmonton	Eric	Gryba	D	Boston University
Florida	Connor	Brickley	F	Vermont
Florida	Mike	Matheson	D	Boston College
Florida	Ian	McCoshen	D	Boston College
Los Angeles	Christian	Folin	D	UMass Lowell
Los Angeles	Jonathan	Quick	G	Massachusetts
Minnesota	Charlie	Coyle	F	Boston University
Montreal	Torrey	Mitchell	F	Vermont
Nashville	Anthony	Bitetto	D	Northeastern
Nashville	Matt	Irwin	D	Massachusetts
Nashville	Nick	Bonino	F	Boston University
New Jersey	Brian	Gibbons	F	Boston College
New Jersey	Jimmy	Hayes	F	Boston College
New Jersey	Ben	Lovejoy	F	Boston College
New Jersey	Steven	Santini	D	Boston College
New Jersey	Cory	Schneider	G	Boston College
New Jersey	Miles	Wood	F	Boston College
New Jersey	Brian	Boyle^	F	Boston College
NYR	Paul	Carey	F	Boston College
NYR	Kevin	Hayes	F	Boston College
NYR	Chris	Kreider	F	Boston College
NYR	Kevin	Shattenkirk	D	Boston University
Ottawa	Colin	White*^	F	Boston College
Philadelphia	Colin	McDonald^	D	Providence
Pittsburgh	Brian	Dumoulin	F	Boston College
Pittsburgh	Chad	Ruhwedel	D	UMass Lowell
Pittsburgh	Bryan	Rust	F	Notre Dame
Pittsburgh	Conor	Sheary	F	Massachusetts
Pittsburgh	Scott	Wilson	F	UMass Lowell
San Jose	Justin	Braun	D	Massachusetts
St. Louis	Carter	Hutton	G	UMass Lowell
St. Louis	Wade	Megan	F	Boston University
St. Louis	Zach	Sanford	F	Boston College
St. Louis	Tage	Thompson*	F	Uconn
Toronto	Ron	Hainsey	D	UMass Lowell
Toronto	James	van Riemsdyk	F	New Hampshire
Vancouver	Ben	Hutton	D	Maine
Washington	Brooks	Orpik	D	Boston College
Winnipeg	Connor	Hellebuyck	G	UMass Lowell
Winnipeg	Brandon	Tanev	F	Providence

* Played in Hockey East in 2016-17 | ^ Will start NHL season on injured reserve

