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## 94 STUDENT-ATHLETES HONORED ON LEAGUE ALL-ACADEMIC TEAM

**WAKEFIELD, Mass.** - Hockey East is proud to announce a league-record 94 student-athletes to the 2008-2009 All-Academic Team in its 25th season of play, which was announced on Monday afternoon. Each student-athlete achieved a grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 or better in each of the two academic periods during which he was actively competing.

Merrimack College set the standard in the conference this year with 16 honorees, while the University of Maine placed 13 student-athletes on the team and the University of Massachusetts boasted 12 honorees for the second straight season. Northeastern University and UMass-Lowell also had a strong presence on the team with 11 and 10 student-athletes respectively. The league also boasted a record setting 10 student-athletes that received "Distinguished Scholar" status. Those earning "Distinguished Scholar" status achieved a 3.0 or better in each semester over four varsity seasons. Maine's Chris Hahn (Fort Qu'Appelle, Sask.), along with Scott Crowder (Nashua, N.H.) and John Wessbecker (Victoria, Minn.) from UMass were honored. UML's Nick Monroe (Groton, Mass.) and Mark Roebbothan (St. John's, Nfld.) were honored, as well as UNH's Thomas Fortney (Webster Groves, Mo.) and Alan Thompson (Gilford, N.H.). NU's Denis Chisholm (Fox Valley, Sask.) and Rob Rassey (Shelby Township, Mich.), along with Providence College's Kyle Laughlin (Gambrills, Md.) rounded out the group of "Distinguished Scholars".

Merrimack College junior goaltender Andrew Braithwaite (Kingston, Ont.) and UMass-Lowell junior forward Frank Stegnar (Toronto, Ont.) earned 4.0 GPA's on the year to earn Hockey East Top-Scholar Athlete honors for the league's 25th anniversary season. It also marked the second time both Stegnar (2008) and Braithwaite (2007) earned Top-Scholar Athlete accolades.

### **Boston College (6)**

Anthony Aiello  
Brock Bradford \*\*  
Brian Gibbons  
Alex Kremer \*\*  
Matt Price \*\*  
Ben Smith \*\*\*

### **Boston University (4)**

Jason Lawrence  
John McCarthy \*\*\*  
Joe Pereira  
Ryan Ruikka

### **Maine (13)**

Spencer Abbott  
Brett Carriere \*\*  
Simon Danis-Pepin \*\*  
Robby Dee \*\*  
Jeff Dimmen \*\*  
Chris Hahn +  
Tanner House \*\*  
Gustav Nyquist  
Will O'Neill  
Lem Randall \*\*  
Josh Seeley  
Kevin Swallow  
Josh Vandyk \*\*

### **Massachusetts (12)**

Scott Crowder +  
Brian Keane \*\*  
Doug Kublin  
Ryan Leary  
Michael Lecomte \*\*  
James Marcou \*\*  
Martin Nolet \*\*\*  
Cory Quirk \*\*  
T.J. Syner  
Brett Watson \*\*\*  
Casey Wellman  
John Wessbecker +

### **UMass-Lowell (10)**

Scott Campbell \*\*  
Jason DeLuca \*\*  
Jeremy Dehner \*\*  
Maury Edwards \*\*  
Jonathan Maniff \*\*  
Nick Monroe +  
Tommy Powers \*\*\*  
Mark Roebbothan +  
**Frank Stegnar \*\*\* 4.00**  
**(Hockey East Top-Scholar Athlete)**  
Paul Worthington \*\*\*

### **Merrimack (16)**

Fraser Allan  
Chris Barton  
Justin Bonitatibus  
**Andrew Braithwaite \*\*\* 4.00**  
**(Hockey East Top-Scholar Athlete)**  
Joe Cucci \*\*  
Grant Farrell \*\*\*  
Ryan Flanigan  
John Goebel \*\*  
Carter Madsen  
Matt Moulakelis \*\*  
Francois Ouimet \*\*  
J.C. Robitaille \*\*\*  
Adam Ross  
Karl Stollery  
Brandon Sadlowski  
Patrick Watson

### **New Hampshire (8)**

Bobby Butler  
Matt DiGirolamo  
Thomas Fortney +  
Damon Kipp  
Nick Krates  
Greg Manz \*\*  
Steve Moses  
Alan Thompson +

### **Northeastern (11)**

Mike Binnington  
Denis Chisholm +  
Greg Costa \*\*\*  
Mike Hewkin  
Drew Linard  
Matt Lipinski  
J.P. Maley  
Mike McLaughlin  
Dan Nycholat  
Rob Rassey +  
Dylan Wiwchar \*\*

### **Providence (9)**

Andy Balytsky  
Ben Farrer  
Matt Germain \*\*  
Paul Golden  
Kyle Laughlin +  
Kyle MacKinnon \*\*  
Rob Maloney  
Nick Mazzolini \*\*  
Ryan Simpson

### **Vermont (5)**

Josh Burrows \*\*  
Kyle Kuk \*\*\*  
Brett Leonard  
Matt Marshall  
Kyle Medvec

### **HEA ACADEMIC ALL-STAR TEAM**

(Top GPA's by position)  
**G:** Andrew Braithwaite, MC (4.00)  
**D:** Martin Nolet, UMass (3.95)  
**D:** Ryan Ruikka, Boston U. (3.88)  
**F:** Chris Hahn, Maine (3.84)  
**F:** J.C. Robitaille, MC (3.93)  
**F:** Frank Stegnar, UML (4.00)  
\*\* (denotes two-time honoree)

\*\*\* (denotes three-time honoree)  
+ (denotes "Distinguished Scholar, 3.0 GPA in each semester over four varsity seasons)

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