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

**WAKEFIELD, Mass.** - Hockey East is proud to announce 79 student-athletes that were named to the 2009-2010 All-Academic Team in the league's 26th season of play, which was announced on Monday. 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.

The University of Massachusetts set the standard in the conference this year with 13 honorees, followed by the University of Maine with 12 student-athletes making the grade, while Merrimack College placed 10 honorees on the squad. UMass-Lowell and Providence College each placed nine recipients on the team in 2009-2010.

The league also boasted seven 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. Boston College senior forward Ben Smith (Avon, Conn.), Massachusetts defenseman Martin Nolet (Quebec City, Que.) and forward Brett Watson (Media, Pa.), UMass-Lowell forward Paul Worthington (Langhorne, Pa.), Merrimack goaltender Andrew Braithwaite (Kingston, Ont.) and forward J.C. Robitaille (Des Ruisseaux, Que.), along with Northeastern senior forward Greg Costa (Crownsville, Md.) all earned All-Academic status in four seasons.

Merrimack's Braithwaite also earned 4.00 GPA on the year to earn Hockey East Top-Scholar Athlete honors for the third straight season with the Warriors.

### **Boston College (5)**

Tommy Atkinson  
Tommy Cross  
Brooks Dyrhoff  
Matt Price \*\*\*  
Ben Smith +

### **Boston U. (1)**

Ryan Ruikka \*\*

### **Maine (12)**

Spencer Abbott \*\*  
Theo Andersson  
Brett Carriere \*\*\*  
Mike Cornell  
Joey Diamond  
Jeff Dimmen \*\*\*  
Tanner House \*\*\*  
Mark Nemec  
Gustav Nyquist \*\*  
Will O'Neill \*\*  
Kevin Swallow \*\*  
Josh Van Dyk \*\*\*

### **Massachusetts (13)**

Martin Nolet +  
Matt Irwin  
Michael Lecomte \*\*\*  
Djan Lefebvre  
James Marcou \*\*\*  
Dan Meyers  
Kevin Moore  
Ed Olczyk  
Anthony Raiola  
T.J. Syner \*\*  
Brett Watson +  
Casey Wellman \*\*  
Randy Wolcott

### **UMass-Lowell (9)**

Scott Campbell \*\*\*  
Joe Caveney  
Jason DeLuca \*\*\*  
Jeremy Dehner \*\*\*  
Maurice Edwards \*\*\*  
Barry Goers \*\*\*  
Chris Ickert  
Jon Maniff \*\*\*  
Paul Worthington +

### **Merrimack (10)**

Fraser Allan \*\*  
Chris Barton \*\*  
Justin Bonitatibus \*\*  
**Andrew Braithwaite + (4.00) ^**  
**Hockey East Top Scholar-Athlete**  
Stephane Da Costa  
Ryan Flanigan \*\*  
J.C. Robitaille +  
Adam Ross \*\*  
Brandon Sadlowski \*\*  
Karl Stollery \*\*

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

Phil DeSimone  
Connor Hardowa  
Ansel Ivins-Anderson  
Damon Kipp \*\*  
Greg Manz \*\*\*  
Scott Pavelski  
Mike Sislo  
Paul Thompson

### **Northeastern (8)**

Mike Binnington \*\*  
Greg Costa +  
Mike Hewkin \*\*  
Matt Lipinski \*\*  
J.P. Maley \*\*  
Mike McLaughlin \*\*  
Bryan Mountain  
Dylan Wiwchar \*\*\*

### **Providence (9)**

Eric Baier  
Andy Balysky \*\*  
Alex Beaudry  
Ben Farrer \*\*  
Justin Gates  
Matt Germain \*\*\*  
Kyle MacKinnon \*\*\*  
Rob Maloney \*\*  
Ian O'Connor

### **Vermont (4)**

Ben Albertson  
Josh Burrows \*\*\*  
Anders Franzon  
Matt Marshall \*\*

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

(Top GPA's by position)  
**G:** Andrew Braithwaite, Merrimack (4.00)  
**D:** Djan Lefebvre, UMass (3.88)  
**D:** Barry Goers, UMass-Lowell (3.81)  
**F:** Ben Albertson, Vermont (3.88)  
**F:** Kevin Swallow, Maine (3.83)  
**F:** Scott Campbell, UMass-Lowell (3.80)  
**F:** Matt Germain, Providence (3.80)

\*\* (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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