

# FEATURED ALUMNI PROFILES



## Conor Sheary - University of Massachusetts

As a rookie in 2016, Conor Sheary exploded on the national stage to help push the Pittsburgh Penguins to a Stanley Cup championship. Sheary scored the game-winning overtime goal in Game 2 of the Stanley Cup Finals to give the Penguins a 2-0 lead in the series en route to a 4-2 series victory. During the regular season, Sheary scored seven goals and added three assists in 44 games before exploding for four goals and six assists in just 23 playoff games.

The Winchester, Massachusetts native went undrafted out of Cushing Academy prior to enrolling in the University of Massachusetts and was acquired by the Penguins in 2015 as a free agent after skating three seasons in Hockey East with the Minutemen. While attending Massachusetts, Sheary led the team in scoring during his senior year with nine goals and 19 assists for 28 points. After UMass, Sheary made the jump right into the AHL with the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins, playing in 58 games with 20 goals and 25 assists in his first full professional season in 2014-15.

## Jack Eichel - Boston University

The 2015 Hobey Baker Memorial Award Winner, Jack Eichel was selected as the second overall pick in the 2015 NHL Entry Draft by the Buffalo Sabres after an NCAA season that saw him rewrite the Hockey East record books for nearly every first-year offensive statistical category. In 2014-15, Eichel led the NCAA with 26 goals and 45 assists, the first rookie to do so since Paul Kariya in 1992.

After his freshman campaign with the Terriers saw him win nearly every team and individual conference and national award and skate in the NCAA Championship Game in Boston, Eichel was one of the top rookies that competed in the NHL in 2015-16, skating in all 81 games and racking up 24 goals and 32 assists for 56 points as an 18-year-old.



## Kevan Miller - University of Vermont

Miller, a former two-year captain of the University of Vermont, received a four-year extension from the Boston Bruins after a 2015-16 campaign that saw him skate in a career-high 71 games scoring a personal best five goals, 13 assists, 18 points and registering his 100th NHL game. Prior to his professional career, Miller patrolled the blueline for the Catamounts from 2007-2011, serving as the team's captain in 2010-11 and co-captain in 2009-10.

In total, the 28-year-old blueliner has played in 159 games in the NHL, scoring eight goals and adding 23 assists across three seasons. He has appeared in 11 NHL postseason games with the Bruins and registered two assists in those outings. Prior to joining the NHL club in Boston, Miller appeared in 154 games with the Providence Bruins of the AHL where he posted seven goals and 38 assists.

## Johnny Gaudreau - Boston College

Gaudreau has spent his first three years in the NHL much the same way he spent his three years at Boston College - setting the league on fire. Drafted 108th overall by Calgary in 2011, Gaudreau has picked up with the Flames organization where he left off with the Eagles.

Gaudreau's impressive collegiate accolades - 2014 Hobey Baker winner, two-time Hockey East Player of the Year, two-time First-Team All-American, 2012 Beanpot MVP, among others - has only continued to grow since his jump to the NHL. After scoring his first career NHL goal in his NHL debut, Gaudreau has gone on to be named to the NHL All-Rookie Team in 2014-15 and has twice been named an NHL All-Star in 2014-15 and 2015-16.

In 2015-16, Gaudreau set a career high in goals, assists and points en route to finishing tied for sixth among all skaters in point-scorers.

