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WOMEN'S HOCKEY EAST ANNOUNCES CREATION OF BERTAGNA TROPHY

Hyannis, Mass. - The Women's Hockey East Association has announced the creation of a new perpetual trophy, The Bertagna Trophy, to be presented annually to the league tournament champions.

Following the 10th anniversary season, the athletic directors of the eight member schools authorized the creation of a new perpetual award. During the early stages of this project, the directors also voted to give the new perpetual trophy a name, in order to be able to incorporate the name into the design. Named in honor of Joseph D. Bertagna, one of the founding fathers of the women's league and its first/current commissioner.

"It was truly a pleasure to be able to honor an individual who has meant so much to the growth and development of women's ice hockey," said Nancy Lyons, Senior Associate Athletic Director at Boston University, and current chair of the women's Hockey East Executive Committee. "Joe certainly deserves this recognition for organizing what has become in very short order, one of the best women's hockey leagues in the country and now his name will be associated with the championship forever."

The Bertagna Trophy will be presented for the first time on Sunday, March 10, 2013, following the 11th Annual Women's Hockey East Championship game, to be played at the Kennedy Rink at the Hyannis Youth and Community Center, between #1 seed Boston University and #3 seed Northeastern.

Women's Hockey East is an eight-team conference which began play in 2002-03. Member institutions include Boston College, Boston University, University of Connecticut, University of Maine, University of New Hampshire, Northeastern University, Providence College and University of Vermont.

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