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BC'S ALEX CARPENTER NAMED ATHLETIC REPUBLIC PLAYER OF THE YEAR ~ BC's Katie King Crowley tabbed as Coach of the Year; BC's Skarupa earns Rookie of the Year ~

Hyannis, Mass. -- The Women's Hockey East Association announced at the annual Championship Awards banquet that Boston College sophomore forward Alex Carpenter (North Reading, Mass.) was named the recipient of the Cammi Granato Award, as Athletic Republic Player of the Year on Friday night at the Resort and Conference Center in Hyannis, Mass.

In addition to Carpenter's award, Boston College head coach Katie King Crowley took home Hockey East Coach of the Year honors for the first time in her six-year career at the Heights. Eagles' forward Haley Skarupa (Rockville, Md.) was tabbed as Pro Ambitions Rookie of the Year for her efforts over the course of the season.

Carpenter shattered the single-season scoring record with 48 points (25g,23a) in 21 games for the Eagles, averaging a league-best 2.29 points per contest. Her 68 points overall also set a single-season school record. She recorded her 100th career point and 50th career goal in back-to-back games (Feb. 17 and 19). Carpenter was a five-time Athletic Republic Player of the Week honoree this season and a two-time Athletic Republic Player of the Month in January and February. She was also named a Top-10 Patty Kazmaier Award Finalist in February. She is the second Eagle to win the award, Kelli Stack won the award three previous times in 2007, 2009 and 2011.

Crowley led the Eagles to a second place finish in league play with a 17-2-2 record and 36 points. She has helped guide the team to their most wins in a season in school history (26) and goals scored in a season in school history (153). King Crowley also led the Eagles to a No. 2 national ranking, their highest ever ranking the national polls.

Skarupa's 37 points in league play is a new rookie single-season record. She posted 15 goals and 22 for the Eagles in 18 league games, averaging 2.06 per game and was one of three players in the league to average more than two points per game this season. She is a six-time Pro Ambitions Rookie of the Week honoree this season and was named Pro Ambitions Rookie of the Month in November. She is the second Eagle in school history to receive the honor.

The Women's Hockey East Association is an eight-team, Division-I college hockey conference which began play in 2002-2003, with offices based in Wakefield, Mass. The league also sponsors a 10 team men's league which began play in 1984-1985.

Athletic Republic Player of the Year (Cammi Granato Award):

Alex Carpenter, Boston College (So., F, North Reading, Mass.)

Runner-Up: Kendall Coyne, Northeastern (So., F, Palos Heights, Ill.)

Pro Ambitions Rookie of the Year:

Haley Skarupa, Boston College (F, Rockville, Md.)

Runner-Up: Sarah Lefort, Boston University (F, Ormstown, Que.)

Hockey East Coach of the Year:

Katie King Crowley, Boston College

Runner-Up: Brian McCloskey, New Hampshire



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