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## Kendall Coyne Named Warrior Hockey East Player of the Year BC's Newkirk Is Top Rookie; Crowley Claims Best Coach After Historic Year

**NORTH ANDOVER, Mass.** - The Women's Hockey East Association announced Northeastern senior forward **Kendall Coyne** (Palos Heights, Ill.) as the recipient of the 2016 Cammi Granato Award as Warrior Hockey East Player of the Year Friday night at the league's annual award ceremony. It is the first time Coyne has won the honor as the conference's top player.

In addition to Coyne's recognition, Boston College head coach **Katie Crowley** took home Hockey East Coach of the Year accolades for the third consecutive year after guiding the Eagles to the best season in program and league history, compiling a 34-0-0 record during the regular season, including 24-0-0 in league play, and claiming the No. 1 national ranking. Rounding out the three major awards for 2015-16 is Boston College forward **Makenna Newkirk** (Scottsdale, Arizona) who was named Pro Ambitions Rookie of the Year for her efforts over the course of the season.

Coyne spent her final year in a Husky uniform obliterating the Hockey East record books, setting new standards for career points (167), career goals (91), single-season points (55), single season goals (30), points per game (2.39), and goals per game (1.30) while finishing her career ranked second all-time in career assists (76) and third all-time in single-season assists (25). The U.S. Olympian's 30 goals and 55 points in league play this year surpassed the previous best marks by five goals and seven points. She finished with 39 more points in career regular season play than anyone in league history prior to 2015-16, during which season three players broke **Kelli Stack**'s mark of 133 points set in 2011. Coyne was named Warrior Hockey Player of the Week seven times (Sept. 28, Oct. 19, Nov. 2, Jan. 4, Jan. 11, Jan. 18, Feb. 29) and twice named Warrior Hockey Player of the Month (Sept./Oct., Jan.). Coyne currently leads the NCAA in goals (49), goals per game (1.40), points per game (2.34), short-handed goals (5), hat tricks (5), plus-minus (+64), shots on goal (338) and shots per game (9.36) while her 75 points rank second in the nation. She was named a Top-10 Patty Kazmaier Memorial Award Finalist in February for the third time in her career.

Newkirk paced the league in nearly every offensive category among her freshman counterparts during her rookie campaign with 12 assists, 23 points, 0.50 assists per game, 0.96 points per game, eight power-play points, two game-winning goals, one hat trick and a plus-22 rating. Nationally, her 21 goals lead all NCAA rookies, while her 24 assists and 45 points are the second-best freshman totals in the country. She also boasts the best shooting percentage among first-year skaters, firing at an 19.8% clip. She had 11 multi-point outings in 36 games, including eight three-point performances. She was a four-time Pro Ambitions Rookie of the Week (Oct. 15, Nov. 9, Feb. 15, Feb. 29) during the season, helping the Eagles to a perfect regular season (34-0-0, 24-0-0 HEA) and the third regular season title in program history.

Crowley led the Eagles in a historic 2015-16 season, steering her club to its third consecutive Women's Hockey East regular season title and after each season garnering coach of the year honors. She has helped guide Boston College to their most wins in a season in school history (36) and goals scored in a season in school history (195) after setting both of those marks during a 34-3-2 campaign in 2014-15. Further, BC has converted on 40 power plays, also a school record, and has yet to allow a power-play goal in non-conference play. During the 2015-16 season, Crowley skippered the Eagles to their fifth Beanpot title and into the Hockey East Tournament for the 11th time.



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### Warrior Hockey East Player of the Year (Cammi Granato Award):

Kendall Coyne, Northeastern (Sr., F; Palos Heights, Illinois)

Runner-Up: Alex Carpenter, Boston College (Sr., F; North Reading, Massachusetts)



### Pro Ambitions Rookie of the Year:

Makenna Newkirk, Boston College (F; Scottsdale, Arizona)

Runners-Up: Brittany Bugalski, Northeastern (G; Boynton Beach, Florida)

Sammy Davis, Boston University (F; Pembroke, Massachusetts)



### Hockey East Coach of the Year:

Katie Crowley, Boston College

Runner-Up: Dave Flint, Northeastern

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