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## Hockey East Most Represented Conference in Stanley Cup Playoffs

*54 Current NHL Players and 54 Front Office Staff Remain in the Hunt for Hockey's Top Prize*

**WAKEFIELD, Mass.** - The Hockey East Association will once again be the most well-represented college hockey conference in the 2021 Stanley Cup Playoffs, as 108 league alumni, including 54 active players, remain in contention for the National Hockey League's top prize. The impressive showing sets the stage for 2020-21 to be the first year in which 100 Hockey East alumni appear in the NHL, comprising nearly a third of the over 300 NCAA alumni who appeared in the NHL this season. A full list of players and staff can be found below.

Each of the 16 NHL clubs that qualified for the 2021 Stanley Cup Playoffs boast at least one Hockey East alumni on their current roster, guaranteeing that a Hockey East player will lift the Stanley Cup for the 10th consecutive season. Boston University's **Kevin Shattenkirk** claimed the 2020 title with the Tampa Bay Lightning.

The 54 players represent 10 different institutions while 11 league members are represented across both players and front office staff. Boston College leads the way with 11 alumni on Stanley Cup Playoff rosters, followed closely by Boston University's 10 representatives. Maine and Providence each boast six former players seeking the Cup, while Massachusetts claims five, New Hampshire and Notre Dame both send four, UMass Lowell and North-eastern produced three, and Vermont sends two.

Overall, the Pittsburgh Penguins boast the most Hockey East alumni with nine, which makes up half of the 18 NCAA alumni the team used during the regular season. The 2016-17 Penguins that won the Stanley Cup had a record seven Hockey East players on the 2017 Stanley Cup Championship team.

During the 2020-21 regular season, 94 Hockey East alumni appeared in at least one NHL game, once again more than any other college hockey conference, and representing nearly one-third of the 302 NCAA alumni who skated in hockey's top league last year.

The 2021 Stanley Cup Playoffs continue tonight while the 2021 NHL Entry Draft is slated for July 23-24.

### **Boston Bruins**

Players (5) – Charlie Coyle (Boston University, 2010-12), Matt Grzelcyk (Boston University, 2012-16), Charlie McAvoy (Boston University, 2015-17), Kevan Miller (Vermont, 2007-11), Jeremy Swayman (Maine, 2017-20)  
Executive Director, Player Personnel John Ferguson – Providence (1985-89)  
Assistant Coach Jay Pandolfo – Boston University (1992-96)  
Assistant Coach Joe Sacco – Boston University (1987-90)  
Assistant Coach Kevin Dean – New Hampshire (1987-91)  
Goaltending Development Coach Mike Dunham – Maine (1990-93)  
Skating Consultant Kim Brandvold – UMass Lowell (2002-06)  
AHL Head Coach Jay Leach – Providence (1997-2001)

### **Carolina Hurricanes**

Players (2) – Warren Foegele (New Hampshire, 2014-16), Brett Pesce (New Hampshire, 2012-15)  
Skills Development Peter Harrold – Boston College (2002-06)  
Pro Scout Bobby Jay – Merrimack (1984-88)

### **Colorado Avalanche**

Players (5) – Dennis Gilbert (Notre Dame, 2015-17), Cale Makar (Massachusetts, 2017-19), Alex Newhook (Boston College, 2019-21), Dan Renouf (Maine, 2013-16), T.J. Tynan (Notre Dame, 2013-14)  
Development Coach Brett Clark – Maine (1995-96)  
Scout Neil Shea – Boston College (1982-86)

### **Edmonton Oilers**

Players (3) – Alex Chiasson (Boston University, 2009-12), William Lagesson (Massachusetts, 2015-17), Devin Shore (Maine, 2012-15)  
Amateur Scout Scott Harlow – Boston College (1982-86)

### **Florida Panthers**

Players (7) – Noel Acciari (Providence, 2012-15), Brady Keeper (Maine, 2017-19), Spencer Knight (Boston College, 2019-21), Ryan Lomberg (Maine, 2012-14), Brandon Montour (Massachusetts, 2014-15), Frank Vatrano (Massachusetts, 2013-15), Scott Wilson (UMass Lowell, 2011-14)  
Manager, Player Development Mike Ryan – Northeastern (1999-2003)  
Scout P.J. Fenton – Massachusetts (2004-08)  
Amateur Scout Bill Ryan – Maine (2004-08)

### **Minnesota Wild**

Players (2) – Nick Bonino (Boston University 2007-10), Jordan Greenway (Boston University, 2015-18)  
General Manager Bill Guerin – Boston College (1989-91)  
Director, Pro Scouting Chris Kelleher – Boston University (1994-98)  
Pro Scout Mark Mowers – New Hampshire (1994-98)  
AHL Head Coach Tim Army – Providence (1981-85)



### **Montreal Canadiens**

Players (1) – Jake Evans (Notre Dame, 2014-17)  
Amateur Scout Trevor Hanson – Providence (1992-96)

### **Nashville Predators**

Players (4) – Matt Benning (Northeastern, 2013-16), Jeremy Davies (Northeastern, 2014-19), David Farrance (Boston University, 2017-21), Dante Fabro (Boston University, 2016-19)  
Assistant General Manager, Director of Scouting Jeff Kealty – Boston University (1994-98)  
Assistant General Manager, Director of Hockey Operations Brian Poile – Boston College (1996-97)  
Amateur Scout Tom Nolan – New Hampshire (1993-98)  
Pro Scout Rob Cowie – Northeastern (1987-91)  
Head Coach John Hynes – Boston University (1994-97)  
Assistant Coach Rob Scuderi – Boston College (1997-01)

### **New York Islanders**

Players (3) - Kieffer Bellows (Boston University, 2016-17), Cory Schneider (Boston College, 2004-07), Oliver Wahlstrom (Boston College, 2018-19)  
President, Hockey Operations / General Manager Lou Lamoriello – Providence (1960-63; Coach: 1969-81, Hockey East's First Commissioner and Founder)  
Assistant General Manager / AHL GM Chris Lamoriello – Providence (1990-94)  
Player Development Marty Reasoner – Boston College (1995-98)  
AHL Goaltending Coach/Player Development Chris Terreri – Providence (1983-86)  
Scout Chris O'Sullivan – Boston University (1992-96)  
Pro Scout Steve Kariya – Maine (1995-99)  
AHL Assistant Coach Eric Boguniecki – New Hampshire (1993-97)

### **Pittsburgh Penguins**

Players (9) – Zach Aston-Reese (Northeastern, 2013-17), Casey DeSmith (New Hampshire, 2011-14), Brian Dumoulin (Boston College, 2009-12), Mark Jankowski (Providence, 2012-16), Mike Matheson (Boston College, 2012-15), Evan Rodrigues (Boston University, 2011-16), Chad Ruhwedel (UMass Lowell, 2010-13), Bryan Rust (Notre Dame, 2013-14), Brandon Tanev (Providence, 2012-16)  
Director, Player Development Scott Young – Boston University (1985-87)  
Head Coach Mike Sullivan – Boston University (1986-90)  
Goaltending Coach Mike Buckley – Massachusetts (1996-2000)  
Skills Development Professional Ty Hennes – Boston College (2000-04)  
Amateur Scout Jay Heinbuck – Northeastern (1982-86)  
Pro and Special Assignment Scout Kevin Stevens – Boston College (1983-87)  
AHL Head Coach J.D. Forrest – Boston College (2000-04)

### **St. Louis Blues**

Players (4) – Zach Sanford (Boston College, 2014-16), Jake Walman (Providence, 2014-17)  
Director, Player Recruitment Keith Tkachuk – Boston University (1990-91)  
Assistant Coach Jim Montgomery – Maine (1989-93)

### **Tampa Bay Lightning**

Players (1) – Ross Colton (Vermont, 2016-18)  
Pro Scout Stephen Gionta – Boston College (2002-06)  
Amateur Scout Brian Putnam – New Hampshire (1993-97)

### **Toronto Maple Leafs**

Players (2) - Ben Hutton (Maine, 2012-15), Joseph Woll (Boston College, 2016-19)  
Senior Director, Player Development Scott Pellerin – Maine (1988-92)  
Director, Amateur Scouting John Lilley – Boston University (1991-92)  
Assistant Director, Player Personnel Wes Clark – Maine (2004-08)  
Amateur Scout Jim Vesey – Merrimack (1984-88)  
AHL Head Coach Greg Moore – Maine (2002-06)

### **Vegas Golden Knights**

Players (2) – Patrick Brown (Boston College, 2010-14), Alex Tuch (Boston College, 2014-16)  
Amateur Scout Peter Ahola – Boston University (1989-91)

### **Washington Capitals**

Players (3) – Brian Pinho (Providence, 2014-18), Conor Sheary (Massachusetts, 2010-14), Trevor van Riemsdyk (New Hampshire, 2011-14)  
Player Development Brooks Orpik – Boston College (1998-2001)  
Scout A.J. Toews – Northeastern (1996-98)  
Manager, Hockey Analytics H.T. Lenz – Vermont (2010-14)  
AHL Assistant Coach Ryan Murphy – Boston College (2001-05)

### **Winnipeg Jets**

Players (1) – Connor Hellebuyck (UMass Lowell, 2012-14)  
Scout Mark White – New Hampshire (1997-2001)

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