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American Hockey Coaches Association Honors Six

The American Hockey Coaches has announced its major award winners for 2003. The following individuals will be honored at a dinner on Saturday, April 26, in Naples, FL.

JOHN MARIUCCI AWARD: Tom Saterdalen, Bloomington Jefferson High School — He is the long time head high school coach at Bloomington Jefferson High School in Minnesota. This is his last year of teaching, 2002, and coaching at Bloomington Jefferson before retiring. Tom is a very worthy of this award. Says Augsburg college head coach Mike Schwartz: “Tom has 30 years of high school hockey coaching experience including four years at Superior High School in Wisconsin and 26 years at Bloomington Jefferson. He won two Wisconsin State hockey titles and five Minnesota State Hockey Titles. He has also won 12 Lake Conference hockey championships. Moreover, Tom coaches the boy’s tennis team at Jefferson where he has won two state titles and 7 conference championships. He is an outstanding teacher and coach who has sent over 100 players to Division I college Hockey.”

JIM FULLERTON AWARD: Steve Reed, Northwood School — Jim Fullerton was a former Northwood coach and would love to have seen Steve win his award. “Reno” has been at the Northwood School for well over 25 years and in that time he has helped numerous young men (and in the past few years many women) get into colleges where they can play hockey. From his nominators: “Lenny Ceglarski, Jerry York, Snooks Kelly, Charlie Holt, Jeff Sauer, Sid Watson, and many others have all called Reno a friend and respect the work he does with future college players. He has helped put players in our Olympic Program and the NHL as well as Div. 1, 2, and 3 programs. Very few men have done as much as Steve to help teach, motivate, and guide the young men and women that make up our game. Steve has done yeomen work for a very long time for the betterment of many young student/athletes over time. Guys like Mike Richter, Tony Granato, Chris Nilan, and tons of other good players and coaches in the game at all levels can attest to his dedication and love for the college game.”

JOHN “SNOOKS” KELLEY FOUNDERS AWARD: Jeff Sauer, Colorado College and the University of Wisconsin — Jeff Sauer won 655 games (4th all-time) in 31 seasons as head coach at Colorado College (1971-1982) and the University of Wisconsin (1982-2002), before retiring from coaching after the 2001-2002 season. He remains active as an assistant in the Wisconsin Department of Athletics. He is the winningest coach in WCHA history and is the first coach in league annals to coach 30 seasons. Sauer has recorded four 30-win seasons (1982-83, 1987-88, 1989-90, 1999-2000), the most of any UW coach. One of the most-respected coaches in the game, he continues to be a consummate diplomat for the game of hockey. Sauer remains involved at all levels of hockey, from instructing kids at summer camps to speaking at high school assemblies to coaching international-level athletes in world tournaments. Sauer was honored in 2002 by USA Hockey, when he received the JOFA/USA Hockey Distinguished

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Achievement Award given to a U. S. citizen who has made hockey his or her profession and has made outstanding contributions, on or off the ice, to the sport in America.

TERRY FLANAGAN AWARD: Stu Irving, Merrimack College — This award recognizes the career body of work of a college assistant coach. Stu Irving is in his 19th season as an assistant at Merrimack College. A member of the U.S. Olympic Team that captured a silver medal at the 1972 Winter Games in Sapporo, Japan, the Beverly, Massachusetts native played 11 years of professional hockey following his Olympic experience.

Says nominator Damian DiGiulian of Vermont: "Having known Stu for the past six years of my coaching career, I am convinced that he is a worthy recipient. Listening to his story about his playing days and seeing his selflessness in helping younger assistant coaches learn the ropes of the business, he would be a tremendous addition to the list of past winners. Stu was a member of the 1972 U.S. Olympic team and the way he got there is an incredible story. Having been sent to Vietnam, Stu shot 100 pucks a day (sent to him by his father) in the heat of the jungle to keep him sane and to keep his skills sharp as well. While not knowing all of the details of his story I can assure you that it is a unique and tremendous one. As a coach, Stu has been a tremendous ambassador for the sport of hockey. His recruiting work speaks for itself and his dedication to helping young men both as players and people is second to none."

JOHN MACINNES AWARD: Ron Mason, Lake Superior State University, Bowling Green State University, and Michigan State University — After a 36-year career during which he established himself as the winningest coach in college hockey history, Ron Mason continues to be a leader as Michigan State's Director of Athletics. Beyond his 924 victories, his career highlights include an NCAA Championship at Michigan State in 1986 and an NAIA Championship with Lake Superior State in 1972. He led MSU to 17 CCHA regular-season and playoff titles and guided 23 teams to the NCAA Tournament, an all-time record. In addition, he coached 34 All-Americans and 46 former Spartans who played in the National Hockey League. In 2001, the CCHA honored Mason by renaming the CCHA playoff trophy - The Mason Cup - in his honor due to his development of the league and his success behind the bench.

Mason coached MSU's only two Hobey Baker Award winners - Kip Miller in 1990 and Ryan Miller in 2001. He also coached the first college player - Joe Murphy - to be taken first overall in the NHL Draft in 1986 by the Detroit Red Wings.

He is active in a number of local organizations and charities. He is very involved with Sparrow Hospital in Lansing, where he recently completed a four-year term on the Sparrow Foundation Board and has set up the Ron Mason Fund for Pediatric Rehabilitation, which has raised over \$300,000. He also served as the honorary chairperson for the Children's Miracle Network which has raised more than \$10 million over 13 years, and has worked with the Coaches For Kids campaign, which has raised \$1.9 million in the last three years for a pediatrics emergency room at Sparrow Hospital. Mason received his bachelor's degree from St. Lawrence in 1964, where he lettered in hockey for three years.

JOE BURKE AWARD: Jane Ring, St. Paul, MN — This award goes to a supporter of girls' and women's ice hockey. A friend of Girls and Women's hockey for over 40 years, Jane Ring has sponsored two Senior teams for many years and continues to play hockey into her 70's. She sponsors a scholarship (based on Community Development and GPA) to a graduating girls' hockey player in Minnesota to help them attend college. She also has contributed to the Augsburg collegiate program and is currently assisting the Macalester program.

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The John Mariucci Award

The AHCA created this award in honor of the former Minnesota player and coach to honor a secondary school coach who best exemplifies the spirit, dedication, and enthusiasm of the "Godfather of U.S. Hockey", John Mariucci.

1988	Larry Ross, International Falls (MN)	1993	Bill Belisle, Mt. St. Charles (RI)	1998	Marty Pierce, Matignon (MA)
1989	Eddie Burns, Arlington (MA)	1994	Al Clark, Culver Military Academy (IN)	1999	Al Godfrey, Hopkins (MN)
1990	Willard Ikola, Edina (MN)	1995	John Chambers, Needham (MA)	2000	Dave Hendrickson, Crookston & Virginia (MN)
1991	Henry Hughes, Melrose (MA)	1996	Stan Moore, Sr., Massena (NY)	2001	Pete Melchiono, Barnstable (MA)
1992	George Akerstrom, Kimball Union (NH)	1997	Harold "Ben" Foote, Lynn English (MA)	2002	Lou Cotroneo, St. Paul Johnson (MN)

The Jim Fullerton Award

Named in honor of the former Brown University coach and AHCA spiritual leader, this award recognizes an individual who loves the purity of our sport. Whether a coach, administrator, trainer, official, journalist, or simply a fan, the recipient exemplifies Jim Fullerton, who gave as much as he received and never stopped caring about the direction in which our game was heading.

1992	Bob Johnson, Hockey	1996	Bob Olson, WMPL Radio	2000	Art Berglund, USA Hockey
1993	Otto Breitenbach, WCHA	1997	Joe Castro, Brown	2001	Bill Kipouras, Salem (MA) Evening News
1994	Frank Rowe, CCM & Bauer	1998	Bob Crocker, Boston University	2002	Steve Cady, Miami University
1995	Mike Linkovich, Bowdoin	1999	Ted Brill, U.S. Hockey Hall of Fame		

The John "Snooks" Kelley Founders Award

Named after the famed Boston College coach, this award honors those people in the coaching profession who have contributed to the overall growth and development of the sport of ice hockey in the United States.

1981	Gregg Batt, Hamilton	1988	George Menard, St. Lawrence	1995	Bob O'Connor, USA Hockey
1982	Charlie Basch, St. Cloud	1989	Bill McCormick, Williams	1996	Charles "Lefty" Smith, Notre Dame
1983	John Mariucci, Minnesota	1990	Tom Eccleston, Providence	1997	Rube Bjorkman, RPI, UNH, North Dakota
1984	Jim Fullerton, Brown	1991	Herb Gallagher, Northeastern	1998	Bob Ferguson, USHL and IHL
1985	Sid Watson, Bowdoin	1992	Al Renfrew, Michigan	1999	Lou Lamoriello, Providence College
1986	Jack Kelley, Boston University	1993	Dave Peterson, USA Hockey	2000	Herb Hammond, Oswego, Plattsburgh, Brown
1987	Bill Stewart, Boston English H.S.	1994	Lou Vairo, USA Hockey	2001	Kelvin "Brush" Christiansen, AK-Anchorage
				2002	Gary Dineen, Springfield Pics/N.E. Coyotes

The John MacInnes Award

Named for the successful coach at Michigan Tech, this award recognizes those people who have shown a great concern for amateur hockey and youth programs. The recipients have had high winning percentages, as well as outstanding graduating percentages among their former players. The winners of this award have helped young men grow not only as hockey players, but more importantly as men.

1983	Amo Bessone, Michigan State	1990	Murray Murdoch, Yale	1997	Bill O'Flaherty, Clarkson
1984	Jack Riley, Army	1991	Bill Cleary, Harvard	1998	Bill Selman, UND, UMD, St. Louis, LSSU
1985	Bob Johnson, Wisconsin	1992	Len Ceglarski, Clarkson, Boston College	1999	John "Gino" Gasparini, North Dakota
1986	Murray Armstrong, Denver	1993	Don Roberts, Gustavus Adolphus	2000	Bill Riley, Jr., Lehigh, Norwich, Lowell
1987	Ned Harkness, RPI, Cornell, Union	1994	Herb Brooks, Minnesota	2001	Jim Cross, Vermont
1988	Vic Heyliger, Michigan, Air Force	1995	Bob Peters, Bemidji	2002	Ed Saugestad, Augsburg College
1989	Charlie Holt, New Hampshire	1996	Fernie Flaman, Northeastern		

The Joe Burke Award

The Joe Burke award was established in 1994 to honor those individuals who have shown great support and dedication to Girls/Women's hockey. Joe Burke has been an avid fan of Girls/Women's hockey since the late 70's. Joe Burke, a Dedham resident is a life long hockey fan, who never actually played the game himself. He became hooked on the women's game when he attended the game vs. University of New Hampshire and Boston College in 1978 at McHugh Forum. Since this game Joe can be seen at every major Girls/Women's hockey event in the New England area. He is a true friend of the women's game and the people associated with it.

1994	Joe Burke, Women's Hockey Supporter, Fan	1999	Award not given out
1995	John Dooley, Harvard University	2000	Award not given out
1996	Bernie McKinnon, St. Lawrence University	2001	Russ McCurdy, University of New Hampshire
1997	Joe Bertagna, ECAC/Hockey East	2002	Bette Blair, USA Hockey, volunteer
1998	Carl Gray, Assabet Valley/USA Hockey		

Terry Flanagan Award — Assistant Coach Recognition

Named in honor of the former UNH player and Bowling Green Assistant, this award honors an assistant coach's career body of work.

1997	Terry Flanagan, Bowling Green	2000	Mel Pearson, Michigan
1998	Bob Saunders, HC, RPI, UMB, NU	2001	Brian Durocher, Brown, Colgate, Boston University
1999	Glenn Kulyk, Minnesota-Duluth	2002	Kevin Houle, Plattsburgh