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National Leaders Hamp Cheevers of BC and Andy Isabella of UMass Win 80th Bulger Lowe to Head Gridiron Club's Slate of 2018 NE College Football Awards

Wesleyan Offensive Lineman Joe Wilson and BC Defensive End Zach Allen Receive 73rd Swede Nelson Award; to be Feted at Dec. 19 Banquet with Nine Other Honorees

BOSTON - November 20, 2018 - Gridiron Club of Greater Boston College Awards Committee chairman Tim Whelan today announced that Boston College junior safety [Hamp Cheevers](#) (Trenton, FL) and UMass senior wide receiver [Andy Isabella](#) (Mayfield, OH) are winners of the 80th annual [George "Bulger" Lowe Award](#), "New England's Heisman Trophy" and one of America's oldest college football accolades.

The Bulger Lowe Award recognizes the New England's best offensive and defensive players in the NCAA Bowl Subdivision/Football Championship Subdivision (FBS/FCS). Cheevers' seven interceptions lead the nation; he also has 135 return yards and one touchdown. Isabella is the national leader in both receptions with 102 and receiving yards with 1698. He has caught 13 touchdown passes.

The duo head an all-star slate of players, coaches and officials to be honored at the club's annual [Bob Whelan College Football Awards Night](#) on Wednesday, December 19, 2018 at the Marriott Hotel in Burlington, Massachusetts.

The winners of the 73rd annual [Nils V. "Swede" Nelson Award](#) for exceptional achievement in sportsmanship, academics, and athletics are Boston College defensive end [Zach Allen](#) (New Canaan, CT) in the Bowl Championship Division and Wesleyan offensive lineman [Joe Wilson](#) (Portland, OR) in Divisions II/III.

Other honors conferred that evening by the Gridiron Club will be:

The 23rd annual [Joe Zabilski Award](#), which recognizes New England's top offensive and defensive players in Divisions II/III. Tufts University quarterback [Ryan McDonald](#) (Annandale, NJ) and Springfield College defensive end [Nick Giorgio](#) (Cumberland, RI) are this year's honorees.

[Head Coach of the Year](#) Awards to [Steve Addazio](#) of Boston College in the FBS/FCS and [Paul McGonagle](#) of Endicott in Divisions II/III.

[Assistant Coach of the Year](#) awards to University of Maine defensive coordinator [Corey Hetherman](#) in the FBS/FCS and (defensive coordinator) [Alex Bresner](#) of Western New England University in Divisions II/III.

The [Joseph V. McKenney Award](#) for top collegiate football official to **Harold "Butch" Munce** of Berlin, NH, who officiates in the Northeast 10; and **Tyler Perry** of Holliston MA, an official in both the MASCAC and CCC leagues.

The [John Baronian Award](#) for Lifetime Contribution to Football to [Thomas Burke](#) of West Roxbury, a past president of the Gridiron Club who was for 42 years the stadium voice of Boston College football.

Awards Banquet Information:

Wednesday, December 19, 2018 at [Burlington Marriott Hotel](#).

Social hour 6:00 p.m. Dinner and program begin at 7:00.

Tickets are \$75 each or \$750 for a table of ten. They may be ordered online at www.gridclubofgreaterboston.com or by calling call club secretary/treasurer Dick Lawrence at (781) 929-3650.

About the Gridiron Club, "Keepers of the Flame"

Founded in 1932, the Gridiron Club of Greater Boston (www.gridclubofgreaterboston.com) promotes the game of football at all levels and nurtures the ideals of citizenship, sportsmanship, leadership, and athletic and academic achievement. A registered 501 (c) 3 non-profit corporation, the Gridiron Club is supported by membership dues, philanthropic contributions, and proceeds from its annual dinners. The Club honors exemplary players, coaches and officials at all levels of the sport and supports worthy charitable causes, especially those that assist children.