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Gridiron Club of Greater Boston Announces 25 Semi-Finalists for 19th Joe Concannon Award

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BOSTON – February 7, 2019 – [Gridiron Club of Greater Boston](http://www.gridclubofgreaterboston.com) president Chris Clemente announced today that 25 players are semifinalists for the 19th [Joe Concannon Award](http://www.gridclubofgreaterboston.com), presented annually to the best American-born NCAA Division II/III college hockey player in New England.

The Joe Concannon Award was established in 2001 shortly after the passing of the longtime writer for *The Boston Globe*, who had a great passion for the game of college hockey while always advocating strongly for amateur athletics.

Eighteen teams are represented in this year's list of candidates that includes eight players from the **Commonwealth Coast Conference (CCC)**, seven from the **New England Small College Athletic Conference (NESCAC)**, six from the **New England Hockey Conference (NEHC)**, three from the **Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference (MASCAC)**, and one from the **Northeast-10 Conference (NE-10)**.

The list of nominees includes 17 forwards, six defensemen and two goalies. Endicott, Massachusetts-Boston and Wesleyan lead the way with three nominees each while the University of New England has two players on the list.

Nine of the 2019 nominees were semifinalists a year ago. They are UNE forwards **Ryan Bloom** and **Brady Fleurent**; Curry forward **Zachery White**; UMB defenseman **Nick Albano** and forward **Nolan Redler**; Trinity defenseman **Liam Feeney**; Fitchburg State forward **Nick DiNicola**; Western New England forward **Matt O'Dea**; and Worcester State forward **Mike Moran**.

The following is the complete list of semifinalists, by team, with statistics through February 3:

Assumption: Dante Tomassini, senior defenseman from North Branford, CT (6G – 9A – 15 points)

Babson: Nick Rosa, sophomore forward from Birmingham, MI (12G – 13A – 25 points)

Bowdoin: Cody Todesco, senior forward from Franklin, MA (12G – 9A – 21 points)

Colby: Nick O'Connor, senior forward from Canton, MA (13G - 9A - 22 points)

Curry: Zachery White, senior forward from Milford, CT (17G – 14A – 31 points)

Endicott: Tommy Besinger, senior forward from Milton, MA (6G - 23A - 29 points) **Carter Horwitz**, senior defenseman from Tustin, CA (7G – 13A – 20 points) **Daniel Kucerovy**, senior forward from Bethel Park, PA (13G – 19A – 32 points)

Fitchburg State: Nick DiNicola, senior forward from Wolcott, CT (10G – 21A – 31 points)

Massachusetts-Boston: Nick Albano, sophomore defenseman from Beverly, MA (5G – 13A - 18 points); **Bailey MacBurnie**, junior goaltender from Beverly, MA (1.56GAA; .936 SP and 3 shutouts); **Nolan Redler**, senior forward from Winchester, MA (10G – 17A – 27 points)

New England College: Carlos Fornaris, senior forward from Miami, FL (4G – 27A – 31 points)

University of New England: Ryan Bloom, junior forward from Northville, MI (14G – 17A – 31 points); **Brady Fleurent**, senior forward from Biddeford, ME (13G – 25A – 38 points)

Plymouth State: Michael Covach, senior forward from Shillington, PA (9G – 23A – 32 points)

Salve Regina: Danny Eruzione, sophomore forward from Winthrop, MA (11G – 16A – 27 points)

Suffolk: Mikhail Bryan, senior defenseman from Dayton, OH (8G – 15A – 23 points)

Trinity: Liam Feeney, junior defenseman from Foxboro, MA (0G – 10A – 10 points)

Wesleyan: **Walker Harris**, junior forward from Fort Wayne, IN (14G – 10A – 24 points); **Chad Malinowski**, senior defenseman from Cortlandt Park, NY (1G – 9A – 10 points); **Tim Sestak**, junior goaltender from Darien, CT (1.34GAA - .955SP and 7 shutouts)

Western New England: **Matt O’Dea**, senior forward from Orland Park, IL (13G – 9A – 22 points)

Williams: **Marcus Mollica**, senior forward from Dove Canyon, CA (14G – 11A – 25 points)

Worcester State: **Mike Moran**, senior from Milford, MA (11G – 9A – 20 points)

“This is definitely among the greatest number of semifinalists we have ever had for the Concannon Award,” said Gridiron Club Hockey Awards Committee chairman **Tim Costello**. “The exceptional level of play in each of the five conferences has showcased many outstanding hockey players worthy of consideration for nomination. It has been very challenging for the committee to reduce the list among so many outstanding performances this season. With extremely tight conference races, every player will be playing meaningful hockey in the upcoming weeks and showcasing their abilities in support of their team to separate themselves from this great field of nominees.”

The Gridiron Club will announce the finalists and winner of the 19th Joe Concannon Award in March, following league playoffs and before the start of the NCAA D-III Frozen Four. The award will be presented to the winner at the New England College Hockey Writers’ Dinner in April.

Joe Concannon Award Winners

2001	Keith Aucoin	Norwich University
2002	Michael Carosi	Bowdoin College
2003	Nick Stauder	Salem State College
2004	Jim Pancyzkowski	Wesleyan University
	Michael O’Sullivan	Curry College
2005	Brian Doherty	Curry College
	Joseph Ori	Trinity College
2006	Adam Dann	Bowdoin College
2007	Greg Osborne	Colby College
2008	Tom Maldonado	Middlebury College
2009	Jeff Landers	Amherst College
2010	Coleman Noonan	St. Anselm College
2011	Josh Harris	Castleton College
2012	Jeremiah Ketts	Johnson & Wales University
2013	Colin Mulvey	Norwich University
2014	Jackson Brewer	Trinity College
2015	Jamie Murray	Babson College
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2017	Brady Fleurent	University of New England
2018	Dylan Larkin	Massachusetts-Boston

The Joe Concannon Award

The Gridiron Club established the Joe Concannon Award in 2001 to honor Joe, a lifelong devotee of college hockey, former member of the Walter Brown Award Selection Committee and, as a journalist, a staunch advocate for the amateur athletes he knew and covered. A native of Litchfield, Connecticut, Joe graduated from Boston University in 1961. He served as sports information director (SID) at Holy Cross before joining the *Boston Globe* in the late 1960’s to cover college sports. Joe declined frequent invitations by his editors to write about Boston’s major professional sports teams, preferring to concentrate on the colleges, distance running and golf. He wrote the book *Marathoning with Bill Rodgers* and established the highly successful Litchfield Road Race in his hometown. Joe was a world traveler and was especially proud of his Irish heritage, frequently sojourning to the Emerald Isle. He passed away in 2000.

2018-2019 Gridiron Club Hockey Awards Selection Committee and Advisory Board: Tim Costello, Chairman; Joe Bertagna, Tom Burke, Jim Connelly, Ned Cully, Dick DeCaprio, Bob DeGregorio, Kevin Fleming, Steve Hagwell, Paul McNamara, John Powers and William J. Stewart III.

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