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Gridiron Club of Greater Boston Announces 40 Semi-Finalists for 24th Joe Concannon Award

*Largest semifinal field ever includes mix of outstanding players across each of the
five New England conferences and lone independent team*

BOSTON – February 6, 2025 – In a season with lots of twists and turns across D-II/III college hockey, [Gridiron Club of Greater Boston](#) president Tim Whelan, Jr. announced today that forty players are semifinalists for the 24th **Joe Concannon Award**, presented annually to the best American-born NCAA Division II/III 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.

Overall, thirty-two institutions are represented in the slate of candidates that includes eight players from the [New England Hockey Conference](#) (NEHC), seven from the [Northeast-10 Conference](#) (NE-10), five from the [Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference](#) (MASCAC), ten from the [New England Small College Athletic Conference](#) (NESCAC) and eight from the [Conference of New England](#) (CNE). **One independent program**, Keene State, also has two nominees this season. The list of nominees includes twenty-seven forwards, seven defensemen and six goaltenders. Trinity has three nominees while Curry, Endicott, Keene State, Massachusetts-Dartmouth, St. Anselm, St. Michael's, and the University of New England, each has two nominees.

The following is the complete list of semifinalists, by team (alphabetically), with statistics reflecting games through February 5, 2025:

Albertus Magnus: Tim Manning, senior forward from Concord, OH (5G – 9A – 14 points; +9)

Amherst College: Josh Burke, junior forward from Tampa, FL (5G – 10A – 15 points; -3)

Anna Maria College: Matthew Gilbert, graduate student forward from Wyandotte, MI (12G – 8A – 20 points; +20)

Assumption: Ronny Paragallo, senior forward from Huntington, NY (10G – 20A – 30 points; -15)

Babson: Wyatt George, senior forward from Mount Lebanon, PA (7G – 9A – 16 points; +4)

Bowdoin: Luke Wheeler, senior forward from Golden, CO (7G – 6A – 13 points; +3)

Colby: Connor Gallagher, junior defenseman from Novi, MI (3G – 10A – 13 points; +6)

Curry: Shane Soderwall, sophomore goaltender from Algonquin, IL (19 GP – 1.47 goals-against average; .945 save percentage; 6 shutouts); **Killian Rowlee**, junior forward from Fulton, NY (7G – 8 A – 15 Pts; +14)

Endicott: Andrew Kurapov, senior forward from Corvallis, OR (11G – 9A – 20 points +11); **Ryan Willett**, senior forward from Bayville, NY (5G – 19A – 24 points; +12)

Fitchburg State: Samuel Rennick, senior forward from Salisbury, MA (4G – 12A – 16 points; +2)

Johnson & Wales: Jake Inzirillo, sophomore goaltender from Bayshore, NY (15 GP - 2.51 goals-against average; .935 save percentage; 1 shutout)

Keene State: Chase Carney, first-year forward from Lynnfield, MA (11G – 12A – 23 points; +15); **Marcus Chrisafeidis**, first-year forward from Kansas City, KS (18G – 12A – 30 points; +10)

Massachusetts-Boston: Michael Krupinski, senior forward from Dallas, TX (2G – 8A – 10 points; +4)

Massachusetts-Dartmouth: Tyler Stewart, junior forward from Pittsburgh, PA (12G – 16A – 28 points; -3)

Middlebury: Revy Mack, sophomore forward from Anchorage, AK (8G – 10A – 18 points; +15)

New England College: Anthony Beaulieu, first-year goaltender from Lawrence, MA (18 GP - 2.31 goals-against average; .931 save percentage; 2 shutouts)

Norwich: Clark Kerner, senior forward from Kansas City, KS (6G – 6A – 12 points; +1)

Post: Aidan Canady, first-year defenseman from Schaumburg, IL (2G – 14A – 16 points; +13)

Salem State: Landon Greateorex, junior forward from Reading, MA (8G – 16A – 30 points; +13)

Salve Regina: Arvega Hovsepyan, first-year forward from Glendale, CA (7G – 23A – 30 points; +13)

Southern Maine: Matt Sullivan, sophomore forward from Hingham, MA (5G – 9A – 14 points; -8)

Southern New Hampshire: Collin Berke, sophomore goaltender from Crofton, MD (18GP – 2.12 goals-against-average – .938 save percentage; 4 shutouts)

St. Anselm College: Mark Blaney, senior defenseman from Braintree, MA (2G – 14A – 16 points; +5); **Hunter Brackett**, senior forward from Fort Lauderdale, FL (17G – 17A – 34 points; +4)

St. Michael's College: David Ciano, senior defenseman from Scituate, RI (10G – 10A – 20 points; +4); **Case Kantgias**, senior defenseman from Bloomfield Hills, MI (4G – 15A – 19 points; -4);

Suffolk: CJ Hapward, senior goaltender from West Caldwell, NJ (20 GP – 1.98 goals-against average; .929 save percentage; 3 shutouts)

Trinity: Devon Bobak, junior goaltender from Northwood, OH (18 GP - 2.01 goals-against average; .928 save percentage; 1 shutout) **Theodore Griffin**, senior defenseman from Marshfield, MA (0G – 10A – 10 points; +10); **Spencer Korona**, senior forward from Enfield, CT (5G – 18A – 23 points; +15);

Tufts: Tyler Sedlak, senior forward from Wykoff, NJ (6G – 8A – 14 points; +2)

University of New England: Ryan Kuzmich, senior forward from Norton, MA (16G – 13A – 29 points; +18); **Drew Olivieri**, sophomore forward from Swampscott, MA (9G – 19A – 28 points; +20);

VSU-Castleton: Andrew Stefura, senior forward from Boston, MA (6G – 14A – 20 points; +7)

Wesleyan: Owen Sweet, senior forward from Madison, CT (8G – 12A – 20 points; +3)

Westfield State: Cooper Board, senior forward from Glen Ellin, IL (8G – 8A – 16 points; +5)

Williams: Jake McManus, first-year forward from Winthrop, MA (7G – 10A – 17 points; +3)

“This year has seen as balanced a level of competition that there has ever been on the D-II/III landscape in New England,” said Gridiron Club Hockey Awards Committee chairman **Tim Costello**. “A watch-list of over one hundred outstanding players showcased talents throughout the season to date which has made this year’s group of nominees the deepest across conferences and number of teams that the committee has ever seen. While the forty semifinalists represent our largest field in the 24-year history of the Joe Concannon Award, it was an immense challenge to reduce to this list of semifinalists. While there are just a few weeks remaining in the regular season and conference tournaments, we are confident that the best players will rise to the occasion when stakes are highest.”

The Gridiron Club will announce the finalists and winner of the 24th Joe Concannon Award in March, following league playoffs and before the start of NCAA Frozen Four on March 28 & 30 at a site TBD.

Past Joe Concannon Award Winners

2001	Keith Aucoin	Norwich University	2012	Jeremiah Ketts	Johnson & Wales University
2002	Michael Carosi	Bowdoin College	2013	Colin Mulvey	Norwich University
2003	Nick Stauder	Salem State	2014	Jackson Brewer	Trinity College
2004	Jim Panczykowski	Wesleyan University	2015	Jamie Murray	Babson College
	Michael O'Sullivan	Curry College	2016	Jamie Murray	Babson College
2005	Brian Doherty	Curry College	2017	Brady Fleurent	University of New England
	Joseph Ori	Trinity College	2018	Colin Larkin	Massachusetts-Boston
2006	Adam Dann	Bowdoin College	2019	Brady Fleurent	University of New England
2007	Greg Osborne	Colby College	2020	Walker Harris	Wesleyan University
2008	Tom Maldonado	Middlebury College	2021	Canceled for COVID	
2009	Jeff Landers	Amherst College	2022	Ryan Black	Babson College
2010	Coleman Noonan	St. Anselm College		Conor O'Brien	Endicott College
2011	Josh Harris	Castleton State College	2023	Myles Abbate	Plymouth State University
			2024	Devon Bobak	Trinity College

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 authored 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.

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