



# NATIONAL FOOTBALL FOUNDATION

## Jack Grinold/Eastern Massachusetts Chapter Newsletter

Summer, 2015

Division I college teams have either reported or are preparing to report. NFL teams have been in camp a week or more. Collegiate Division II and III teams and high school pre-season camps are just around the corner. As we approach the 2015 season, we wanted to highlight some of the activities of the Chapter since our last newsletter.

### SCHOLAR-ATHLETE BANQUET RECAP



*The 2015 Scholar-Athlete Class*

The 40<sup>th</sup> annual Scholar-Athlete Banquet saw the Chapter honor 33 high school scholar-athletes, one of the top collegiate players in the region and a pair of gentlemen that have dedicated their lives to community causes including the promotion of football.

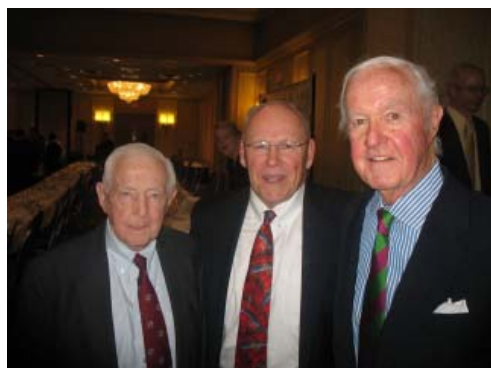
The 33 scholar-athletes were listed in the Spring, 2015, newsletter and represented 25 different high schools. Andover, Belmont Hill, Central Catholic, Concord-Carlisle, Danvers, Milton Academy, and Xaverian each had two selections. Accepting on behalf of all the scholar-athletes was **Joe Gaziano**, star tight end and defensive end of 2014 EMass Superbowl Champion Xaverian Brothers High School.

**Danny Guadagnoli**, a multiple award winning quarterback from Bentley University, received the fourth annual Jack Daly Award for Academics, Citizenship and Football. Guadagnoli was also one of the Grinold Chapter's High School Scholar-Athletes his senior year at Framingham in 2009.



*Chapter Executive Director Roger Crosley, Daly Award recipient Danny Guadagnoli, and Bentley University Assistant Coach Adam Griggs*

**Dr. George Kovatch** received the Ed Schluntz Contributions to Amateur Football Award. Kovatch was an outstanding lineman at Princeton in the 1950's, and is a long-time member of the Chapter. Kovatch has been on the Chapter Board of Directors and a member of the Chapter Scholar-Athlete Selection Committee for all or part of five different decades. After earning his Ph.D. in Engineering at Cornell University, Kovatch worked for NASA and subsequently the U.S. Department of Transportation in Cambridge, Mass.



**Phil Haughey** was the recipient of the Ron Burton Distinguished American Award. Haughey played at Harvard and has been involved in numerous community activities including the Catholic Church and Irish causes. He lettered in football, basketball and baseball at Harvard and has served as Chairman of the Harvard Varsity Club and Chairman of The Friends of Harvard Football and The Friends of Harvard Baseball.

Over 245 people attended the banquet.

*Chapter Board of Directors member Carroll Lowenstein, Chapter President Tom Lamb and Burton Award recipient Phil Haughey*

## JOE GAZIANO NOMINATED FOR NFF SCHOLAR-ATHLETE AWARD



*Joe Gaziano of Xaverian Brothers High School and Northwestern University*

Our Chapter has been very fortunate over the past several years to have two of our scholar-athletes selected as one of the four national scholar-athletes that is honored annually by the NFF at its awards extravaganza at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel in New York City each December. In 2011 Chelsea High School alumnus and current Princeton University wide receiver **Matt Costello** was picked, and in 2013 Matt's current teammate, former Barnstable High quarterback and valedictorian, **Nick Peabody** was honored.

This year the Chapter's nominee is **Joe Gaziano**. Joe played tight end and defensive end at Xaverian Brothers High School. With a list of honors as long as a football field, Joe accepted a full scholarship offer at Northwestern University, where he has already completed a summer academic session prior to the start of pre-season camp.

The four recipients of the national scholar-athlete award will be released in October.

## HAUGHEY AND O'LEARY JOIN BOARD



*Phil Haughey*

**Phil Haughey** and **Jim O'Leary**, have agreed to serve on the Jack Grinold/Eastern Massachusetts Chapter Board of Directors. Phil was the 2015 Ron Burton Distinguished American Award recipient from the Chapter and Jim is the head football and basketball coach at The Governor's Academy (formerly known as Governor Dummer Academy) in Byfield, Mass.

We welcome both Phil and Jim and look forward to their insight.



*Jim O'Leary*

## SUMMER EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

The Jack Grinold Chapter Executive Committee met in late July with a number of items on the docket. The biggest of which is that the Chapter will sponsor the weekly and seasonal Gold Helmet Awards presented by the New England Football Writers., The Gold Helmet signifies the best performances by football players from New England colleges in the College (Divisions II and III) and University (Division I FBS and FCS) Divisions each week. The weekly awards are presented at the NEFW luncheons held every Wednesday from the week after Labor Day to the week prior to the Harvard-Yale game. The seasonal awards are presented at the NEFW Captains and Awards Banquet in December.



The group reviewed the Scholar-Athlete Banquet held in May. The Chapter is so pleased with the venue, we have contracted with the Boston-Newton Marriott to host our banquet again next May 15. One minor change will take place, the reception and dinner will each be moved up an hour with the reception beginning at 5:00PM and the dinner at 6:00. Banquet Chairman **Jim Seavey** is to be commended for his all his work on the event.

There was also much discussion of the annual Coaches Clinic. Board members **Barry Gallup**, **Steve Addazio** and **Brad Bates** at Boston College could not be more gracious hosts. Clinic Chairman **Charlie Stevenson** reported on the record setting attendance at the event that was booked to capacity. The Chapter welcomed two corporate partners to the Clinic with The Massachusetts High School Football Coaches Association and Championship Award Guys each taking part. Due to the fact that many of the ordered box lunches went uneaten over the past several years, the Executive Committee voted to discontinue serving lunch at the Clinic. Coffee and donuts will continue to be served.

The recipients of the Ed Schluntz Contributions to Amateur Football Award and the Ron Burton Distinguished American Award were selected. The names of the honorees will be made public following the Board of Directors Meeting in December.

## THE FOURTH ANNUAL GRINOLD CHALLENGE

In December, **Jack Grinold** once again issued a challenge to members of the Chapter that bears his name. Jack offered to match any donations made to the Chapter up to a grand total of \$3,000. Due to the generosity of our members, Jack's wallet is over \$2,000 lighter. Those who have contributed to the Challenge either through straight donations or sponsoring scholar-athlete dinners at the banquet will be listed in the Fall, 2015 newsletter. Special thanks go to Board of Directors member **Bob Minihane** for his extremely generous gift, and we thank everyone who has donated for his generosity and support.

The Challenge remains open for another month and we will gladly accept any further donations. Checks may be sent to:

Bill Gorman  
47 Paine Street  
Winthrop, MA 02051-1912

The check can be made payable to, "National Football Foundation".

## MEMBERSHIP REACHES 93

Membership in the chapter has reached 93 people as of July, 2015, an increase of 97% over four years ago. Our goal is at least 100 sustaining members, so if you know of anyone that might be interested in Chapter membership please direct them to either [grinoldchapter.com](http://grinoldchapter.com) or [footballfoundation.org](http://footballfoundation.org) where membership information is available. We've received commitments from three college head coaches in the area and continue to solicit the others. Those three commitments will bump us up to 96 members. Should we reach 116 members, we will become the tenth largest chapter in the country.



*New England Patriots owner Bob Kraft with his former coach at Brookline High School Ed Schluntz. Kraft's grandson Harry was a member of the 2015 Scholar-Athlete class.*

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