

# Jack Grinold/ Eastern Massachusetts Chapter



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## GRINOLD CHAPTER HONORS 33 SCHOLAR-ATHLETES IN 2019 CLASS

A total of 33 scholar-athletes representing 26 different high schools have been selected as the 2019 Grinold Chapter Scholar-Athletes.

The High School Scholar-Athlete Awards are given to those graduating seniors in the Chapter footprint who have achieved excellence on the gridiron, in the classroom and in the community.

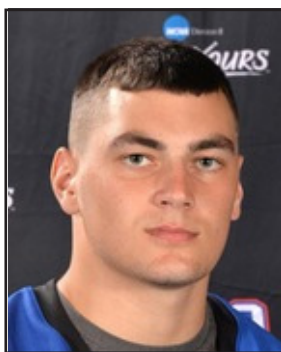
In making the announcement of the award winners, Selection Committee Chair **Bob Bancroft** noted the difficult decisions that had to be made by the committee.

“As always we had a strong group of nominees,” Bancroft said. “I want to thank our selection committee members for their diligence in making those hard choices. The list of honorees reflects the best this region has to offer.”

Seven schools had two Scholar-Athlete recipients this year: Andover, Buckingham Browne and Nichols, Duxbury, Lincoln-Sudbury, Milton Academy, St. John’s Prep and St. Sebastian’s.

A complete list of this year’s Scholar-Athlete Class follows on pages 2 & 3.

## BENTLEY’S ATHY TO RECEIVE 2019 GRINOLD CHAPTER JACK DALY AWARD



Bentley University senior defensive back **Nick Athy** has been named as the 2019 recipient of the Grinold Chapter’s Jack Daly Award for Academics, Citizenship and Football.

A standout defensive back for the Falcons, Athy becomes the third Falcon to win the Daly award since its inception in 2012, as he joins **Bryant Johnson** (the inaugural winner) and **Danny Guadagnoli** (2015) on that list. Nick, a resident of Holliston, Mass. and

a graduate of Holliston High School, will receive his degree in Finance from Bentley with a minor in Computer Information Systems.

“Nick Athy has demonstrated incredible dedication and excellence in competition, in the classroom and in the community throughout his tenure as a student-athlete at Bentley University, and he is a most deserving recipient of the Jack Daly Award,” Grinold Chapter Executive Director **Jim Seavey** said. “Nick’s legacy began in high school when he was selected as a Chapter Scholar-Athlete at Holliston, and he has continued to make an impact on his teammates, coaches, University and community in an extremely positive manner.”

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## DRISCOLL HONORED AS 2019 ED SCHLUNTZ AWARD RECIPIENT



**Dave Driscoll**, who served for 36 seasons as the Head Football Coach at Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School, is the 2019 recipient of **Ed Schluntz** Award for Contributions to Amateur Football.

Named in honor of Ed Schluntz, a charter member of the Jack Grinold Eastern Massachusetts Chapter of the National Football Foundation, the award is presented

to a person in the Chapter footprint whose efforts and activities in support of the Foundation and its goals have been local in nature. This award winner may be a coach, trainer, league organizer, administrator, fundraiser or commonly all of the above.

“Coach Driscoll sustained a high level of success and achievement both on and off the field during his tenure at Dighton-Rehoboth, and the impact he made on countless young men is a testament to his dedication and commitment,” Grinold Chapter Executive Director **Jim Seavey** said of Driscoll. “He is a legend on the South Coast who will be remembered for the relationships he built and the life lessons he imparted. It is a great honor for our chapter to recognize Coach Driscoll with this year’s Schluntz Award.”

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## STEVE BURTON TO BE HONORED WITH AWARD NAMED FOR HIS FATHER



The name Burton has long been associated with excellence on the gridiron and service to the community, and it is only fitting that the 2019 recipient of the Grinold Chapter’s **Ron Burton** Distinguished American Award bears the name and lineage of its namesake.

**Steve Burton**, Ron’s son and a longtime fixture on the Boston sports media scene, will be honored as the Burton Award recipient for the impact that he and his family continue to make in the region. Steve has been with WBZ –TV in Boston for nearly a quarter century after joining the station in August 1994, as he has served as a reporter, commentator and now as sports director since 2009. Steve also serves as host of WBZ’s popular “Sports Final” and anchors the station’s coverage of New England Patriots football during the preseason.

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# 2019 GRINOLD CHAPTER SCHOLAR-ATHLETES

## 2019 Jack Grinold Eastern Massachusetts Chapter of the National Football Foundation Scholar-Athletes

**Justin Albee** High School: **Buckingham Browne & Nichols** College choice: **Lake Forest**  
NEPSAC Class B All-Star ... two-time ISL All-Star ... three-year starter at tight end and defensive end ... Boston Herald All-Scholastic ... BB&N beat Avon Old Farms in NEPSAC bowl ... three-sport athlete including crew and basketball ... captain of all three teams ... member of the Spanish Club and BB&N Investment Club.

**Christos Argyropoulos** High School: **Stoneham** College choice: **Bentley**  
Boston Herald All-Scholastic and Boston Globe's Division 6 Player of the Year ... Mass Coaches All-State team ... ran for 1,917 yards and 33 touchdowns ... won Division 6 Super Bowl title ... three-year starter who also plays linebacker ... Middlesex Freedom MVP ... plays baseball ... volunteer for Stoneham Youth football clinic.

**Adam Bowler** High School: **Arlington** College choice: **Wesleyan**  
Three-year starter at quarterback ... co-MVP of Middlesex Liberty ... senior year he threw for 2,065 yards and 15 touchdowns, ran for 1,065 yards with 16 TDs ... finished with school record 4,531 yards passing, including 37 TD passes ... National Honor Society ... Senior Citizen Safety Volunteer ... plays baseball.

**Dylan Cann** High School: **Austin Prep** College choice: **Penn State**  
Catholic Central All-Star ... three-year starter at running back and corner back ... holds AP school record for longest touchdown run (98 yards) and rushing yards in a game (340) ... named Outstanding Student-Athlete ... Also plays lacrosse and runs indoor track ... President of National Slavic Honor Society.

**Spencer Cassell** High School: **Hingham** College choice: **Harvard**  
Boston Herald All-Scholastic ... Four-year starter at tight end and defensive end ... member Mass Coaches All-State team ... two-time Patriot League Fisher Division All-Star ... participates in Anti-Defamation League ... tutors young students ... Meals on Wheels ... National Honor Society ... 4.08 GPA.

**Alex Cherry** High School: **St. Sebastian's** College choice: **Princeton**  
Two-time NEPSAC Class B All-Star ... Three-year starter at wide receiver and safety ... two-time ISL All-Star ... twice led ISL in touchdown receptions with 16 as junior, 11 as senior ... finished senior season with 29 receptions for 442 yards ... also plays baseball and basketball ... member Finance Academy.

**Ethan Coyle** High School: **Andover** College choice: **Yale**  
Three-year starter at tackle ... two-time Merrimack Valley All-Conference ... won Eagle-Tribune Scholar-Athlete award ... led team in sacks and tackles for a loss ... captain ... also wrestles ... scored perfect 800 on Math SAT ... nominated for US Presidential Scholar Award ... gives out turkeys to homeless on Thanksgiving.

**Cooper DeVeau** High School: **Xaverian** College choice: **Brown**  
Boston Herald All-Scholastic ... two-time Catholic Conference All-Star ... three-year starter on defense ... two-year starter at receiver ... team captain ... also runs spring track ... Xaverian Peer Minister ... competes in powerlifting ... works at middle school football camp ... volunteers at nursing home.

**Eddie Duggan** High School: **Milton Academy** College choice: **Princeton**  
Boston Herald All-Scholastic ... Mass Coaches All-State team ... NEPSAC Class B All-Star ... played tight end and outside linebacker ... lead team in tackles ... team captain ... two-time ISL All-Star ... plays baseball and runs track ... member of Fishing Club, Investment Club ... volunteers at Special Olympics track meets.

**Scott Elliot** High School: **Holliston** College choice: **Harvard**  
Tri-Valley League co-MVP ... three-time TVL All-Star ... Mass Coaches All-State team ... four-year starter on the offensive and defensive lines ... Boston Globe and Boston Herald All-Scholastic ... vice-president of senior class ... captain of lacrosse and football teams ... youth football and lacrosse volunteer.

**Lucas Ferraro** High School: **Xaverian** College choice: **Brown**  
Catholic Conference Offensive Lineman of the Year ... Boston Globe and Boston Herald All-Scholastic ... two-year starter ... president of his sophomore, junior, and senior classes ... football captain ... Mass Coaches All-State team ... Peer Minister ... National Honor Society ... member Young Men 4 Change.

**Joe Flinn** High School: **Dexter Southfield** College choice: **Wesleyan**  
Two-year starter on offensive line and linebacker ... Led a defense that allowed just 8.1 ppg, second best in state ... Tri-Valley League All-Star ... captain ... moved from quarterback to offensive line as a junior ... National Honor Society ... plays varsity baseball.

**Charlie Giunta** High School: **St. John's Prep** College choice: **Williams**  
Two-year starter at defensive end ... two-time Catholic Conference All-Star ... led Eagles in sacks with 12 ... SJP won Division 1 Super Bowl title ... played Xaverian at Fenway Park ... participates in Campus Ministry ... member National Honor Society and Spanish National Honor Society ... shovels snow for elderly.

**Joseph Howshan** High School: **Central Catholic** College choice: **Bentley**  
Boston Herald All-Scholastic ... three-year starter at running back and safety ... two-time Merrimack Valley Conference All-Star ... ran for 1,032 career yards with 17 TDs ... 14 career interceptions ... runs indoor and outdoor track ... track team captain ... Division 2 state champ in 400 hurdles as sophomore.

**Cal Kenney** High School: **Lincoln-Sudbury** College choice: **Amherst**  
Boston Herald All-Scholastic lineman ... only four-year starter in team history ... twice named Dual County League Lineman of the Year ... father, Chris, and brother, Mike, also named NFF Scholar-Athletes ... L-S ran for more than 3,000 yards in each of last three years ... Participates in Mentors in Violence Prevention.

**Tommy Maloney** High School: **Buckingham Browne & Nichols** College choice: **Brown**  
NEPSAC Class B All-Star ... Boston Herald All-Scholastic ... three-year starter at tight end and defensive end ... two-time ISL All-Star ... BB&N's Defensive Player of the Year ... led Knights in sacks two years in a row ... team captain ... also plays lacrosse and basketball ... Member Newton Athletes Serving Our Community.

*Biographies courtesy of Bob Holmes, Grinold Chapter Past President*

**Michael McMutcheon** **High School: Duxbury** **College choice: Williams**  
Patriot Keenan All-Star ... two-year starter at linebacker ... had 97 solo tackles, 15 for a loss ... broke school record for tackles in season ... team captain ... Green Dragons won Division 3 South ... also plays lacrosse ... participated in church mission trips to New Orleans, Baton Rouge, and Detroit ... coaches youth flag football.

**Mike Mikula** **High School: North Reading** **College choice: Phillips Exeter**  
Cape Ann League All-Star ... three-year starter at wide receiver ... also returned punts, kickoffs ... had 43 career receptions with 9 touchdowns ... averaged 16.9 yards/catch ... also plays basketball ... National Honor Society ... president of his senior class ... member Students Against Destructive Decisions.

**Kaleb Moody** **High School: Boston College HS** **College choice: Choate Rosemary Hall**  
Catholic Conference All-Star ... two-year starter at safety and running back ... team captain ... member of track team ... BC High Senior Mentor ... Black & Latino Student Union ... Fellowship of Christian Athletes ... President of the Admissions Ambassadors ... accepted into School of Ethics and Global Leadership.

**Jiho Mun** **High School: Milton Academy** **College choice: Trinity**  
Two-time ISL All-Star kicker ... 10 for 10 on field goal attempts and 31 of 32 on PAT attempts ... member Asian Society ... Special Olympics volunteer ... member of outdoor track team ... sings in school gospel choir ... volunteer summer kicking coach at Seoul National University ... Blue Key Tour Guide.

**Quinlan Murphy** **High School: Duxbury** **College choice: Notre Dame**  
Boston Herald All-Scholastic ... Patriot Keenan League All-Star at guard and defensive tackle ... will play on offensive line at ND ... started every varsity game for four years ... captain of football and basketball teams ... Patriot League All-Star in basketball ... member Best Buddies and Humanitarian Project Club.

**Braden O'Connell** **High School: Lincoln-Sudbury** **College choice: Williams**  
Two-time Dual County League All-Star ... three-year starter at defensive back ... two-year starter at quarterback ... team captain ... completed 70% of passes in career with more 1,400 yards and 12 TDs ... scored 790 on Math SAT ... participates on Mentors in Violence Prevention ... Member of Investment Club.

**Shane Rockett** **High School: Belmont Hill** **College choice: Undecided**  
NEPSAC Class B All-Star ... two-time ISL All-Star at guard and defensive tackle ... team captain ... voted Class President and as senior voted President of the School ... won Williams College Book Prize as a junior ... ISL All-Star wrestler ... had perfect score on National Latin Exam ... won Henry Sawyer Sportsmanship Award.

**Wes Rockett** **High School: St. John's Prep** **College choice: Brown**  
Member Mass Coaches All-State team ... Boston Herald All-Scholastic and Boston Globe Division 1 Player of the Year ... Catholic Conference All-Star as wide receiver and safety ... team captain ... had 63 receptions and nine TDs with three interceptions as senior ... had three touchdowns in Super Bowl win.

**Aidan Sacco** **High School: Mansfield** **College choice: Sacred Heart**  
Hockomock All-Star ... Sun Chronicle All-Star ... a starter at quarterback, receiver, and defensive back ... National Honor Society ... voted team MVP ... led Mansfield to Division 2 South final ... National Honor Society ... participates in Toys For Tots, Leaf Raking for the Elderly ... runs winter track and plays lacrosse.

**Aaron Searth** **High School: Methuen** **College choice: WPI**  
Merrimack Valley Division 1 All-Conference team ... three-year starter at center and tackle ... Eagle-Tribune All-Star ... team captain ... volunteer Pop Warner coach ... Relay for Life Committee ... math tutor ... volunteer at Methuen Field Day ... Methuen youth wrestling volunteer ... captain of wrestling team.

**Bill Seidl** **High School: St. Sebastian's** **Next year: Duke**  
ISL and NEPSAC Class B MVP ... three-year starter at quarterback ... threw for 1,521 yards as senior, including 21 TD passes ... also ran for 765 yards and 8 TDs as senior ... led Arrows to 8-2 record and share of ISL title ... threw 11 TD passes as junior ... was ISL baseball MVP as a junior ... will play baseball at Duke.

**Mathieu Severance** **High School: Lynn English** **College choice: Bentley**  
Two-time Northeastern Conference All-Star ... Boston Globe and Boston Herald All-Scholastic ... four-year starter at quarterback and free safety ... set school record with 4,401 career passing yards ... ran for 1,329 yards ... finished career with 70 total touchdowns ... National Honor Society ... ranked 9th in class of 296.

**Charles Smith** **High School: Milton** **College choice: Cornell**  
Two-time Bay State Conference All-Star ... three-year starter at running back, receiver and safety ... one of the fastest and most decorated track stars in state ... team captain ... had more than 1,000 all-purpose yards and 8 touchdowns as senior ... chemistry tutor ... Robotics Club, French Club, National Honor Society.

**Jay Theriault** **High School: Masconomet** **College choice: MIT**  
Two-time Cape Ann League All-Star ... three-year starter at running back and linebacker ... team captain ... Salem News Football All-Star ... captain of lacrosse team ... received SAT Subject scores of 800 in chemistry and math II ... National Honor Society ... Spanish National Honor Society ... ranked 3rd in class of 273.

**Devin Vasquez** **High School: Boston Latin** **College choice: Harvard**  
Dual County League All-Star ... three-year starter at quarterback ... member Pre-Medical Society and co-founder of Wolfpack of Wall Street Finance Club ... Talented and Gifted National Honor Society ... Dorchester Youth Collaborative ... Learning Center Student Leader ... 3.99 GPA.

**Hunter Williams** **High School: Foxboro** **College choice: US Naval Academy**  
Two-time Hockomock League All-Star ... three-year starter at guard and linebacker ... team captain ... had 67 tackles, 5 sacks, 3 forced fumbles, 3 fumble recoveries, and 1 blocked kick as senior ... performs church services ... involved in town of Foxboro community projects ... also runs track.

**Nick Zalanskas** **High School: Andover** **College choice: Trinity**  
Two-time Merrimack Valley All-Conference ... three-year starter at receiver and defensive end ... had 38 receptions for 491 yards and 7 touchdowns as senior ... on defense had 40 tackles with 9 for loss and 3 sacks ... team captain ... volunteers at Lawrence Soup Kitchen's Neighbors in Need ... plays lacrosse.

## CHAPTER SPONSORS ANNUAL NEW BALANCE COACHING CLINIC AT BOSTON COLLEGE



Another capacity crowd registered for the 2019 New Balance Jack Grinold/Eastern Massachusetts Chapter Coaches Clinic at Boston College's Yawkey Center and Alumni Stadium on March 23rd.

Grinold Chapter Board Member **Barry Gallup** and Chapter President **Charlie Stevenson** collaborated with the Boston College football staff and several other college coaches to present the clinic which included the opportunity for the coaches to attend a B.C. Spring Football practice session held in Alumni Stadium.

Boston College Head Coach and Chapter member **Steve Addazio** addressed the attendees in opening remarks before the clinic broke off into individual sessions. Among those coaches speaking at this year's clinic were Rhode Island Head Coach **Jim Fleming**, Maine Head Coach **Joe Harasymiak**, Colby Head Coach and former Maine mentor **Jack Cosgrove** along with newly appointed Brown Head Coach **James Ferry**.

## DRISCOLL *continued from page 1*

A fixture on the D-R sidelines for nearly four decades, Driscoll led the Falcons to a pair of Super Bowl victories in 1996 and 1998 and finished his career with nearly 250 victories. Along the way, Dave led Dighton-Rehoboth to 13 South Coast Conference championships and a third berth in the Super Bowl, where the Falcons fell to Pentucket.

A four-sport standout at Somerset High School, Driscoll was the captain of the football team at Amherst College, and following graduation, he began his coaching career as an assistant at Somerset before moving on to Dighton-Rehoboth in 1978. Dave served as an assistant for the Falcons for three years before taking over as head coach in 1981, and just two years later he brought D-R its first SCC title.

During a seven year stretch from 1995 to 2002, Driscoll's Falcons won both of their Super Bowl crowns, including a 22-0 shutout of North Andover that capped a perfect 12-0 1996 campaign. Over that time, D-R won five straight SCC championships while making three trips to the Super Bowl.

The 1991 Falcon squad ranks as one of the best defensive units in school history, as Driscoll's crew allowed just three touchdowns and kept five opponents from reaching midfield during the entire game. He has coached numerous all-league and all-scholastic players over the years, and he was succeeded in his position by one of his former assistants, Dave Moura, who led D-R back to the Super Bowl this past fall.

In addition to his football duties, Driscoll served as softball coach for 18 years and also coached the JV baseball squad for 14 seasons. Dave was a volunteer assistant on D-R's 2016 Division II state championships team.

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## ATHY *continued from page 1*

A two-time all-Northeast-10 Conference performer on the gridiron, Athy concluded his career as one of Bentley's most prolific tacklers and defenders, as he played in every game during his Falcon career while ranking among the national leaders in NCAA Division II play in fumble recoveries, tackles and interceptions. Nick received the New England Football Writers' Gold Helmet Award in September 2017 following a prolific performance against LIU-Post, and off the field he earned Academic All-Northeast-10 accolades along with spots on the prestigious Google Cloud Academic All-District squad as selected by the College Sports Information Directors of America in each of the last two seasons.

Athy, a Falcon team captain, has been a leader in Bentley's Cru and Athletes in Action, as he led weekly meetings with 20-40 student-athletes to discuss faith, character and life.

## BURTON *continued from page 1*

"Steve Burton has established himself as one of the most trusted voices in all of the Boston media, and we are honored that he will most deservedly accept an award that bears his family's name," Grinold Chapter Executive Director **Jim Seavey** said. "Ron Burton's legacy of giving back to the community is something that Steve, his family and his siblings have carried on through the generations, and the Burton name is certainly one of the most distinguished in all of New England when it comes to combining excellence and service."

Prior to his arrival at WBZ, Steve worked as a sports anchor and reporter at the New England Sports Network for six years. While at NESN, Burton hosted both the pregame and postgame shows for the Boston Red Sox before joining the legendary sports staff at WBZ that included the likes of **Bob Lobel**, **Bob Neumeier** and **Dan Roche**.

Raised in Framingham, Steve followed in the footsteps of his father, the first-ever draft pick of the Patriots when they were born in the American Football League in 1960. Steve shined as the quarterback at Framingham High School before going on to play the same position at Northwestern University.

When he's not working or watching his children play at high Division I levels in basketball and football, Steve spends most of his time working at the Ron Burton Training Village, a five-week sports camp for inner city youths. He also serves as a board member on several children's charities, including the Doug Flutie Jr. Foundation for Autism and the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

Steve earned both a bachelor of science in Communications and a master's degree in Broadcast Journalism from Northwestern. He and his wife, **Ginni**, live outside of Boston with their four children. Steve's daughter **Veronica** has followed in her father's footsteps to Northwestern, where she is a standout for the Wildcats in basketball.

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