

Jack Grinold Eastern Massachusetts Chapter



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33 HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLAR-ATHLETES NAMED CHAPTER AWARD RECIPIENTS

33 scholar-athletes representing 26 different high schools have been selected as the 2015 Scholar-Athletes by the Jack Grinold Eastern Massachusetts Chapter of the National Football Foundation.

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.

"We had 46 applications for the 33 slots," Bancroft said. "The qualifications of the candidates were truly outstanding. While all of the young men met our criteria for selection, this group truly represents the best of the best."

Seven schools had two recipients each. They were: Andover, Belmont Hill, Central Catholic, Concord-Carlisle, Danvers, Milton Academy, and Xaverian Brothers.

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BENTLEY QUARTERBACK GUADAGNOLI TO RECEIVE DALY AWARD



Bentley University quarterback **Danny Guadagnoli** has been selected as the fourth annual winner of the *Jack Daly Award for Academics, Citizenship and Football* as presented by the Jack Grinold Eastern Massachusetts Chapter of the National Football Foundation.

"I've had the great opportunity to watch Danny Guadagnoli play nearly every

home game during his fantastic career at Bentley" Grinold Chapter Executive Director **Roger Crosley** says. "As outstanding as he has been on the field, his work in the classroom and the Bentley Community is even more impressive. His qualifications for the Daly Award are impeccable.

"In addition, Danny was one of our High School Scholar-Athletes back in 2011," Crosley says. "It's the first time we've had the opportunity to honor a former Chapter Scholar-Athlete with the Daly Award."

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GEORGE KOVATCH NAMED CONTRIBUTIONS TO FOOTBALL AWARD RECIPIENT



Dr. George Kovatch, a long-time member of the Jack Grinold Eastern Massachusetts Chapter of the National Football Foundation has been selected as the recipient of the *Ed Schluntz Contributions to Amateur Football Award* given annually by the Chapter.

Dr. Kovatch has been an active member of the Chapter for all or parts of five different decades. He has been a staple on the Chapter

Scholar-Athlete Selection Committee, and has been a member of the Chapter's Board of Directors for decades.

"It is the Chapter's honor to present the 2015 Schluntz Award to Dr. Kovatch," Chapter Executive Director **Roger Crosley** says. "There are very few people in the history of the Jack Grinold Eastern Massachusetts Chapter that have been as dedicated to the work and mission of the Chapter in promoting football in the region, while also advancing the values of sportsmanship, leadership, and community responsibility."

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DISTINGUISHED AMERICAN AWARD PRESENTED TO PHIL HAUGHEY

The Jack Grinold/Eastern Massachusetts Chapter of the National Football Foundation will present its 2015 *Ron Burton Distinguished American Award* to Harvard University graduate and long-time Boston business man **Phil Haughey**.

"When we look for people to consider for the Burton Award, we look for people that have gone out of their way to enhance their communities and better the lives of those with whom they come in contact," Chapter Executive Director **Roger Crosley** remarked. "I can't think of anyone who meets this criteria any better Than **Phil Haughey**."

Haughey is a 1957 graduate of Harvard where he was a teammate of former United States Senator **Ted Kennedy**.



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2015 Jack Grinold Eastern Massachusetts Chapter of the National Football Foundation Scholar-Athletes

Nicholas Athy High School: Holliston College choice: Bentley
Quarterback, safety and captain...earned All-Scholastic honors for the *Boston Globe* and *Herald*...the *Globe's* Division 4 Player of the Year...led Holliston to a 12-1 record and the Division 4 Super Bowl title...led Division 4 in scoring with 28 TDs...named to Massachusetts Coaches All-State team.

Jake Burt High School: St. John's Prep College choice: Boston College
Tight end and defensive lineman...named to the Massachusetts Coaches All-State team for defense...*Boston Herald* and *Globe* All-Scholastic teams...caught 31 passes and had eight TDs...National Honor Society...captain of the football and basketball teams.

Harrison Busa High School: Needham College choice: Northeastern
Two-year starter on the line for the Rockets...named a Bay State Conference All-Star his senior year...co-captain...head carpenter at a local children's theatre...took AP classes his senior year in calculus, physics, and literature.

Matt Carafa High School: Mansfield College choice: UMass-Amherst
In his first year as the Hornets starting quarterback...passed for more than 1,800 yards, the third highest total in school history...Hockomock All-Star...lifted Mansfield to the Division 2 playoffs...ranked 35th in a class of 318 students...plays baseball...tutor in the Academic Learning Center.

Andrew DeNucci High School: Newton North College choice: MIT
One of the top linebackers in the state...led the Tigers to one of their most successful seasons in school history at 9-2... finished his senior year with 102 tackles, 27 for losses, as well as four sacks and an interception...*Boston Globe* and *Herald* All-Scholastic honors...800 on the math portion of the SAT and has a 3.92 GPA.

Brian Duffy High School: Andover College choice: Georgia Tech
Two-time Merrimack Valley Conference All-Conference selection...three-year starter at linebacker, guard, and tight end...senior year he led the Golden Warriors in tackles with 108...team captain...National Honor Society...has never received a grade below A-.

Brian Dunlap High School: Natick College choice: Harvard
Wide receiver led all of Eastern Massachusetts with 19 touchdown receptions his senior year...led Division 2 in scoring with 26 TDs and 156 points...finished his senior year with 60 receptions...*Boston Herald* and *Globe* All-Scholastic... National Honor Society...volunteered with the Special Olympics...counselor at local sports camps.

Charles Durbin High School: Belmont Hill College choice: Princeton
Three-year starter at receiver and defensive back...NEPSAC Class B All-New England team his senior year...member of the school's Peer Leaders organization and community service program...outstanding lacrosse player and team captain...will play lacrosse at Princeton.

Ryan Earle High School: Archbishop Williams College choice: Wesleyan
Two-way starter for three years...tight end and linebacker...three-time Catholic Central All-Star...member of the *Patriot Ledger* All-Scholastic team...three-time league all-star in baseball and was the CCL co-MVP last spring...ranked 10th in a class of 123 students...National Honor Society.

Markus Edmunds High School: Central Catholic College choice: Tufts
Four-year starter...running back and linebacker...Merrimack Valley Conference All-Conference team three times...led Central Catholic in tackles for three years...runs track...volunteer at Special Olympics as well as Lawrence Soup Kitchens.

Samuel Friedman High School: Boston College High College choice: Colby
Catholic Conference All-Star at fullback and linebacker...talented lacrosse player...will play both sports in college...National Honor Society...Fellowship of Christian Athletes...chosen a senior mentor at BC High, helping freshmen during orientation.

Joe Gaziano High School: Xaverian Brothers College choice: Northwestern
The *Globe's* Division 1 Player of the Year and a *Boston Herald* All-Scholastic...led the Hawks to a Super Bowl title and a 12-0 season...defensive end had 51 tackles and 16 sacks...kicked two field goals and 34 extra points and punted...three-year starter...member of the Massachusetts Coaches All-State team.

Bobby Gilmore High School: Milton Academy College choice: Harvard
Three-year starter on both lines...named to the ISL All-Star team twice...last fall was named to the Massachusetts Coaches All-State team...selected a NEPSAC Class B All-Star...track All-Scholastic...Life Scout in the Boy Scouts of America ...Special Olympics volunteer.

Nathan Kowalski High School: Dighton-Rehoboth College choice: Colby
Threw 12 touchdown passes last fall...three-year starter...two-time South Coast Conference All-Star...plays basketball and runs spring track...National Honor Society...participates in Best Buddies...volunteer at the United Neighbors of Fall River.

Harry Kraft High School: Belmont Hill College choice: Dartmouth
Two-year starter at quarterback...two-time ISL All-Star...team captain...wrestles and plays lacrosse...head of the school's Peer Leader Organization and Work Crew...ranked in the top 10% of his class.

Jonnie Lawson High School: Milton Academy College choice: undecided
An ISL All-Star...two-year starter on the line...played varsity baseball for four years...varsity ski team for four years...volunteered for four years with Special Olympics track...volunteers to help coach middle school baseball.

Daniel MacDonald High school: Central Catholic College choice: Tufts
Two-time Merrimack Valley All-Conference tackle...junior year MacDonald was part of Central's Division 1 state championship team...plays hockey and runs track...volunteered at the ABC House in Andover, the Lazarus House Thrift Shop, and the Vacation Bible School.

Samuel Malafronte High School: Abington College choice: WPI
The Three-year starter at linebacker, guard and fullback...South Shore League All-Star...*Brockton Enterprise* All-Scholastic...National Honor Society...president of the Student Athlete Advisory Council...the lone student representative to the Abington School Committee.

Rich Martino High School: Danvers College choice: UMass-Amherst
A Northeastern Conference All-Star running back and defensive back...one of the leading scorers in Division 3, finishing the regular season with 14 touchdowns and 94 points...ran for more than 900 yards...Ranked 22nd out of 279 students... National Honor Society...volunteer Little League coach.

Jack McCabe High School: Dartmouth College choice: Holy Cross
Boston Globe and *Herald* All-Scholastic at fullback and linebacker...finished senior season with 120 tackles, 10 sacks and 800 yards rushing...more than 200 career tackles...Massachusetts Coaches All-State team...played baseball for four years ...ranked 11th in his class of 255.

Brandon Newton High School: Burke College choice: Bentley
Ranked 6th in a class of 152...four-year starter at fullback and linebacker...senior season earned Boston City League All-Star honors...named Burke's Most Valuable Scholar-Athlete for the third straight season...ran for 650 yards and seven touchdowns as a senior...leader of Burke's Student Athlete Advisory Committee.

Terence Norton High School: Andover College choice: Wesleyan
Two-way tackle...three-year starter...two-time Merrimack Valley All-Conference and All-Star...Andover's captain...member of the volleyball team...team's Turkey Drive volunteer the last two Thanksgivings...formed a group of players to clean and improve the stadium during the summer...ranked in the top 5% of his class.

Cole O'Connor High School: Buckingham Browne & Nichols College choice: Dartmouth
BB&N's starting quarterback for the last three years...threw for 1,500 yards and 10 TD's in just eight...ISL All-Star plays basketball...pitcher on BB&N's baseball team...will continue his baseball career at Dartmouth...active in student government...volunteers in various youth sports.

Steven O'Reilly High School: Masconomet College choice: Trinity
Cape Ann League Player of the Year...three-year starter at offensive guard and linebacker...team captain...*Globe* All-Scholastic...talented singer...participates in the school chorale and chamber groups and sings at various community events...captain of the outdoor track team.

Matt Richman High School: Lincoln-Sudbury College choice: Colby
Three-year starter at end...two-time Dual County League All-Star...caught 44 passes for 802 yards...team's leading receiver for three straight years...participated in "Push-ups for Charity"...raised more than \$400 for wounded military victims and their families...umpires Little League baseball games...volunteer youth basketball coach.

Mark Rittiboon High School: Swampscott College choice: Cornell
MVP and team captain...two-way lineman...Northeastern Conference All-Star...a member of Peer Leaders, SADD, and My Brother's Table...taught English to K-8 students in Thailand...member of the track team...record-setting power lifter.

Cam Rondeau High School: Lynnfield College choice: Bowdoin
Three-year starter at receiver and cornerback...ranked 13th in his class of 153...has a 4.31 GPA...volunteers at a youth football camp...summer camp counselor.

Matt Shenton High School: Concord-Carlisle College choice: Tufts
Team captain...Dual County League Small Lineman of the Year...three-year starter on the line...twice named a Dual County League All-Star...volunteers at a youth football clinic...youth football mentor...youth basketball coach...football workday volunteer.

Ben Shorey High School: Concord-Carlisle College choice: Carneige Mellon
Three-year starter on the line... Dual County League recognition for his work at tackle and defensive end...3.86 GPA...AP Spanish, AP Physics, and AP Calculus...a Science Discovery Museum of Acton Guide...Pop Warner football coach.

Noah Sorrento High School: Xaverian Brothers College choice: Williams
Two-year starter at running back and linebacker...*Boston Herald* and *Boston Globe* All-Scholastic...finished 2014 with 110 points, second best in Division 1...plays hockey and basketball.

Chris Valles High School: Danvers College choice: Clemson
School single-season record of 68 receptions...three-year starter...played safety, corner, and linebacker...plays baseball...volunteered at a local food pantry, Little League baseball, the Relay for Life, and a Hospice Walk...ranked 23rd in a class of 279.

Geoff Wade High School: St. Sebastian's College choice: Holy Cross
Senior year he threw for 1,015 yards with 11 touchdowns and just one interception...NEPSAC All-New England Class B team...ISL All-Star.

Dario Zarrabian High School: Roxbury Latin College choice: Harvard
Two-year starter...played both wide receiver and safety...ISL All-Star honors his senior year...team captain...played basketball and baseball...participated in Model UN program...member of the Debate team...Yearbook Associate Editor...service project to the Dominican Republic...scored 800 on the math SAT.

CHAPTER COACHES CLINIC AT B.C. DRAWS ANOTHER CAPACITY CROWD

The 2015 edition of the *New Balance* Jack Grinold Eastern Massachusetts Chapter Coaches Clinic was held in March at Boston College and for the second consecutive year, the event drew standing room only crowds at the Yawkey Center and at Alumni Stadium.



Boston College Head Coach Steve Addazio addresses the capacity crowd at the 2015 New Balance Jack Grinold Eastern Massachusetts Chapter Coaches Clinic

Grinold Chapter Board Member Barry Gallup and Chapter Second Vice President Charlie Stevenson collaborated with the Boston College football staff and several other New England Coaches to present the clinic which in-

cluded the opportunity for the coaches to attend a B.C. Spring Football practice session held in Alumni Stadium.

Presenters at the Clinic included Tufts University head coach Jay Civetti; Todd Fitch and Don Brown, the offensive and defensive coordinators at B.C.; Ryan Carty, the offensive coordinator at the University of New Hampshire; and Mike Horan, defensive line coach at Harvard University.

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"Danny is a tremendous role model for our scholar-athletes to emulate."

Guadagnoli, a native of Framingham, Mass., started every game at quarterback for Bentley the past three seasons. He passed for 9,170 yards and 69 touchdowns. A two year captain, he set the Bentley single season passing yardage records in both 2013 and 2014. He was named the 2014 Northeast-10 Offensive Player of the Year and the Agannis/Zinman Award by the New England Football Writers as the top senior football player in New England.

In the classroom, Guadagnoli received his Bachelor's Degree in Economics-Finance in 2014 and is currently pursuing a Master's Degree in Finance. He graduated Magna Cum Laude and was a member of the Bentley Falcon Society, the highest academic honor for a Bentley undergraduate.

Guadagnoli has an ongoing leadership position with the Team IMPACT program, involved with a young boy with a severe immune deficiency. He has also worked with a non-profit tutoring organization called Pox Populi, a service that tutors university students in Afghanistan through Skype. His community service activities also include working with the Leukemia and Lymphoma society, the Relay for Life and a homeless veterans shelter.

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Dr. Kovatch was an outstanding two-way tackle at Princeton University from 1951-1954 where he played with former Grinold Chapter member Heisman Trophy winner Dick Kazmeier. He received his Bachelor of Science in Engineering from Princeton and several years later attended Cornell University where his studies resulted in a Ph.D. in Electrical Engineering in 1962.

Dr. Kovatch worked professionally for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) in Cambridge, Mass. He was head of a division dealing with control systems projects for space vehicles and served as Chief of the Office of Control Theory and Application (OCTA). When NASA's research center in Cambridge became the Transportation Systems Center (TSC), a part of the U.S. Department of Transportation, he joined the DOT as a director of research for advanced transportation systems.

Dr. Kovatch and his wife, Susan, made their home in Hingham where they raised their four children. He was active in Princeton Alumni of New England (PANE) serving as chairman of the Schools Committee and as President of the organization. Following his retirement, the Kovatches relocated to Cape Cod.

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Haughey has long been a benefactor of Harvard with a lengthy list of offices held and accomplishments. He lettered in football, basketball and baseball as an undergraduate, and has served as President and Chairman of the Harvard Varsity Club and Chairman of The Friends of Harvard Football and The Friends of Harvard Baseball.

Away from the Harvard campus, Haughey has been a member of the Board of Trustees of The Catholic Foundation (Archdiocese of Boston), is a Past Chairman of the Board of Trustees of St. Elizabeth's Medical Center, a Past Governor of Caritas Christi Health Care System, has served as a Member of the Board of Directors of Boston Catholic Television Center, and a Board of Directors member for the Bay State Games.

Extremely active in Irish and Irish-American affairs, Haughey serves as chairman of the Friends of Celtic Studies at both Harvard and Boston College, and the Friends of the Boston Irish Famine Memorial. He is a past chairman of the Boston Chapter of the Irish American Cultural Institute and in 2005 was awarded an honorary degree from the University of Ulster.

Haughey is currently Chairman of IMEC (International Medical Equipment Collaborative) providing third world caregivers with the tools of health, education and agriculture to serve their communities. He also runs a family real estate investment, development and management business in New England.

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