



NATIONAL FOOTBALL FOUNDATION

Jack Grinold Eastern Massachusetts Chapter

Chapter Newsletter

Summer, 2016

It seems like only last week that Cam Newton wasn't falling on a fumble in the Super Bowl, Ohio State was rolling over Oregon in the National Championship game and Xaverian was winning yet another state title. A lot has happened since then. We're already in pre-season NFL games, college teams are reporting, and the high schools won't be far behind. The Grinold Chapter has kept busy throughout this time.

Scholar-Athlete Banquet

In May the Chapter held its 41st Annual Scholar-Athlete Banquet. Over 250 people attended the event at the Boston/Newton Marriott to see 33 of Eastern Massachusetts' finest high school football scholar-athletes receive their awards from the Chapter. Accepting the awards for the group was **Jeremy Koen** of Danvers High School. National Football Foundation North-



The 2016 Grinold Chapter Scholar-Athlete Class

east Regional Coordinator **Howie Vandersea** was so impressed with Jeremy's speech, that he had it posted on the NFF website. You can access it at <http://www.footballfoundation.org/News/Blog/tabid/521/entryid/82/Default.aspx>.



Daly Award winner Craig Anderson, Endicott College Defensive Line Coach Chris Gogolos, and Schluntz Award recipient Kevin Fleming

In addition, **Craig Anderson** of Franklin High School and Endicott College gave an inspirational speech in accepting the Jack Daly Award for Academics, Citizenship and Football. Craig, a 2013 scholar-athlete selection of the Chapter, is an all-conference defensive lineman and a criminal justice major. Howie also got Craig's speech posted and it can be found at <http://www.footballfoundation.org/News/Blog/tabid/521/entryid/81/Default.aspx>.

A large crowd from Belmont Hill School was on hand to honor long-time coach **Kevin Fleming** as he received the Ed Schluntz Contributions to Amateur Football Award.

Former official and current president of the Putnam Funds **Bob Reynolds** was a very deserving recipient of the Ron Burton Distinguished American Award.



Chapter President Bob Holmes with Burton Award recipient Bob Reynolds

Eberth Nominated by Chapter

St. John's Prep quarterback **Oliver Eberth** of Andover has been nominated by the Grinold Chapter for one of five national scholar-athlete awards presented by the NFF. Eberth was the Catholic Conference offensive MVP, throwing 13 scoring passes while leading the Eagles to an 8-3 mark. In his career he threw 37 touchdown passes while compiling a 4.1 GPA in the classroom. Since he was 10 years old he has worked with special needs children at the school where his mother is the day nurse. He he is currently a personal care assistant for one of the students at the school. Although recruited by several Division I FCS schools, Oliver has chosen to play at Amherst College.



Chapter to Sponsor NE Division III Poll

Furthering the effort of the Chapter to reach out to the collegiate community in our footprint, the Grinold Chapter will both sponsor and conduct the New England Division III Football Poll for the first time this year. Executive Board member **Jim Seavey** will tally and publicize the poll every week beginning the week after the games of September 24. Jim has assembled a committee of coaches to vote on the poll, including representatives from each state and Division III conference in New England. All Division III coaches who are members of the Grinold Chapter will also be invited to participate.

Gold Helmet Sponsorship to Continue



In 2015 the Grinold Chapter sponsored the New England Football Writers' Gold Helmet weekly and seasonal awards, and the Chapter will do so for the second consecutive year this season. The Gold Helmet is given each week to the outstanding player from the University Division (BCS & FCS) and the College Division (Divisions II & III) each week. Season-long Gold Helmets are presented in December at the New England Football Writer's Captains and Awards Banquet to the University and College Division player deemed the best player of the year in the region.

Coaches Clinic "Sells Out" Again

Boston College again hosted the *New Balance* Jack Grinold Chapter Coaches Clinic in April and another full-house of high school and college coaches from areas as far as Pennsylvania were treated to a morning of football strategy and instruction. Coaches from Boston College, Harvard, Amherst, and the University of Maine made hour long presentations. The group was welcomed by Eagles head coach and Chapter Board of Directors member **Steve Addazio**, who then excused himself to prepare for the B.C. spring practice session that closed the Clinic.



Danny Kanell and Joe Tessitore address the 2016 Coaches Clinic

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Boston College Head Coach Steve Addazio welcomes clinic participants

Chapter board member **Barry Gallup** who coordinated the clinic, surprised those in attendance with a special treat, an address and Q & A session with ESPN College football personalities **Danny Kanell** and **Joe Tessitore**.

Executive Board Meeting

The annual summer Executive Board meeting was held recently and the Schluntz and Burton Award winners were selected. The Award winners will be announced at the annual Board of Directors Meeting scheduled for December 15, 2016.

Grinold Challenge

The fifth Annual Grinold Challenge will continue through September. Our chapter's namesake will match all donations up to a total of \$3000. Anyone wishing to contribute to the Challenge can send a check made payable to "The National Football Foundation" to our treasurer **Bill Gorman**. The address to send the donation is 47 Paine Street, Winthrop, MA 02152-1912. Any amount will be appreciatively accepted.

Membership

Our number of members continues to flirt with the century mark, but we haven't yet been able to get over that hump. We currently stand at 95 members and I encourage each member to try to bring in one new member to the Chapter. You all know people that love football. Please invite them to be a part of all that we do to support the game.

Many thanks to our corporate partners



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