## National Football Foundation Jack Grinold Eastern Massachusetts Chapter 43rd Annual Scholar-Athlete Awards Banquet Sunday, May 15, 2022 - Boston Newton Marriott

Ed Schluntz Award -Tom Kelley, Framingham State University



Longtime Framingham State University Head Football Coach & Director of Athletics **Tom Kelley** is the 2022 recipient of the Grinold Chapter's Ed Schluntz Contribution To Amateur Football Award. Named in honor of Ed Schluntz, a charter member of the Grinold Chapter, this award is presented annually to a person in the Chapter footprint whose efforts and activities in support of the Foundation and its goals have been local in nature.

A 1976 graduate of then Framingham State College, Kelley was a four-year starter at defensive tackle for the Rams. He returned to Framingham State in 1978 as an assistant football coach and assumed the head coaching job in 1982. Kelley served as head coach from 1982-1985 and returned to coaching again in 2001 as an assistant coach.

Kelley returned to coaching again after the 2006 football season when he once again took over as head coach of the Rams football program and he stepped away from coaching in January 2020 after 14 highly successful seasons at the helm.

Kelley has an overall record of 107-59-1 during his two stints as the Rams head football coach including a 100-40 record over the last 13 seasons which featured an NEFC Championship, 10 MASCAC Championships, six NCAA Tournament appearances and four bowl game victories. In addition to the team success, the Rams' first three AFCA All-Americans played during 's his tenure, one on the offensive side of the ball and two on the defensive side.

In Kelley's 14 seasons at the helm, he has been recognized as a coach of the year eight times by five different organizations including in 2012 by the New England Football Writers when he was named as the NEFW Division II/III Coach of the Year. Tom has been tabbed as the MASCAC Coach of the Year (2014, 2015, 2018), the NEFC Bogan Division Coach of the Year (2012 & 2010), the Gridiron Club of Greater Boston Coach of the Year (2011), and the Master Sports Coach of the Year (2010).

Kelley is completing his 28th as Director of Athletics at Framingham State University and has been involved with his alma mater's athletic department for over 40 years. Since taking over as Athletic Director in 1994, Tom has changed the look of the coaching staff in every program and was instrumental in the addition of women's lacrosse as a varsity sport.

Kelley holds a master's degree in psychology counseling from Boston State College and lives in Milford with his wife Jackie. His son Mike serves as the Director of Athletics and Head Baseball Coach at the Massachusetts Maritime Academy.

## Ron Burton Award -Bob DeFelice, Bentley University



In honor of his five-plus decades of service to athletics at both the high school and collegiate levels, Bentley University Director of Athletics Emeritus **Bob DeFelice** has been named as the 2022 recipient of the Grinold Chapter's Ron Burton Distinguished American Award. Named in honor of the late Ron Burton, who was the first draft pick of the then Boston Pa-

triots and a noted philanthropist, the Chapter presents the award annually to a recipient who is an outstanding person that has maintained a lifetime of interest in the game and who, over a long period of time, has exhibited enviable leadership qualities and made a significant contribution to the betterment of amateur football in the Chapter footprint.

DeFelice's affiliation with Bentley dates back to 1968, when he was hired as the school's first varsity baseball coach. After coaching the team on a part-time basis from its debut in 1969 to 1987, he was named Assistant Athletics Director for Programs in August 1987. Two years later, he was promoted to Associate Athletics Director. DeFelice served as Bentley's Director of Athletics from October 1991 until September 2020.

As Bentley's only head baseball coach, DeFelice won 848 games during his 54 seasons at the helm, a total that ranks third in New England Division II history. Following the retirement of Augie Garrido at Texas after the 2016 season, DeFelice served the longest tenured active college baseball coach in the country until his retirement from that position following this season.

During his tenure as AD, the university's sports teams prospered, with 120 conference championships (regular season and playoff) and NCAA appearances in ten team sports (football, women's basketball, men's basketball, field hockey, volleyball, golf, men's tennis, women's tennis, men's cross country and women's cross country). There were two national championships, field hockey in 2001 and women's basketball in 2014. Under his leadership, Bentley captured the Northeast-10 Presidents Cup eight times, emblematic of the best overall athletic program in the conference. The most recent came for the 2008-09 academic year.

DeFelice, a 1963 graduate of Boston College with a Bachelor of Science degree in history, began his coaching career that same year as head football coach and assistant basketball coach at Christopher Columbus High School, a position he held for three years. In 1965, he began a three-year playing career in the Boston Red Sox minor league organization. In 1967, he was a player-coach with the Pittsfield Red Sox.

# Grinold Chapter Scholar-Athlete Class of 2022

## **High School: Belmont Hill** Michael Ahonen **College choice: Middlebury** Two-year starter at wide receiver and defensive back ... First-team ISL All-Star and All NEPSAC Class A as a senior ... captain of football and track teams ... Executive Committee member of "Party with A Purpose," a fundraiser/dance party for Boston Children's Hospital.

College choice: Undecided Mason Andrade MVP of the Middlesex League ... a four-year starter at running back and linebacker ... Boston Globe All-Scholastic ... two-time football captain ... ran for 1,575 yards and 16 touchdowns as a senior ... played hockey and ran track ... ranked in top 40% of his class ... youth football volunteer.

## **James Artz**

**High School: Norton College choice: Stonehill** Two-timeTri-ValleySmallAll-Star...TVLOffensiveLinemanoftheYear...two-yearstarteratcenterandnosetackle...namedtoMHSFCAAll-Division5team...votedBestTeammate...captainofbaseballteam...volunteerwithyouthbaseballandfootball...NationalHonorSocietymember.

## Liam Connor

Four-year starting kicker ... has career long of 48 yards ... holds every Middlesex kicking record ... an ISL and NEPSAC All-Star as senior ... also played wide receiver and safety ... team's leading scorer ... threw 37-yard touchdown pass ... four-year varsity lacrosse player ... named Senior Proctor by faculty.

## **Jackson Delaney** High School: St. John's Prep Boston Globe and Boston Herald All-Scholastic ... two-time Catholic Conference All-Star at wide receiver ... caught 51 passes with 13 touch-

downs as a senior ... three-year starter ... member Mass Coaches All-State team ... voted team captain ... Spanish National Honor Society.

Chris Domoracki **College choice: Undecided** Boston Herald and Boston GlobeAll-Scholastic...CapeAnn League Baker Player of the Year...three-year starter at running back and line backer ... captain of football and lacrosse ... scored 21 TDs as a senior ... Shrine game participant ... Senior Class president ... National Honor Society.

## **Thaddeus Foote**

A three-year starter at offensive and defensive tackle ... ISL All-Star as a senior ... led BB&N to 7-2 record in fall ... member of wrestling and crew teams ... three-year co-captain of crew team ... a military history buff ... plays saxophone and is member of Jazz Ensemble

**Dylan Gordon** College choice: Bentley Boston Globe and Boston Herald All-Scholastic ... Hockomock Davenport Division MVP ... two-year starter at running back and safety ... had 2,323 total yards and 36 touchdowns for Warriors ... member Mass State Football Coaches All-State team ... ranked 24th in class of 194.

Sam Jaffe ISL All-Star playing tight end, fullback, and linebacker ... Milton Academy went 16-0 in ISL his last two years ... NEPSAC All-Star ... At LB, had 42 tackles in 9 games with 12 tackles for losses and 6 sacks ... team's co-captain ... co-head of Miltones, a student acapella group.

**Delby Lemieux** Boston Globe and Boston Herald All-Scholastic ... three-year starter on line ... two-time Patriot League All-Star ... football captain ... led Green Dragonsto10-2record...raisedmoneyforbreastcancerresearch...ranyouthfootballclinic...has3.91GPA...memberNationalHonorSociety.

**High School: Stoughton** Jonah Ly Hockomock Davenport All-Star at running back and safety ... two-year starter ... team captain ... 1,000 yards total offense and 12 TDs as senior ... more than 100 tackles at safety ... ranked 16th in a class of 227 ... volunteer coach with Stoughton's STOYAC sports programs.

Kevin Ma Three-year starter at guard and nose tackle ... ISL and NEPSAC All-Star as senior ... third-leading tackler and leader in sacks ... captain of football and wrestling teams ... member Fishing Club ... plays viola and is a member of school's Chamber Orchestra ... scored a 780 on the Math SAT.

Amari Marsman **College choice: Trinity** Boston Herald All-Scholastic ... three-year starter at running back and linebacker ... Two-time Bay State Herget All-Star ... ran for 655 yards and 16 TDs ... caught 33 passes for 460 yards and three TDs ... scored 4 TDs on Thanksgiving ... plays basketball and rugby ... volunteers at homeless shelter.

**Thomas Mulvaney High School: Norton** College choice: RPI Tri-ValleyLeagueAll-Staratwidereceiveranddefensiveback...three-yearstarter...captainofwrestlingteam...playsbaseball...seconddegree blackbelt in mixed martial arts ... ranked 27th in a class of 163 ... member National Honor Society, Math Honor Society, and History Honor Society.

## **Riley O'Connell High School: Lincoln-Sudbury College choice: Williams** Two-time Boston Herald All-Scholastic at quarterback and defensive back ... three-year starter and two-year captain ... Dual County League Offensive Player of the Year ... threw for 1,777 yards and 27 touchdowns ... had three interceptions at DB ... captain lacrosse team.

## **High School: Watertown**

High School: Middlesex

## High School: Hamilton-Wenham

## High School: Buckingham Browne & Nichols **College choice: Middlebury**

## **High School: Milton Academy College choice: Williams**

## High School: Duxbury

## High School: Middlesex School

## **High School: Milton**

## College choice: Dartmouth

## College choice: UMass Amherst

## **College choice: Cornell**

## College choice: Brown

**College choice: Boston College** 

## **High School: Foxboro**

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## College choice: Penn Two-waystarteronoffensiveanddefensivelines...teamcaptain...powerDexteroffenseto32.4ppg...playsvarsitybasketball...volunteerfootball coach ... volunteered at local community center packing food for needy ... member of the Jam Club, a student music club ... plays the ukulele.

**Caleb Procaccini** College choice: Undecided South Coast Conference All-Star ... member Standard Times Super Team ... two-year starter at guard, middle linebacker and defensive end ... 109tackles in 10games as senior ... team captain ... plays lacrosse ... church volunteer ... National Honor Society ... ranked 2nd in a class of 152.

## **Jason Silverio**

**High School: Methuen College choice: UMass Amherst** Boston Globe All-Scholastic ... Eagle-Tribune All-Star ... two-year starter at wide receiver and defensive back ... two-time Merrimack Valley Division 1 All-Conference ... caught 42 passes as a senior ... captain of football and baseball teams ... youth baseball coach.

## **Benjamin Smith**

Dual County Large All-Star and DCL Large Lineman of the Year ... three-year starter on both lines ... team captain ... member of Mass Coaches All Division 2 team ... L-S went 24-5 with three DCL titles with Ben starting ... captain of lacrosse team ... church volunteer.

## Jackson Smith

**High School: Milton Academy** 

Boston Globe, Boston Herald, and Patriot Ledger All-Scholastic ... four-year starter at running back and linebacker ... Father, Patrick, received same award from the Western Mass Chapter of the NFF ... grandfather, Jim, one of founding members of the Western Mass Chapter.

**High School: Milton Academy** Luke Thorbahn **College choice: Bentley** Two-time ISL-6 All-Star ... four-year starter at running back and corner back ... ran for 811 yards and 9 TDs in just 4 ½ games ... Cleveland Award recipient as most inspirational player ... Duxbury youth football and youth flag football volunteer ... church volunteer.

**Jared Vacher College choice: Tufts** Hockomock All-Star ... two-year starter at tackle and defensive end ... team captain ... tenacious blocker ... also plays basketball and lacrosse ... Best pals special education volunteer ... youth basketball coach and referee ... member SADD ... National Honor Society ... ranked 12th in class of 266.

**Chase Vaughan** College choice: East Coast Prep Boston Herald and Boston GlobeAll-Scholastic...Two-timeBayStateHergetAll-Starand2021MVP...three-yearstarteratquarterback and free safety...passedfor1,778yardsand17touchdowns...ranfor262yardsandfourTDs...teamcaptain...playsbasketball...playsguitaranddrums.

**Steven Woods** Boston Globeand Boston Herald All-Scholastic ... two-year starter at quarter back and defensive back ... Catholic Central All-Star ... member Mass State Coaches All-State team ... threw for 2,044 yards and 30 touchdowns ... plays basketball and runs track ... ranked in top 10% of his class.

**Cormac Wright** High School: St. Sebastian's ISLAII-Star at wide receiver and defensive back ... AlI-NEPSAC Honorable Mention ... had 22 receptions for 283 yards and four TDs in eight games ... had 43 tackles and forced fumble ... holder on FGs and PATs ... plays lacrosse ... member Finance Academy and International Club.

Ismael Zamor **High School: Everett** College choice: Boston College Boston Herald All-Scholastic ... member Mass State Coaches All-State team ... three-year starter at wide receiver and safety ... two-time Greater Boston League All-Star ... will play receiver at Boston College ... had 4 interceptions as a senior ... 3.89 GPA ... active church volunteer.

## **Tonight's Program**

Welcome & Introductions **Roger Crosley Grinold Chapter Contributor Award Presentation** 

Dinner

43rd Annual Grinold Chapter Scholar-Athlete Class Introduction Jack Daly Academics, Citizenship & Football Award Presentation Ed Schluntz Contributions To Amateur Football Award Presentation **Ron Burton Distinguished American Award Presentation** 

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**High School: Dexter Southfield** 

High School: Lincoln-Sudbury College choice: Bucknell

## **College choice: John Hopkins**

## **College choice: Bryant**

## College choice: Colby

## **High School: North Attleboro**

**High School: Milton** 

## **High School: Bishop Fenwick**

## Ron Burton Award -Bob DeFelice, Bentley University (Continued)

Before joining the Bentley athletic department staff on a full-time basis in 1987, DeFelice spent 17 years (1970-86) as head football coach at his alma mater, Winthrop High School. During that time, he led the Vikings to a 101-65-2 record, with four Northeast Conference championships, a 33-game winning streak in the early 80's and two Eastern Massachusetts Division II Super Bowl titles.

Amazingly, DeFelice has been inducted into nine Halls of Fame, the most recent being the New England Intercollegiate Baseball Association Hall of Fame. He was honored by Boston College in 1986, Bentley in October 1999, and was a charter member of the Winthrop High Hall of Fame in 1997. In November 2002, he was one of four inductees into the Massachusetts Chapter of the National Italian American Sports Hall of Fame. In November 2010, he was a charter inductee into the Intercity Hall of Fame.

DeFelice has also been inducted into the Massachusetts High School Football Coaches, the Boston Park League and the Union Printers International Baseball League halls of fame. Bob helped establish the Eastern Collegiate Football Conference and was a founder of the Eastern Football Conference. He served as the EFC commissioner from 1997-2000, when it was absorbed by the Northeast-10 Conference.

Among the many honors he has received are the Jack Butterfield Award from the New England Intercollegiate Baseball Association, the Murray Lewis Award from the Eastern Association of Intercollegiate Football Officials and the Whitey Allard and Marty McDonough Memorial Sportsmanship Award from the College Baseball Umpires Association of New England. In December 2017, he received the George C. Carens Award from the New England Football Writers for his lifelong contributions to the sport of football.

Bob and his wife, Patricia, have four children and seven grandchildren.



## Jack Daly Award -Jacob Burkhead, UMass Dartmouth



Former University of Massachusetts Dartmouth defensive standout **Jacob Burkhead** has been named as the Grinold Chapter's Jack Daly Award recipient for Academics, Citizenship & Football. Named in honor of Jack Daly, a Grinold Chapter charter member, the award is presented annually to a college football player at an institution in the Chapter footprint based on academic performance, community service and demonstrated football ability.

A 2021 graduate of UMass Dartmouth who earned a perfect 4.00 grade point average with a degree in Political Science, Burkhead is a former Grinold Chapter Scholar-Athlete Award recipient after excelling in competition, in the classroom and in the community at Plymouth North High School. He is currently seeking his juris doctorate at Boston College Law School.

Burkhead is the only two-time CoSIDA Academic All-America honoree in Corsair history and earned a pair of all-Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference first team accolades for his performance on the field. He was named as a semifinalist for the 2020 National Football Foundation William V. Campbell Trophy® Presented By Mazda, which is considered to be the "Academic Heisman".

The 2017 MASCAC Defensive Rookie of the Year and a team tri-captain, Burkhead was one of 59 Division III student-athletes nominated for the 2019 Cliff Harris Award as the nation's top small college defensive player, as he has registered 191 career tackles (133 solo) along with four interceptions and 15 pass breakups in 30 games played. He was named to the school's Chancellor's List throughout his career and was a four-time MASCAC Fall All-Academic team honoree.

Off the field, Jacob was an active member of the UMass Dartmouth community who served on the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee and participated in activities that include Special Olympics as well as the school's Sharing The Harvest recognition event.

Burkhead is the second Corsair to receive the Daly Award under Head Coach Mark Robichaud's tenure, as former UMass Dartmouth standout offensive lineman Pat Sullivan was tabbed in 2017, the same year as Jacob's selection as a Grinold Chapter Scholar-Athlete.

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