

# Jack Grinold Eastern Massachusetts Chapter



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## EVERETT'S FATHER-SON TEAM LEADS 2012 AWARD WINNERS

The father-son coach-quarterback team of **John DiBiao** and **Jonathan DiBiao** from Everett High School becomes the first father - son duo to be honored for their accomplishments by the Jack Grinold Eastern Massachusetts Chapter of the National Football Foundation. The pair, along with 35 other honorees, will be feted at the Chapter's 37th Annual Scholar Athlete Awards Banquet on Monday, May 14, at Lombardo's banquet facility in Randolph, Mass.

John the elder is the winner of the Ed Schluntz Contributions to Amateur Football Award (see related story), while the younger DiBiao leads the list of 34 2012 Scholar-Athletes selected by the Chapter.

In making the announcement of the award winners, selection Committee chair **Ed Schluntz** noted the difficult decisions that had to be made by the committee.

"We had 50 applications for the 34 slots," Schluntz said. "That's our highest total ever, and the qualifications of the candidates were truly outstanding. While many of the young men met our criteria for selection, this group truly represents the best of the best."

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## BENTLEY'S JOHNSON NAMED WINNER OF INAUGURAL JACK DALY AWARD



Bentley College quarterback **Bryant Johnson** has been selected as the first 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.

"Our selection committee had three outstanding nominees from which to choose," Chapter President and Executive Director **Roger Crosley** said. "For the committee to select Bryant is testimony to the type of person he is."

Johnson is the only three-time captain in Bentley football history and has been the starting quarterback all three years. He was a two-time All-Northeast 10 selection, including in 2010 when he was named the NE-10 Offensive Player of the Year. In 2011 he was the recipient of the Swede Nelson Award given for academic and athletic excellence by the Gridiron Club of Greater Boston.

A Masters in Business Administration candidate with a dual focus of Accountancy and Financial Planning,  
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## EVERETT COACH DiBIAO HONORED WITH 2012 ED SCHLUNTZ AWARD



Photo by Ted Ancher

Everett High School Coach and Athletic Director **John DiBiao**, shown at left with his quarterback son **Jonathan**, has been named the winner of the 2012 Ed Schluntz Contributions to Amateur Football Award by the Jack Grinold Eastern Massachusetts Chapter of the National Football Foundation.

DiBiao has compiled a 198-21 record (.904 winning percentage) in 20 years at the helm of the Crimson Tide including a perfect 12-0 record in 2011 with an Eastern Massachusetts Super Bowl championship. DiBiao also had Super Bowl Championship teams at Everett in 1997, 1999, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2006, 2007, 2010, and 2011. His teams have won 16 consecutive Greater Boston League titles.

Prior to his time at Everett, DiBiao was head coach at Weston High School for three years where he earned his first Super Bowl title in 1991 and compiled a 25-15-1 record.

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## CURRY COACH BANDINI TO RECEIVE 2012 RON BURTON AWARD



Curry College Coach and MasterSports founder **Skip Bandini** has been selected as the 2012 winner of the Ron Burton Distinguished American Award from the Jack Grinold Eastern Massachusetts Chapter of the National Football Foundation.

Bandini's coaching credentials span four decades. A member of the Massachusetts Maritime Academy Athletic Hall of Fame as an offensive lineman, Bandini began his coaching career as a Buccaneer assistant in 1981 under the tutelage of 2011 Burton Award winner **Don Ruggeri**. He had high school head coaching stints at St. Clement and his alma mater Don Bosco, and was an assistant coach at Dom Savio, Stoneham, and Reading high schools.

Bandini moved to the college ranks as offensive coordinator at MIT for three years under 2007 Burton Award winner **Dwight Smith**. Assistant coach positions at Mount Ida College and UMass Lowell, preceded his move to Curry as defensive coordinator for two years and offensive

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**Adam Bakopolus** **High School:** Buckingham Browne & Nichols **College choice:** Bowdoin College  
 A three-year starter at wide receiver and defensive back ... received Independent School League honors his senior year and was named team student-athlete award winner ... also plays varsity golf and basketball ... his lowest grade at BB&N was an A- ... studied in Russia as exchange student.

**daniel Barone** **High School:** Holliston High School **College choice:** Bowdoin College  
 Boston Globe and Boston Herald All-Scholastic selection ... Globe's Division 3 Player of the Year ... three-year starter at quarterback, he was the leading scorer in Division 3 last fall with 135 points ... has participated in annual Mission trips to Mississippi and coaches youth football and basketball.

**Jamie Bourque** **High School:** Wakefield **College choice:** Boston College  
 Broke Wakefield's all-time records for yards passing in a single season with 1,718 and was named a Middlesex League All-Star ... Wakefield went 9-2 and won the Middlesex Small title ... ranked 24th in a class of 239 ... a three-sport athlete, he also runs outdoor track and plays basketball.

**Brian Bowser** **High School:** Belmont Hill **College choice:** Bowdoin College  
 A three-year starter at tight end and linebacker ... named an ISL All-Star his senior year as well as earning recognition as All New England in Class B ... team captain and led Belmont Hill in tackles ... also plays lacrosse ... volunteers with the "Work Crew," a group that helps the elderly.

**Henry Bumpus** **High school:** Concord-Carlisle **College choice:** Brown University  
 The 6-6, 225-pound tight end was a Boston Herald, Boston Globe, ESPNBoston, and Lowell Sun All-Scholastic for the Super Bowl winning Patriots ... named to the Mass Coaches All-State team and Shriners All-Star roster ... has a 3.64 GPA ... also plays varsity basketball and lacrosse.

**Matt Cahill** **High School:** Lincoln-Sudbury **College choice:** Tufts University  
 Three-year starter at quarterback and defensive back for the Warriors ... was twice named to the Dual County League All-Star team ... Cahill holds all career passing records at L-S (attempts, completions, yards and TDs) ... captain of the football, basketball, and baseball teams ... 3.99 GPA and won Harvard Book Award as a junior.

**Andrew Coke** **High School:** Andover **College choice:** Brown University  
 A two-time Boston Globe and Boston Herald All-Scholastic as a running back and defensive back for the Golden Warriors ... Was the leading scorer in Division 1, third leading scorer as a senior ... Coke ran for 1,200 yards and caught passes for another 400 yards his senior year ... has a 3.3 GPA and was team captain.

**Jack Connolly** **High School:** St. Sebastian's **College choice:** Dartmouth College  
 Three-year starter at running back and a two-time Independent School League All-Star ... Also named to the Mass Coaches All-State team and to the All New England team for Class B ... ranked 11th in his class ... also a two-time ISL All-Star in lacrosse ... National Honor Society member.

**Douglas Crook** **High School:** Barnstable **Next fall:** Worcester Academy  
 One of the top quarterbacks in state history, finished his career with 76 touchdown passes, good for fifth place all-time ... two-time Old Colony League All-Star and four-year starter ... led Barnstable to a Division 1A playoff berth ... also plays basketball and baseball and is a member of the National Honor Society ... Special Olympics volunteer.

**Michael Decina** **High School:** Hopkinton **College choice:** Bates College  
 A two-time Tri-Valley League All-Star ... started three years at Hopkinton at quarterback and defensive back ... a three-sport captain (football, hockey, baseball) ... finished his career with 3,210 yards passing and this year led Division 3 with 18 touchdown passes ... has a 3.6 GPA ... is a peer mentor for younger students.

**Jonathan DiBioso** **High School:** Everett **Next fall:** Philips Exeter Academy  
 The record-setting quarterback finished as the leading passer in state history with 103 career touchdown passes ... also holds the state single-season mark with 44 ... Everett won Super Bowl titles the last two years ... ranked 24th in a class of 394 and is a member of the National Honor Society.

**Nicholas DiChiara** **High School:** Buckingham Browne & Nicols **College choice:** Colgate University  
 A four-year starter at fullback and linebacker for BB&N ... two-time ISL All-Star ... chosen for the Mass Coaches All-State team as well as the Shriners game ... also plays varsity basketball and lacrosse ... was captain of the basketball and football teams ... was voted junior class president.

**Shane Donovan** **High School:** Thayer Academy **College choice:** Wesleyan University  
 The 6-0, 290-pound lineman was a four-year starter for the Braintree ISL school ... a two-time winner of ISL All-Star honors ... named to the NEPSAC All-New England team ... was captain of the football and track teams and one of the top wrestlers in the ISL ... scored a 780 on math SAT and is a talented musician.

**Steven Jepeal** **High School:** Austin Prep **College choice:** University of Notre Dame  
 A two-year starter at one both sides on the line at tackle ... earned Catholic Central Large All-Star honors his senior year ... also runs indoor track and plays lacrosse ... president of the student council, vice-president of the Russian Club and the New England Club ... scored a perfect 800 on the math portion of SAT.

**Dan Laorenza** **High School:** North Andover **College choice:** Wesleyan University  
 Played wide receiver and safety for the Knights ... earned CAL/NEC Division 1 All-Star honors ... football captain as well as two-year starter for the baseball team ... earned the 2011 team Sportsmanship Award ... writes for the school newspaper ... volunteer with the Special Olympics.

**Nicholas Leonard** **High School:** Mansfield **College choice:** Boston College  
 A two-year starter for Mansfield at offensive guard and linebacker ... a key figure in the Hornets 19-3 regular season record ... member of the Sun-Chronicle All-Area team and team captain ... ranked 13th in a class of 361 ... member of both the National Honor Society and Spanish National Honor Society.

**Kevin McCarthy** **High School:** Hingham **College choice:** Columbia University  
 A three-year starter and two-time Patriot League All-Star ... excelled at running back and defensive back ... captain of the football team ... also plays basketball and runs track ... volunteers at homeless shelter and Hingham Food Pantry ... MVP of the Thanksgiving game his junior year ... selected to play in Shriners game.

**Michael McKie** High School: Boston Latin College choice: Boston College  
Two-year starter at center and linebacker ... named a Dual County League All-Star his senior year ... also an expert long snapper on kicking team ... responsible for calling assignments on both sides of the ball ... also plays baseball ... a member of the National Honor Society as well as an accomplished saxophone player.

**Jameson McShea** High School: Boston College High College choice: Harvard University  
One of the top players in the state ... the Boston Globe's Division 1 Player of the Year, a Boston Herald All-Scholastic, a member of the Coaches All-State team, and the Catholic Conference Lineman of the Year ... an accomplished artist as well the football team captain ... volunteered in New Jersey helping at a soup kitchen.

**Michael Minahan** High School: Belmont Hill College choice: Georgetown University  
A wide receiver and defensive back ... started two years at Belmont Hill and earned both ISL and All New England honors his senior year ... a rare three-sport captain at Belmont Hill with football, basketball, and track ... a member of the student admission committee as well as the drug & alcohol committee ... did volunteer work at a Jamaican orphanage.

**Matthew Montalto** High School: Dennis-Yarmouth College choice: Bentley University  
A two-time Boston Herald and Boston Globe All-Scholastic ... named the Globe's Division 2A Player of the Year ... threw for 25 touchdowns and ran for another 15 as the Dolphins won the Div. 2A Super Bowl ... captain of the football, ice hockey, and baseball teams ... was an ACL All-Star in hockey ... a member of the National Honor Society.

**Reilly Naton** High School: Duxbury College choice: Yale University  
A three-year starter at receiver and safety for one of the most successful teams in the state ... earned Patriot League All-Star honors his senior year during which Duxbury won the Division 2 Super Bowl ... caught 27 passes for 526 yards his senior year ... captain for football and lacrosse and a National Honor Society member.

**Stephen O'Grady** High School: North Andover College choice: Colby College  
The center and linebacker earned Cape Ann/Northeastern Conference All-Star honors his senior ... A three-year starter, North Andover went 26-8 over that time ... Cape Ann All-League player his junior year and a Lawrence Eagle-Tribune All-Star his senior year ... Ranked 8th in a class of 300 ... member of the National Honor Society.

**Matthew O'Keefe** High School: Duxbury College choice: Johns Hopkins University  
The Globe's Division 2 Player of the Year ... named to the Boston Herald All-Scholastic team ... threw for 35 touchdowns and 2,300 yards his senior year and led the Green Dragons to the Division 2 Super Bowl title ... also one of the top lacrosse players in the state ... involved in mentor program for freshman students.

**Leo Parnell** High School: East Boston College choice: North Shore Community College  
A three-year starter for the Jets on both lines ... the Player of the Year in Boston as well as Boston Herald All-Scholastic ... also one of nine players to earn Courageous Player Awards from the Massachusetts High School Football Coaches Association ... ranked in top half of his graduating class.

**Daniel Pierce** High School: Needham College choice: Middlebury College  
The Rockets won the Bay State Carey title and a berth in the Division 1 playoffs led by their talented receiver and safety ... a two-year starter, he earned conference all-star honors his senior year ... finished with six touchdown receptions and 750 yards his senior year ... has done volunteer work in Costa Rica and has a 4.64 GPA.

**Will Quigley** High School: Marblehead College choice: Brown University  
A Boston Herald and Boston Globe All-Scholastic ... three-year starter at running back and corner ... finished as Marblehead's all-time leading scorer with 45 touchdowns ... finished with 3,900 career all-purpose yards and 11 interceptions ... varsity baseball captain ... member of the Bridging Lives program at Marblehead.

**Armani Reeves** High School: Catholic Memorial College choice: The Ohio State University  
One of the most talented players in the state, Reeves finished as the sixth leading scorer in Division 1 with 16 touchdowns. A three-year starter, he ran for 1,103 yards and caught 21 passes, also had 51 tackles on defense ... captain of the football and basketball teams ... a member of the CM Leadership Program and Campus Ministry.

**Mark Riley** High School: Needham College choice: Bates College  
The two-year starter and Bay State Carey All-Star had 72 receptions for 15 touchdowns and 1,266 yards his senior year ... named to the Boston Globe All-Scholastic team ... the Rockets captain ... led team to Division 1 Super Bowl at Gillette for first time in school history ... brother Bobby a former NFF recipient.

**Peter Trombly** High School: Acton-Boxboro College choice: Bowdoin College  
The sole captain of 2011 Colonials and a Dual County Large All-Star playing offensive guard and linebacker ... also wrestles and was a US Lacrosse Academic All-American ... a member of the National Honor Society and Spanish National Honor Society ... an MIAA Student Ambassador.

**Will Twyman** High School: Lincoln-Sudbury College choice: Brown University  
A tight end and linebacker ... three-year starter at L-S and a two-time Dual County League All-Star ... named to the Boston Globe All-Scholastic team his senior year ... recorded 117 tackles, 4 interceptions, and three forced fumbles as L-S won the DCL Large title ... Coaches All-State team.

**Andrew VanderWilden** High School: Concord-Carlisle College choice: Brown University  
A three-year starter and two-time Dual County League Lineman of the Year ... named to the Boston Herald All-Scholastic team ... The Patriots finished 11-0 this fall and won the Division 3 Super Bowl title ... senior captain ... volunteered in Louisiana building houses ... coaches youth football.

**Michael Walsh** High School: Swampscott College choice: Brown University  
Threw for 2,200 yards and 25 touchdowns in leading his team to a 9-2 record ... earned Boston Globe and Boston Herald All-Scholastic honors after being named the CAL/NEC Division 2 Player of the Year ... captain of the football, basketball, and baseball teams ... volunteers for meals on wheels and North Shore Holocaust Center.

**Camren Williams** High School: Catholic Memorial College choice: The Ohio State University  
A Boston Globe and Boston Herald All-Scholastic ... one of the top linebackers in the state ... three-year starter ... named to the Coaches All-State team and was a Catholic Conference All-Star ... made 119 tackles in 9 games ... National Honor Society, Campus Ministry, and CM leadership team.

## CHAPTER MEMBER SCHLUNTZ AND 2011 SCHOLAR-ATHLETE COSTELLO SELECTED FOR NFF NATIONAL HONORS



*Chapter Executive Director Roger Crosley, Matt Costello, Ed Schluntz, and 2010-11 Chapter President Rich Beal at the Waldorf Astoria.*

The Jack Grinold Eastern Massachusetts Chapter was prominently featured at the 2011 National Football Foundation Chapter Awards Luncheon held December 9, at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel in New York City.

Ed Schluntz, a charter member of the Chapter was honored with one of five Chapter Leadership Awards, and 2011 Chapter Scholar-Athlete Matt Costello of Everett High

School was named one of five national Scholar-Athletes.

Schluntz has served on the chapter's board of directors since its inception in 1976. He has coordinated the Chapter's scholar-athlete awards, expanding the Chapter's honorees from 11 to 33 scholar-athletes. Schluntz won the Chapter's Contribution to Amateur Football Award in 1978, and the award was named in his honor since 2008. Schluntz also spearheaded the effort to name the Chapter after its founder, Jack Grinold, in 2007.

Claiming a 4.52 grade-point average on a 4.0 scale, Costello graduated sixth out of 385 students at Everett. He was a member of the National Honor Society, Students Initiating Change, and the Italian Club. He worked as a peer tutor and spent his summers coaching children at the Everett Recreation Center. He was also an ambassador with the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletics Association. A versatile athlete, Costello also excelled in basketball and baseball, earning all-star honors in both sports and playing on multiple league championship teams. He earned a starting spot at wide receiver at Princeton University his freshman season.

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Johnson was a Capital One Academic All-District selection in 2011, and is a three-time NE-10 All-Academic. He was a Dean's list student multiple times during his undergraduate years.

Johnson has been active in both the Bentley and Waltham communities in various capacities. He has served on the Bentley Student Athlete Advisory Committee and has assisted on freshman move-in day. He has coached both Pop Warner football and Community Use basketball and volunteered at a road race benefiting Special Olympics. Johnson has also worked with the 2+2=5 Program at the Stanley Elementary School, a program that teaches teamwork skills to children through structured activities.

This spring, the Hopedale, Mass native has competed with the Bentley baseball team for the first time. He has played outfield.

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coordinator for a year under former New England Patriot Steve Nelson.

Bandini was named head coach at Curry in 2006 following Nelson's departure. In the five seasons since he took over the reins, the Colonels have compiled a 52-16 record (.765 winning percentage). Curry captured the championship of the New England Football Conference in 2006 and 2007, and Bandini's squads participated in the NCAA Division III Championship Tournament in 2006, 2007, and 2008. A 2007 win over Hartwick College was the first ever NCAA tournament win for an NEFC team, and a 26-21 victory at Ithaca College in 2008 marked the NEFC's first-ever road Tournament victory. Following the 2011 season, Bandini and his staff were selected to coach the North squad in the Division III All-Star Classic in Salem, Va.

In 1999, Bandini began MasterSports, an organization originally designed to provide an opportunity for coaches to get together and discuss football. In 2001 Bandini conducted the first MasterSports Football Clinic, and established awards as a memorial to special men who played and/or coached the game. To date, the awards made in honor of these men have resulted in the distribution of nearly \$114,000 to 136 young men to assist them in furthering their education.

"I've known Skip since we worked together at MIT," Grinold Chapter Executive Director Roger Crosley says. "As great a coach as he has proven to be, he's an even better human being. The work he and his board of directors have done with MasterSports is truly amazing. He has shown his love for the game of football by giving back in a way that few have. I'm thrilled that the Chapter is honoring his incredible body of work."

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He also served as head coach at St. Patrick's High School in Watertown for six years (25-29-1) after a three year stint as an assistant coach at Tufts University, his alma mater.

A 1974 graduate of Everett High School where he played football and baseball, DiBiasco attended Phillips Exeter Academy and also lettered in both sports at the prep school. He is a football letterman from Tufts where he earned both his bachelor's and master's degrees.

The Schluntz Award is the latest in a long list of honors for DiBiasco as he has been named the *Boston Globe* Coach of the year four times, the Riddell Atlantic Region Coach of the Year (2003), the New England Patriots High School Coach of the year (twice), and in 2005 was named to the Italian American Sports Hall of Fame.

"Coach DiBiasco is a fixture in Everett and a credit to his city and his school district," Chapter Executive Director Roger Crosley said. "He has given back to his community in so many ways as both a coach and an educator. It's rare in these times to see someone spend nearly his entire life in one place, and Everett is richer for that. The Chapter is honored to present him with the Schluntz Award."

In addition to his football and athletic director responsibilities, DiBiasco also coaches basketball at Everett.