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# Men's ice hockey candidates announced for the 2016 Senior CLASS Award

OVERLAND PARK, Kan. (January 29, 2016) – Twenty of the top NCAA<sup>®</sup> men's ice hockey student-athletes who excel both on and off the ice were selected as candidates today for the 2015-16 Senior CLASS Award<sup>®</sup> in collegiate hockey.

To be eligible for the award, a student-athlete must be classified as an NCAA Division I senior and have notable achievements in four areas of excellence: community, classroom, character and competition. The complete list of candidates follows this release.

An acronym for *Celebrating Loyalty and Achievement for Staying in School*<sup>®</sup>, the Senior CLASS Award focuses on the total student-athlete and encourages students to use their platform in athletics to make a positive impact as leaders in their communities.

The 20 candidates will be narrowed to 10 finalists in February, and those 10 names will be placed on the official ballot. Ballots will be distributed through a nationwide voting system to media, coaches and fans, who will select one candidate who best exemplifies excellence in the four Cs of community, classroom, character and competition.

The Senior CLASS Award winner will be announced during the 2016 NCAA Men's Frozen Final Four<sup>®</sup> in April.

## **Hockey Candidates**

Kyle Criscuolo, Harvard	Luke Juha, Penn State
Ralph Cuddemi, Canisius	Alexander Kuqali, RIT
Simon Denis, Ferris State	Zac Lynch, Robert Morris
Theo Di Pauli von Treuheim, Union College	Rob O'Gara, Yale
Steven Fogarty, Notre Dame	Jamie Phillips, Michigan Tech
Andrew Gladiuk, Bentley	Ethan Prow, St. Cloud State
David Glen, Penn State	Tyson Spink, Colgate
Christian Hilbrich, Cornell	Jimmy Vesey, Harvard
Jake Hildebrand, Michigan State	Travis Walsh, Michigan State
Soren Jonzzon, Quinnipiac	Tyson Wilson, Robert Morris

For more information on all the candidates, visit [seniorCLASSaward.com](http://seniorCLASSaward.com).

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## **ABOUT THE AWARD**

An acronym for *Celebrating Loyalty and Achievement for Staying in School*, the Senior CLASS Award honors the attributes of senior student-athletes in four areas: community, classroom, character and competition. The award program is designed exclusively for college seniors who are utilizing their complete athletic eligibility, remaining committed to their university and pursuing the many rewards a senior season can bring. Premier Sports Management manages the award.

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