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## ***Colin Larkin of UMass Boston Wins Sid Watson Award As 2017-18 AHCA Division III Men's Player of the Year***

**Colin Larkin**, a senior forward from UMass Boston and Waterford, MI, has been chosen by the nation's ice hockey coaches as the 2018 winner of the **Sid Watson Award**, symbolic of the best NCAA Division III men's ice hockey player. Larkin went 24-22-46 in 27 games this year, finishing his career with a line of 64-84-148 in 111 career games. His point totals went up each season as did his honors. He is now a two-time NEHC Player of the Year, two-time first team CCM All American, and was just named winner of the Joe Concannon Award by the Gridiron Club of Boston as the best American-born Division III player in New England.

Over the past four seasons, UMass Boston enjoyed an aggregate record of 74-30-7 (.698). Despite high expectations, and the additional responsibility of being team captain, Colin's senior season was the best of his four in a UMass Boston jersey.

"Everyone has seen what Colin has accomplished on the ice, including being the first UMass Boston player ever to sign an NHL contract (with the Edmonton Oilers)," said UMass Boston head coach Peter Belisle. "Yet Colin's character is what truly sets him apart. A young man of integrity, compassion, courage, and leadership who uses his talents to enrich, empower, and encourage others to emulate his example.

"When Colin entered as a freshman, the heckling from the other teams about 'not being as good as is brother' (NHL'er Dylan) began immediately and only intensified as his career went on. In the face of all the extra attention, Colin never took a retaliation penalty and handled himself with the utmost class, letting his play do the talking for him. Even unbiased NHL scouts took notice of Colin's ability to play through an awful lot."

An active member in the community, Colin volunteered his time with the Special Olympics, Read for the Record, and last summer gave back to over 250 members of his home community of Waterford, Michigan, through the Larkin Summer Hockey School. Colin is set to graduate on-time with a degree in Marketing from the College of Management. An accomplishment achieved while balancing the demands of being a student, a collegiate hockey player, and working as a checkout clerk at a local store on multiple nights per week.

The runner-up for this year's Sid Watson Award was Tanner Karty, a junior forward from the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point and Oklahoma City, OK.

Sponsored by the **American Hockey Coaches Association**, the Sid Watson Award honors the memory of former Bowdoin College head coach and athletic director Sid Watson. A three-time AHCA Coach of the Year, Watson served Bowdoin for more than 30 years, winning 326 games in 24 seasons as head coach.



### **Winners of the Sid Watson Award**

1993	Frank Cirone, Wisconsin-Stevens Point	2006	Adam Hanna, St. John's University
1994	Ray Alcindor, Middlebury College	2007	Andrew Gallant, Manhattanville College
1995	Charlie Gaffney, Bowdoin College	2008	Kyle Jones, St. Norbert College
1996	Ian Smith, Middlebury College	2009	Jeff Landers, Amherst College
1997	Steve Toll, RIT	2010	David Martinson, Gustavus Adolphus College
1998	Mark Spence, Middlebury College	2011	Chris Berenguer, Hamline University
1999	Rob Smillie, St. Norbert College	2012	Jonathan LaRose, Amherst College
2000	Steve Aronson, University of St. Thomas	2013	Paul Rodrigues, Oswego State
2001	Keith Aucoin, Norwich University	2014	David Jacobson, St. Norbert College
2002	Jerry Galway, RIT	2015	Drew Fielding, University of St. Thomas
2003	Maris Ziedins, St. Norbert College	2016	Jamie Murray, Babson College
2004	Kevin Cooper, Middlebury College	2017	Evan Buitenhuis, Hamilton College
2005	Kurtis McLean, Norwich University	2018	Colin Larkin, UMass Boston

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