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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

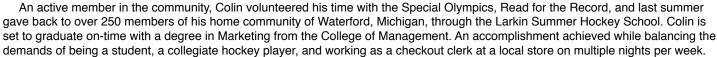
Colin Larkin, a senior forward from UMass Boston and Waterford, MI, has been chosen by the nation's ice hockey coaches as the 2018 winner of the Sid Watson Award, symbolic of the best NCAA Division III men's ice hockey player. Larkin went 24-22-46 in 27 games this year, finishing his career with a line 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 heade 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."



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 |
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| 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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