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Finalists Announced for Spencer Penrose Award Given to CCM/AHCA Men's Hockey Division I Coach of the Year

Ten coaches who have enjoyed on-ice success in 2018-19 have been named finalists for the **Spencer Penrose Award**, given annually to the **CCM/AHCA Division I Men's Ice Hockey Coach of the Year**. Voting will be conducted prior to this year's Frozen Four in Buffalo, and the winner will be announced on Wednesday, April 10.

The nominees represent any coach who won or shared Coach of the Year honors in his conference this past season, along with coaches whose teams have advanced to the NCAA Division I Men's Ice Hockey semifinals. This year, the AHCA Awards Committee has also nominated Greg Powers of Arizona State, an independent program that qualified for the NCAA Division I Men's Ice Hockey Tournament for the first time ever. Of this year's finalists, three are past recipients of this award: Mike Hastings of Minnesota State (2015), Nate Leaman of Providence (2011 while at Union College) and Scott Sandelin of Minnesota Duluth (2004).

Four schools have captured four Penrose awards: Boston College, Boston University, Denver and New Hampshire. The four Denver awards were presented to four different coaches: Murray Armstrong, Ralph Backstrom, George Gwozdecky and 2017 recipient Jim Montgomery. Four schools claim three winners: Clarkson, Colorado College, Harvard and North Dakota. Three different coaches received those awards at Clarkson and CC. For Clarkson: Bill Harrison, Jerry York and Bill O'Flaherty. For Colorado College: Cheddy Thompson, Tony Frasca and Don Lucia. From this year's finalists, no coach from AIC, Arizona State, UMass, Ohio State or St. Cloud State has ever won this award.

The Spencer Penrose Award is named in memory of the Colorado Springs benefactor who built the Broadmoor Hotel Complex, site of the first 10 NCAA championship hockey tournaments. The actual award will be presented at the AHCA Coach of the Year Banquet in Naples, Florida, on Wednesday evening, May 1.

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2018-19 AHCA Men's Ice Hockey Spencer Penrose Award Finalists *(CCM/AHCA Division I Coach of the Year)*

David Carle, Denver, Frozen Four Coach
Greg Carvel, UMass, HE Coach of the Year and Frozen Four Coach
Mike Hastings, Minnesota State, WCHA Coach of the Year*
Casey Jones, Clarkson, ECAC Hockey Coach of the Year
Eric Lang, AIC, Atlantic Hockey Coach of the Year

Brett Larson, St. Cloud State, NCHC Coach of the Year
Nate Leaman, Providence, Frozen Four Coach*
Greg Powers, Arizona State University
Steve Rohlik, Ohio State, Big 10 Coach of the Year
Scott Sandelin, Minnesota-Duluth, Frozen Four Coach*

** Past Spencer Penrose Award Winner*

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PICK-UP: Past Winners List

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Previous Winners of the Spencer Penrose Award Division One Coach of the Year

1951	Edward Jeremiah, Dartmouth	1985	Len Ceglarski, Boston College
1952	Cheddy Thompson, Colorado College	1986	Ralph Backstrom, Denver
1953	John Mariucci, Minnesota	1987	John "Gino" Gasparini, North Dakota
1954	Vic Heyliger, Michigan	1988	Frank Anzalone, Lake Superior
1955	Ralph "Cooney" Weiland, Harvard	1989	Joe Marsh, St. Lawrence
1956	William Harrison, Clarkson	1990	Terry Slater, Colgate
1957	Jack Riley, Army	1991	Rick Comley, Northern Michigan
1958	Harry Cleverly, Boston University	1992	Ron Mason, Michigan State
1959	John "Snooks" Kelley, Boston College	1993	George Gwozdecky, Miami
1960	Jack Riley, Army	1994	Don Lucia, Colorado College
1961	Murray Armstrong, Denver	1995	Shawn Walsh, Maine
1962	Jack Kelley, Colby	1996	Bruce Crowder, UMass Lowell
1963	Tony Frasca, Colorado College	1997	Dean Blais, North Dakota
1964	Tom Eccleston, Providence	1998	Tim Taylor, Yale
1965	Jim Fullerton, Brown	1999	Richard Umile, New Hampshire
1966	Amo Bessone, Michigan State	2000	Joe Marsh, St. Lawrence
1967	Edward Jeremiah, Dartmouth	2001	Dean Blais, North Dakota
1968	Ned Harkness, Cornell	2002	Tim Whitehead, Maine
1969	Charlie Holt, New Hampshire	2003	Bob Daniels, Ferris State
1970	John MacInnes, Michigan Tech	2004	Scott Sandelin, Minnesota Duluth
1971	Ralph "Cooney" Weiland, Harvard	2005	George Gwozdecky, Denver
1972	John "Snooks" Kelley, Boston College	2006	Enrico Blasi, Miami
1973	Len Ceglarski, Boston College	2007	Jeff Jackson, Notre Dame
1974	Charlie Holt, New Hampshire	2008	Red Berenson, Michigan
1975	Jack Parker, Boston University	2009	Jack Parker, Boston University
1976	John MacInnes, Michigan Tech	2010	Wayne Wilson, RIT
1977	Jerry York, Clarkson	2011	Nate Leaman, Union
1978	Jack Parker, Boston University	2012	Bob Daniels, Ferris State
1979	Charlie Holt, New Hampshire	2013	Norm Bazin, UMass Lowell
1980	Rick Comley, Northern Michigan	2014	Rick Bennett, Union
1981	Bill O'Flaherty, Clarkson	2015	Mike Hastings, Minnesota State
1982	Fernie Flaman, Northeastern	2016	Rand Pecknold, Quinnipiac
1983	Bill Cleary, Harvard	2017	Jim Montgomery, Denver
1984	Mike Sertich, Minnesota Duluth	2018	Jeff Jackson, Notre Dame