

# 2016 NEIBA Award Winners

## **Jack Butterfield Award: Bob Smith, Middlebury College**

***Presented to an active or former New England coach who exhibits the integrity and dedication to the game of college baseball that Coach Butterfield demonstrated throughout his career.***

Following 38 years at Middlebury College, including 32 as head baseball coach, Bob Smith retired following the conclusion of the 2016 campaign last month. The winningest coach in school history, Smith amassed more than 350 victories and led the Panthers to their first 20-win season and first postseason berth after earning a spot in the ECAC Tournament in 1999. He collected his second NESCAC Coach of the Year honor after guiding Middlebury to its first conference title and an automatic bid to the NCAA Tournament for the first time in 2006, while leading the program to a school-record 26 wins. Smith also served as an assistant football coach from 1979-94 and head track & field coach from 1980-94.

## **Kevin Burr Assistant Coach Award: Pete Pasquarosa, Wheaton College**

***Presented to an active New England assistant coach who exhibits the integrity and dedication to the game of college baseball that Coach Burr demonstrated throughout his career.***

A coaching veteran with nearly three decades of experience, Wheaton College assistant Pete Pasquarosa has been an integral part of the Lyons' success over the last seven years. Since joining the coaching staff prior to the 2010 season, Wheaton has won six regular-season NEWMAC titles, five conference tournament championships and five trips to the Division III NCAA Tournament, including a second-place finish at the 2012 College World Series. Additionally, Pasquarosa has served as an assistant coach in the Cape Cod Baseball League (CCBL) since 1991 and will begin his 13th season with the Harwich Mariners later this month.

## **Andy Baylock Distinguished Service Award: Judy Walden Scarafile, Cape Cod Baseball League**

***Given to a person who has significantly contributed to the betterment of New England college baseball.***

One of the most influential women in baseball, Judy Walden Scarafile served as president of the Cape Cod Baseball League (CCBL) for 24 years and retired following 45 years of service to the league in October. A former USA Baseball "Woman of the Year" Award winner, she became the first woman inducted into the Cape League Hall of Fame in 2003. After joining the CCBL as an official scorer in 1970, Scarafile served the league in various capacities before becoming the first female president in 1991. She is also featured in the "Women in Baseball" exhibit at the National Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, N.Y.

## **Division I Coach of the Year: Steve Owens, Bryant**

Led by head coach Steve Owens, Bryant University captured its fifth consecutive Northeast Conference regular-season crown and its third conference tournament championship under the direction of four-time NEC Coach of the Year Steve Owens. The Bulldogs (47-10), who will make their third NCAA Tournament appearance in six years under Owens, earned the second seed in the Charlottesville Regional.

## **Division II Coach of the Year: Scott Loiseau, Southern New Hampshire University**

Scott Loiseau, who was selected as the Northeast-10 Conference Coach of the Year for the third time in the last five seasons, led Southern New Hampshire University to a conference tournament championship and a school record 50 wins this spring. The Penmen also made their fifth consecutive NCAA Tournament appearance and won five straight elimination games to reach the East Regional title game.

## **Division III Coach of the Year: Eric Podbelski, Wheaton College**

Eric Podbelski was selected as the NEIBA Division III Coach of the Year for the sixth time after leading Wheaton College to its 14th NEWMAC Tournament championship and the top seed in the NCAA Division III New England Regional last month. The Lyons finished the 2016 campaign at 31-13, marking the 12th time that Podbelski has led the program to 30 or more victories since 2001.