



AMERICAN HOCKEY COACHES ASSOCIATION

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FINALISTS ANNOUNCED FOR SPENCER PENROSE AWARD GIVEN TO AHCA/FLEXXCOACH MEN'S HOCKEY DIVISION I COACH OF THE YEAR

Seven coaches who have enjoyed on-ice success in 2011-12 have been named finalists for the Spencer Penrose Award, given annually to the NCAA Division I Men's Ice Hockey Coach of the Year. Voting will be conducted prior to this year's Frozen Four and the winner will be announced on Friday, April 6 in Tampa, FL.

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. Of this year's finalists, three were past recipients and two of those were honored at an institution other than their current home. Boston College coach Jerry York won in 1977 while at Clarkson; Minnesota coach Don Lucia won in 1994 while at Colorado College; and Ferris State's Bob Daniels won in 2003 while at FSU.

The Spencer Penrose Award is named in memory of the Colorado Springs benefactor who built the Broadmoor Hotel Complex, site of the first ten NCAA championship hockey tournaments. The actual award will be presented at the AHCA Coach of the Year Banquet in Naples, Florida, on Saturday evening, April 28. The AHCA Coach of the Year Awards are chosen by members of the American Hockey Coaches Association and sponsored by FlexxCoach, a leader in the creation and distribution of drills and general hockey instruction to coaches across the country.



2011-12 AHCA Men's Ice Hockey Spencer Penrose Award Finalists (AHCA/FlexxCoach Division I Coach of the Year)

Norm Bazin, UMass-Lowell — Hockey East Coach of the Year
Rick Bennett, Union — ECAC Coach of the Year and NCAA Semifinalist
Bob Daniels, Ferris State — CCHA Coach of the Year and NCAA Semifinalist*
Don Lucia, Minnesota — NCAA Semifinalist*
Mel Pearson, Michigan Tech — WCHA Coach of the Year
Ryan Soderquist, Bentley University — Atlantic Hockey Coach of the Year
Jerry York, Boston College — NCAA Semifinalist*

* Past Spencer Penrose Award Winner

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PICK-UP: Past Winners List*

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

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



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