

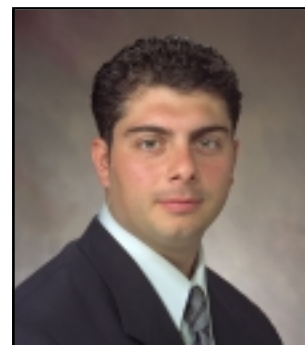


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ENRICO BLASI of MIAMI UNIVERSITY IS AHCA MEN'S DIVISION I COACH of the YEAR Will Receive Spencer Penrose Award at AHCA Convention on April 29 in Naples, FL



For his efforts in leading the RedHawks of Miami University to the CCHA regular season title, Enrico Blasi has been chosen winner of the 2006 Spencer Penrose Award as Division I Men's Coach of the Year. The Red and White went 26-9-4, capturing the school's second regular season championship and, for the first time, being ranked #1 in the country during the season. This is the first such honor for Blasi and the second for Miami, who claimed the award in 1993 when George Gwozdecky, now at Denver, was coaching at Miami.

A 1994 graduate of Miami, Blasi began his coaching career as an assistant coach for the Wexford Raiders junior team in 1994. He served as an assistant coach to George Gwozdecky at Denver for four years before he was named head coach at his alma mater in 1999 at the age of 27.

Blasi became the winningest coach in Miami history with his 26 victories this season, giving him 130 wins in seven seasons, surpassing the previous mark of 121 set by Steve Cady from 1978-1985. Blasi's career record is 130-116-23. This season, CCHA coaches voted him CCHA Coach of the Year, the third time he has received the honor in just seven seasons as a head coach.

As a player, Blasi led a revival at Miami, scoring 123 career points, leading his squad to its first league title, and serving as captain of the 1993-94 squad. A native of Weston, Ontario, Blasi earned a bachelor's degree in physical education.

The runners-up for this year's AHCA Men's Division I Coach of the Year award were Mike Eaves of the University of Wisconsin, Jack Parker of Boston University, and Jerry York of Boston College.

Other finalists for this year's award were Dave Burkholder, Niagara; Bob Gaudet, Dartmouth; Dave Hakstol, North Dakota; Don Lucia, Minnesota; Bob Motzko, St. Cloud State University; Brian Riley, Army; and Tim Whitehead, Maine.

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. It will be presented at the AHCA Coach of the Year Banquet in Naples, Florida, on Saturday evening, April 29.

PICK-UP: List of Past Winners

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

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



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