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FINALISTS ANNOUNCED FOR SID WATSON AWARD AHCA MEN'S ICE HOCKEY COLLEGE DIVISION PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Eight players who have distinguished themselves on the ice in 2009-10 have been named finalists for the 2010 Sid Watson Award, given annually to the best NCAA Division III men's ice hockey player in the country. Four of the finalists took their teams into this year's NCAA Tournament and two of them, senior goaltender Ryan Klingensmith, of Norwich and sophomore forward Eric Selleck of Oswego, will be playing in the NCAA Division III Men's Ice Hockey "Frozen Four" this weekend at Lake Placid.

Sponsored by the American Hockey Coaches Association, the 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.

The recipient of this year's Watson Award will be announced this Thursday, March 18 during the 2010 NCAA Men's Division III "Frozen Four."

Finalists for the 2009-10 Watson Award AHCA Men's Ice Hockey College Division Player of the Year

Mike Dahlinger, Junior, Forward, Adrian
(Windsor, ON)

Joel Gaulrapp, Senior, Forward, UW-Stout
(Owatonna, MN)

Ryan Klingensmith, Senior, Goalie, Norwich
(Morton, PA)

Mickey Lang, Junior, Forward, Manhattanville
(Reno, NV)

David Martinson, Senior, Forward, Gustavus Adolphus
(St. Louis Park, MN)

Coleman Noonan, Junior, Forward, St. Anselm
(Norfolk, MA)

Eric Selleck, Sophomore, Forward, SUNY Oswego
(Spencerville, ON)

Alex Smigelski, Senior, Forward, Williams
(Mountain Lakes, NJ)

Past Winners of the Sid Watson Award

1993	Frank Cirone, Wisconsin-Stevens Point	2002	Jerry Galway, RIT
1994	Ray Alcindor, Middlebury College	2003	Maris Ziedins, St. Norbert College
1995	Charlie Gaffney, Bowdoin College	2004	Kevin Cooper, Middlebury College
1996	Ian Smith, Middlebury College	2005	Kurtis McLean, Norwich University
1997	Steve Toll, RIT	2006	Adam Hanna, St. John's University
1998	Mark Spence, Middlebury College	2007	Andrew Gallant, Manhattanville College
1999	Rob Smillie, St. Norbert College	2008	Kyle Jones, St. Norbert College
2000	Steve Aronson, University of St. Thomas	2009	Jeff Landers, Amherst College
2001	Keith Aucoin, Norwich University		

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