



**BLACKHAWK ALUMNI ANNOUNCES 2007 KEITH  
MAGNUSON SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS  
ALONG WITH BOYS AND GIRLS ALL-SCHOLASTIC  
TEAMS AND HIGH SCHOOL COACH OF THE YEAR**

The Chicago Blackhawk Alumni Association under the direction of President Cliff Koroll announced their 2007 Keith Magnuson-Blackhawk Alumni Scholarship recipients. This year's honorees are **Patrick McAuliffe** of Providence Catholic in New Lenox, **Jason Didier** of Addison Trail High School in Addison, and **Kale Frank** from Highland High School in downstate Highland, Illinois. Next fall, Patrick McAuliffe will be attending Northwestern University, Kale Frank will be attending the University of Notre Dame, and Jason Didier is as yet undecided between University of Illinois and Purdue University. Aside from a \$3,000 per year award for 4 years, the scholarship recipients also become part of the Alumni mentoring program where they are linked with a Blackhawk Alumni Associate member and a former Alumni Scholarship recipient to assist these young men and women in an advisory, mentoring, and fellowship capacity as they proceed through their undergraduate years.

This year's recipients were selected from a tremendously strong pool of over 50 applicants. In the 20 years since their inception in 1987, the Blackhawk Alumni have awarded over \$650,000 to deserving state of Illinois high school hockey players. Each year, the recipients are selected on the merits of their academic strength, community service commitment both in and out of school, overall contribution to their respective teams, and financial need. The recipients are selected by a committee of former Chicago Blackhawk players, former Alumni Scholarship recipients, and Blackhawk Alumni Associates who are typically members of the Chicago area business community.

The 2007 Boy's and Girl's All-Scholastic teams along with the Alumni Coach of the Year were also announced. This year's Coach of the Year is JIM WOOD of Stevenson High School. Coach Wood led an underdog Stevenson team to one of the best seasons in school history, earning the respect of his fellow coaches from the Illinois High School hockey community. The Coach of the Year along with Boy's and Girl's All-Scholastic teams are chosen by a group of high school coaches led on the boy's side by former NHL players Brian Noonan (Blackhawks, Rangers, Blues, Canucks), head coach at Naperville North High School and Gino Cavallini (Blues, Flames, Nordiques), head coach at Barrington High School. The Girl's coaches committee is led by Annie Camins head coach at Loyola Academy and Myles Gottainer, head coach at Glenbrook Combined. Both committees are tasked with selecting the top two defensemen, top three forwards, and the top goalie from all of high school hockey in the state of Illinois. While the Alumni Scholarship looks to award a player based on their high level of achievement on an academic, athletic, and community service basis, the All-Scholastic selection focuses solely on a player's on ice abilities and talents along with that player's contribution to his team's success.



**This year's All-Scholastic Teams are:**

<b>BOYS</b>			<b>GIRLS</b>	
<b>G</b>	<b>Adam Croft</b>	<b>Stevenson</b>	<b>Genevieve Lacasse</b>	<b>Lake Forest Academy</b>
<b>D</b>	<b>Mike Kerr</b>	<b>Glenbrook South</b>	<b>Megan Bozek</b>	<b>Glenbrook Combined</b>
<b>D</b>	<b>Mark Higley</b>	<b>Glenbrook South</b>	<b>Carla Pentimone</b>	<b>Loyola Academy</b>
<b>F</b>	<b>Dane Swanson</b>	<b>Glenbrook South</b>	<b>Jenna Dancewicz</b>	<b>Lake Forest HS</b>
<b>F</b>	<b>Kyle Brown</b>	<b>New Trier Green</b>	<b>Jessica Patrone</b>	<b>Carmel</b>
<b>F</b>	<b>Nick Powers</b>	<b>Fenwick HS</b>	<b>Alli Novak</b>	<b>Naperville North</b>



The 2007 Scholarship Recipients will be introduced to the United Center crowd during intermission of the Blackhawks-Flames game on Sunday afternoon, March 25<sup>th</sup>. Many previous Alumni Scholarship recipients along with members of the Blackhawk Alumni and Blackhawk senior management will be on hand to salute these outstanding youngsters. These same Scholarship Winners along with the Coach of the Year and the All-Scholastic teams will be feted the next day on Monday March 26<sup>th</sup> at the annual Chicago Blackhawk Alumni Scholarship Banquet held at the McDonald's Lodge on the McDonald's corporate campus in Oak Brook, Illinois. The Blackhawk players, coaches, staff, and senior management will be in attendance along with members of the Blackhawk Alumni Association. Tickets for this event are available by contacting Mike Mullins by email at [mmullins@mullinsfood.com](mailto:mmullins@mullinsfood.com)

Aside from the player and coach of the year awards, the Blackhawk Alumni will also bestow two other awards, the **GUNZO AWARD** named for Wally "Gunzo" Humeniuk, former Blackhawk and founder of Gunzo's Sporting Goods and the **JACK FITZSIMMONS CHIEF BLACKHAWK AWARD**, named for Jack Fitzsimmons, longtime friend and supporter of both the Blackhawks and their Alumni Association. This year's GUNZO AWARD recipient is **BILL HERRIOTT**, former executive at Zenith Corp and an original Founding Member of the Alumni Association. The GUNZO AWARD is awarded to an individual who has unselfishly given of himself in contributing greatly to the success of the Alumni Association. **LOU VARGA**, former Blackhawk Equipment manager is the 2007 recipient of the CHIEF BLACKHAWK AWARD. This award is given to a member of the Blackhawk family who has contributed to promoting and supporting the game of hockey in the state of Illinois.

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