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NEIBA ANNOUNCES SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARD WINNERS AND NEW NAMING OF NEIBA ALL-STAR GAME
BABSON PARK, Mass. – The New England Intercollegiate Baseball Association (NEIBA) has announced that the 39th Annual NEIBA All-Star Game will take place on Monday, June 3, 2013 at LeLacheur Park in Lowell, Massachusetts at 7pm. LeLacheur Park is home of the Lowell Spinners, a minor league team affiliated with the Boston Red Sox. For directions and other information, please visit the official website of the Lowell Spinners: http://web.minorleaguebaseball.com/index.jsp?sid=t558.

The NEIBA will honor late Harvard Head Baseball Coach, Joe Walsh, as they re-name the annual All-Star game in his memory. It will now be known as the NEIBA Joe Walsh All-Star Game. Walsh passed away this past July after serving as the head baseball coach for the Crimson for 17 years. During his time at Harvard, he led the team to five Ivy League titles and five NCAA tournament appearances. In addition to his work at Harvard, Walsh also ran several baseball camps and clinics in the New England area and also coached in the Cape Cod Baseball League for several years. The NEIBA and all of college baseball will remember Walsh each year as the region’s top players and coaches come together for the NEIBA Joe Walsh All-Star game.

Division I players from across the region will make up this year’s University Division Team. Bryant and Dartmouth lead all teams with eight selections each. The Bulldogs won their first-ever Northeast Conference Championship and will head to the Kansas State Regional as the #3 seed, where they will open play on Friday against #2 Arkansas. Also representing New England in the NCAA Tournament is the University of Connecticut, led by second-team All-Region selection Jordan Tabakman. The Huskies are making their third NCAA tournament appearance in the past four years after claiming the Big East title last week.

The College Division Team is made up of 16 Division II standouts and 15 Division III senior all-stars. Franklin Pierce will be represented by two players including ABCA Division II East Region Pitcher of the Year, Trevor Graham. The Ravens are currently playing in the NCAA Division II College World Series after winning the NCAA East Regional last week. Southern New Hampshire University has three selections, including NCAA strikeout leader Junior Mendez. The Division III group features seven seniors from teams that participated in the 2013 NCAA Tournament. Division III NCAA College World Series runner-up University of Southern Maine has two selections, including the ABCA/Rawlings NCAA Division III Player of the Year, Tucker White.

Prior to the start of the All-Star Game, NEIBA will recognize some outstanding contributors to New England collegiate baseball. Each year the Jack Butterfield Award is presented to an active New England coach who exhibits integrity and dedication to the game of college baseball that Coach Butterfield demonstrated throughout his career. This year’s recipient is Cary McConnell, the current head coach at Division III Suffolk University. McConnell just completed his 18th season at the helm of the Rams baseball program, and during his time at Suffolk, McConnell has guided the team to four GNAC Tournament Championships and four NCAA tournament appearances. He has coached 29 All-Region athletes and five NCAA Division III All-Americans and been named as the GNAC Coach of the Year four times.

The Kevin Burr Assistant Coach Award is presented each year 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. The recipient of this year’s award is Bob Flynn of Bates College, a fixture in the Bates College Athletics Department for 48 years. He was an assistant coach under Chick Leahey from the mid 1960’s until 1991 when he took over as head coach. In 1999 he went back to his role as an assistant coach and continues to serve in this role today. He is a member of the Lewiston-Auburn Sports Hall of Fame as well as the Maine Baseball Hall of Fame. Current Bates head coach Mike Leonard says that Flynn “has made me a better person and a better coach. His knowledge and passion for the game of baseball are second only to his commitment to helping the student athletes here at Bates develop as people, students and athletes. I’m so proud to have Bob as my assistant and could not think of anyone more deserving of this honor.”

Steve Buckley of the Boston Herald has been selected as the recipient of the Andy Baylock Distinguished Service Award. This award is given each year to a person who has significantly contributed to the betterment of New England College Baseball. Buckley has been a sports columnist with the Boston Herald since 1995 and he has also done work with the Boston Sports radio station, WEEI, since 1993. Buckley is a member of the Baseball Writers Association of America and also organizes the yearly Old Time Baseball Game held each summer in Cambridge, Massachusetts which brings huge support to the game of college baseball. Buckley’s endless contributions and outstanding publicity of New England college baseball has been remarkable for the game and the NEIBA would like to thank him for his continued support.
# 2013 NEIBA JOE WALSH ALL-STAR TEAMS

## UNIVERSITY DIVISION TEAM
### Division I All-Stars

### 1st Team Selections
- C – Matt MacDowell, SO, Dartmouth
- 1B – Jordan Enos, SR, Holy Cross
- 2B – Matt Parisi, SO, Dartmouth
- 3B – Nick Lombardi, SO, Dartmouth
- SS – John Murphy, SR, Sacred Heart
- OF – Jeff Keller, JR, Dartmouth
- OF – Ryan Plourde, JR, Fairfield
- OF – Carl Anderson, SO, Bryant
- DH – Joe Purritano, FR, Dartmouth
- P – Michael Johnson, SR, Dartmouth
- P – Peter Kelich, SR, Bryant
- P – Craig Schilitter, JR, Bryant
- P – Salvatore Lisanti, JR, Bryant
- P – Trevor Lacosse, SO, Bryant

### 2nd Team Selections
- 1B – Dave Boisture, SR, Sacred Heart
- 2B – Michael Foster, FR, Northeastern
- 3B – Kevin Brown, SR, Bryant
- SS – Dan Muscatello, SR, Bryant
- OF – Ennis Coble, SR, Dartmouth
- OF – Evan Ocello, SO, Holy Cross
- OF – Aaron Barbosa, JR, Northeastern
- DH – John Mullen, SO, Bryant
- P – Kevin Ferguson, SR, Northeastern
- P – Troy Scribner, SR, Sacred Heart
- P – Sean Furney, SR, Rhode Island
- P – Thomas Olson, SO, Dartmouth
- P – Jordan Tabakman, SO, Connecticut

### Additional All-Star Game Selections
- C – Mike Connolly, JR, Maine
- 3B – Eric White, JR, Maine
- SS – Mike Fransoso, SR, Maine
- IF – Mike Ahmed, JR, Holy Cross
- IF – Scott Donagheue, SO, Quinnipiac
- P – Donny Murray, SO, Holy Cross
- P – Dylan Maki, SR, Northeastern
- P – Nick Berger, SO, Northeastern
- P – Hunter Gordon, SR, Boston College

## COLLEGE DIVISION TEAM
### Division II All-Stars

- C – Tim Bickford, SO, Bridgeport
- C – Kevin Korwek, SR, Bentley
- C – Jacob O’Keefe, SO, UMass Lowell
- 1B – Zach Mathieu, JR, Franklin Pierce
- OF – Andrew Pezzuto, GR, Southern New Hampshire
- OF – Casey Cotter, SR, Merrimack
- OF – Geoff DeGroot, SO, UMass Lowell
- P – Trevor Graham, JR, Franklin Pierce
- P – Junior Mendez, JR, Southern New Hampshire
- P – Shane Beauchemin, SO, UMass Lowell
- P – Alek Morency, JR, Merrimack
- P – Pat Simone, JR, New Haven
- P – Jon Massad, SR, Southern New Hampshire
- P – Peter Jay, SR, New Haven
- UT – Robert Kelly, SR, Saint Anselm
- UT – Joe Mantoni, SR, Merrimack

### Division III Senior All-Stars

- C – Dan Gusovsky, SR, Wheaton
- 1B – Joe Papa, SR, Trinity
- 2B – Sean Riley, SR, Bridgewater State
- 3B – Nick Grady, SR, Southern Maine
- 3B – Chris Kucher, SR, Babson
- SS – Eric Jensen, SR, Wheaton
- IF – Anthony Pisani, SR, Southern Maine
- OF – Tucker White, SR, Southern Maine
- OF – Conor Bierfeldt, SR, Western Connecticut
- OF – Mike Cunningham, SR, Suffolk
- OF – Shawn Smith, SR, Husson
- P – Matt Purnell, SR, Eastern Connecticut
- P – Bob Cook, SR, Amherst
- P – Tyler Hitchcock, SR, Endicott
- P – Derek Petty, SR, Coast Guard
- P – Frank Holbrook, SR, Wheaton
- P – Oliver Van Zant, SR, Bowdoin
- UT – Rich Lizotte, SR, Daniel Webster