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# Men's Ice Hockey Candidates Announced for the 2020-21 Senior CLASS Award

**OVERLAND PARK, Kan. (February 12, 2021)** – Fifteen of the top NCAA® men's ice hockey student-athletes, who excel both on and off the ice, have been selected as candidates today for the 2020-21 Senior CLASS Award®.

To be eligible for the award, a student-athlete must be classified as a NCAA Division I senior and have notable achievements in four areas of excellence: community, classroom, character and competition. The complete list of candidates follows this release.

An acronym for *Celebrating Loyalty and Achievement for Staying in School*®, the Senior CLASS Award focuses on the total student-athlete and encourages students to use their platform in athletics to make a positive impact as leaders in their communities.

The 15 candidates will be narrowed to ten finalists later this month. Those ten names will then be placed on the official ballot. Ballots will be distributed through a nationwide voting system to media, coaches and fans, who will select one candidate who best exemplifies excellence in the four Cs of community, classroom, character, and competition.

The Senior CLASS Award winner will be announced during the 2021 NCAA Men's Frozen Final Four® in April.

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### **2020-21 Senior CLASS Award Hockey Candidates:**

**Pierce Crawford**, University of Notre Dame

**Kevin Fitzgerald**, St. Cloud State University

**Matt Hellickson**, University of Notre Dame

**Nick Jenny**, Robert Morris University

**Jordan Kawaguchi**, University of North Dakota

**Jack LaFontaine**, University of Minnesota

**Alex Limoges**, Penn State University

**Paul McAvoy**, Colgate University

**Connor McCarthy**, Clarkson University

**Brannon McManus**, University of Minnesota

**Austin Pooley**, Ohio State University

**Nick Prkusic**, Robert Morris University

**Scott Reedy**, University of Minnesota

**Zach Solow**, Northeastern University

**Odeen Tufto**, Quinnipiac University

For more information on all of the candidates, visit [seniorCLASSaward.com](http://seniorCLASSaward.com).

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### **ABOUT THE AWARD**

An acronym for *Celebrating Loyalty and Achievement for Staying in School*, the Senior CLASS Award honors the attributes of senior student-athletes in four areas: community, classroom, character and competition. The award program is designed exclusively for college seniors who are utilizing their complete athletic eligibility, remaining committed to their university and pursuing the many rewards a senior season can bring. Premier Sports Management manages the award.