



PENN STATE ICE HOCKEY

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE ICERS ANNOUNCE TEAM AWARDS

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The Penn State Icers hockey team recently held its annual end of the season banquet, and has announced the award winners. Also honored were 8 members of the senior class who have completed their eligibility. Captain Brett Wilson, Assistant Captains, Brendan Martin, Lucas Walker and Teague Willits-Kelley, and Seniors Justin DePretis, Paul Mammola, Marc Switaj, and Matt Wallace.

Head Coach Joe Battista completed his 19th and final season behind the bench as he will be assuming the position of Executive Director of Nittany Lion Club effective April 10. He was recognized for achieving his 500th victory and for serving Penn State Hockey as a player and coach for the past 25 years.

The awards presented at the banquet are as follows:

Most Valuable Player – Luke DeLorenzo, Frank Berry
Leading Scorer Award – Luke DeLorenzo
Offensive Player of the Year – Mike McMullen
Defensive Player of the Year – Brendan Martin
Rookie of the Year – Nate Obringer
Unsung Hero – Luc Walker/Paul Zodtner
Flannel Shirt – Teague Willits-Kelley
Players' Player – Marc Switaj
I.C.E. Award (Intense, Consistent, Effort) – Frank Berry, Teague Willits-Kelley, Jaime Zimmer
Best Academic Performance – Matt Wallace
Most Improved Academic Performance – Chris Matteo
Best Academic Performance by a New Player – Frank Berry, Brandon Rubeo

Jerry Fry Service Award – Cory Drangel (Technical Support Intern), Will Gigante (Asst. Coach), Meg Handley (Team Sports Coordinator)

Hockey Management Association Outstanding Service Award: Liz McMahon (HMA Director of Advertising)

Hockey Award of Excellence – Dustin Allgeier (Team Manager from 2002-2006), Norm Brown (20 year sponsor of the Icers), Brad Pantall (Strength Training Coach)

In addition to the team awards, Coach Joe Battista also announced the team's nominees for ACHA awards:

All-America – Frank Berry, Luke DeLorenzo, Keith Jordan, Brendan Martin, Mike McMullen, Nate Obringer

Academic All-America – Paul Mammola

Chris Matteo and Matt Wallace garnered honorable mentions at the ACHA national tournament last month, where the Icers fell to Rhode Island in the championship game.

ACHA National Champions

1984, 1990, 1998, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003

National Runner Up

1983, 1985, 1993, 1995, 1999, 2004, 2005, 2006
