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Minnesota Duluth’s Maura Crowell Is CCM/AHCA University Division Women’s Coach of the Year

For leading Minnesota Duluth to a 25-7-5 record and into the 2017 NCAA National Collegiate Women’s Ice Hockey Championship tournament, Maura Crowell has been named the CCM/AHCA University Division Women’s Coach of the Year for 2016-17. Crowell, in just her second year as a Division I head coach, led UMD into the WCHA Championship Game before bowing 4-1 to Wisconsin, the #1 team in the nation. Her squad reached the conference final by virtue of a 2-1 double overtime win over the University of Minnesota, whose second place regular season finish was one spot ahead of the Bulldogs. Minnesota got revenge with a 1-0 season-ending defeat of UMD in the NCAA Quarterfinals. Crowell’s two-year record in Duluth is 40-28-6 and her career mark is 136-88-14.

Prior to her arrival in Duluth, Crowell spent five seasons at Harvard, including as Harvard’s associate head coach in 2014-15 after filling an interim head coaching role in 2013-14 (guiding Harvard to a 23-7-4 record.) She was a Crimson assistant coach from 2010-13. Prior to signing on with the Crimson, Crowell built an impressive resume over five years (2005-10) at the University of Massachusetts-Boston helm. During her time behind the Beacon bench, she rolled up an overall record of 73-53-4 -- making her UMass-Boston’s all-time winningest coach -- and was chosen the ECAC East Coach of the Year in 2009-10.

Crowell’s collegiate coaching resume also includes a two-season stint (2003-05) as an assistant coach at Connecticut College, where she helped the Camels to their first first-ever playoff appearance. Crowell came to Connecticut College from St. Mark’s School in Southborough, Mass., where she doubled as an assistant women’s hockey coach and junior varsity lacrosse coach.

A Mansfield, Mass. native, Crowell enjoyed a rewarding four-year playing career at Colgate University and helped the Raiders to three straight ECAC playoff appearances and a spot in the 2000 ECAC championship game. She graduated from Colgate in 2002 with a bachelor’s degree in German and earned her Master’s of the Art of Teaching from Connecticut College in 2005.

Crowell was assisted this season by Laura Bellamy, Chris Connolly and Chris Esposito. The runner-up for this year’s CCM/AHCA Division I Women’s Coach of the Year Award was four-time recipient Mark Johnson of the University of Wisconsin, the top-ranked team in the NCAA this season.

The CCM/AHCA Coach of the Year Award winners are chosen by members of the American Hockey Coaches Association (AHCA). Winners will receive their awards at the annual AHCA “Celebration of Women’s Hockey” Banquet, held in conjunction with the AHCA Convention in Naples, FL. This year’s event is scheduled for Friday, April 28.

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1998	Laura Halldorson, Minnesota	2008	Jim Fetter, Wayne State University
1999	Katey Stone, Harvard University	2009	Mark Johnson, Wisconsin
2000	Judy Oberting, Dartmouth College	2010	Doug Derraugh, Cornell
2001	Paul Flanagan, St. Lawrence	2011	Mark Johnson, Wisconsin
2002	Laura Halldorson, Minnesota	2012	Chris Wells, St. Lawrence
2003	Shannon Miller, Minnesota-Duluth	2013	Brad Frost, Minnesota
2004	Laura Halldorson, Minnesota	2014	Brad Frost, Minnesota
2005	Mike Sisti, Mercyhurst College	2015	Katie Crowley, Boston College
2006	Mark Johnson, Wisconsin	2016	Katie Crowley, Boston College
2007	Mark Johnson, Wisconsin	2017	Maura Crowell, Minnesota Duluth

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