



# SPECIAL ARTICLE

Patty Kazmaier Memorial Award

## Mass Hockey Player Development

USA Hockey Foundation Announces Top 10 Candidates For The 2001 Patty Kazmaier Memorial Award

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. (January 29, 2001) -- The USA Hockey Foundation today announced the top 10 candidates for The 2001 Patty Kazmaier Memorial Award, presented by Texaco.

The organization recognizes the accomplishments of the most outstanding player in women's intercollegiate varsity ice hockey each season.

This year's award dinner will be held the evening of Saturday, March 24 in Minneapolis at the Radisson Hotel Metrodome. After being held in Boston last year, The Patty Kazmaier Memorial Award returns to the Twin Cities, site of its presentation in 1999, during the first-ever NCAA Women's Ice Hockey National Collegiate Championship tournament.

The announcement was made by USA Hockey Foundation President Walter L. Bush, Jr. (Edina, Minn.) and the executive committee of The Patty Kazmaier Memorial Award which, in addition to Bush, includes: Jim Erickson (Bloomington, Minn.), Bob Fallen (Minneapolis, Minn.), Cammi Granato (Downers Grove, Ill.), Laura Halldorson (Minneapolis, Minn.), Julie Sasner (Durham, N.H.) and Ben Smith (Gloucester, Mass.).

The 10 candidates represent eight different colleges and universities.

Harvard University and the University of Minnesota each boast two candidates.

Of the 10 candidates, six are seniors, two are juniors, one is a sophomore and one is a freshman. Two of the candidates, Jennifer Botterill (Winnipeg, Man.) and Maria Rooth (Angelholm, Swe.) were also top-10 candidates last year.

Earlier this year, The USA Hockey Foundation asked women's Division I intercollegiate varsity ice hockey coaches to nominate up to two players from their team for The 2001 Patty Kazmaier Memorial Award. Those players were placed on an official ballot and sent to the coaches who then voted for the top 10 finalists. The official ballots were tabulated by the nationally respected accounting firm of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP.

The finalists, as well as the recipient of The 2001 Patty Kazmaier Memorial Award, will be chosen by an 11-member selection committee comprised of women's intercollegiate varsity ice hockey coaches, representatives of the print and broadcast media, and a representative of USA Hockey, the National Governing Body for the sport of hockey in the United States. Candidates for the award must compete for a women's intercollegiate varsity ice hockey team at an NCAA-member institution. Other selection criteria include outstanding individual and team skills, sportsmanship, performance in the clutch, personal character, competitiveness and a love of hockey. Consideration will also be given to academic achievement and civic involvement.

The three finalists for the award will be announced March 12.

Individual dinner tickets are priced at \$100.00 for adults and \$50.00 for children 12 and under. Tickets, in addition to incremental levels of dinner sponsorship, may be purchased by calling The USA Hockey

Foundation at (800) 566-3288, ext. 165; or The Missabe Group at (651) 455-9446. Individual tickets and sponsorship packages are tax-deductible.

The Patty Kazmaier Memorial Award was presented to the inaugural recipient, University of New Hampshire forward Brandy Fisher (Colton, N.Y.), in 1998.

Harvard University forward and 1998 Olympian A.J. Mleczko (Nantucket, Mass.) received the honor in 1999, and Brown University goaltender Ali Brewer (Racine, Wis.) was the 2000 recipient.