

ECAC Announces 2017 Red Hill Award Recipients

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DANBURY, Conn. - The Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) has announced William Gosselin, Jeff Thibodeau and William Moran as the recipients of the 2017 Red Hill Awards, to be presented at the Eastern College Football Awards Banquet on February 22 at MetLife Stadium.

The Red Hill Award is named for the former ECAC football official of 29 years. Hill served as the Director of the Eastern Association of Intercollegiate Football Officials (EAIFO) Boston Chapter for a dozen years. He also served as vice president and president of the EAIFO and

was responsible for instituting many of the EAIFO policies. Over his career, Hill made numerous contributions to the EAIFO and collegiate football officiating in general. The award has been presented since 1999 and with 52 officials receiving the prestigious award in that time.

Gosselin began his football officiating career at the high school level in 1980 by joining the North Central Massachusetts Conference of Football Officials. He is still an active member and has served as board interpreter for the past 20 years. Gosselin joined the Boston Chapter of the EAIFO in 1986 and served as President and was the recipient of the prestigious Brian Sullivan Award the Brian Sullivan Award, given to an on-field official for representing the best qualities in officiating by the Boston Chapter EAIFO. During his college officiating career, Gosselin has refereed close to 300 games at the Divisions I-AA, II and III levels.

Thibodeau started his officiating career at the high school level in 1998 and joined the collegiate ranks in 2004 with the Western Mass. Chapter of the EAIFO. Throughout his 14-year career, he has worked three ECAC bowl games and five Amherst/Williams contests, known as the "Biggest Little Game in America.". Thibodeau has previously served as president of the Western Mass Chapter of the EAIFO as well as of the Western Mass Football Officials Association.

Moran began officiating collegiate football in 1999 when he joined the Metropolitan Chapter of the EAIFO. In 2004, he joined the Eastern Collegiate Football Officials Association (ECFOA) and began working games for the ECAC at the Division II and III levels as a back judge. In 2005, he was chosen to be the chairman of the mentoring program for the Chapter, which aids in the growth of new collegiate football officials. Moran was elected to multiple executive board positions starting in 2006 and served as president in 2012. In 2008, he was assigned as a back judge in the DII National Championship game and was promoted to the Division I FCS level the following year. Moran worked the second-round Football Championship Series Playoff as a field judge in 2013 and

2014 respectively and was named secretary/treasurer in 2015 which he continues to hold today. He currently officiates in the Colonial Athletic Conference, Ivy, and Patriot Leagues.

ABOUT THE ECAC

Established in 1938, the ECAC is the nation's largest Conference, ranging in location from Maine to Georgia, and westerly to Missouri. The ECAC hosts numerous championships in men's and women's sports across Divisions I, II and III, offering opportunities for thousands of student-athletes. For more information, visit www.ecacsports.com.

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