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IMLCA & USILA AWARD RECIPIENTS TO BE HONORED AT IMLCA'S COACHES SUMMIT ANNUAL AWARDS LUNCHEON

The Intercollegiate Men's Lacrosse Coaches Association (IMLCA) and the US Intercollegiate Lacrosse Association (USILA) have announced the recipients of their 2026 Annual Awards. Both associations will honor and acknowledge over 16 individuals within men's college lacrosse on December 11th in Orlando, Florida at their co-hosted Annual Awards Luncheon.

AXIA Time, founded by former University of Pennsylvania Men's lacrosse player and 1988 Ivy League Champion, John Kanaras, has created custom timepieces for the six individuals receiving IMLCA's Outstanding Coach and USILA's Coach of the Year honors.

Nominations for the IMLCA's four awards are submitted by active members of the organization and voted on by an Awards Committee, chaired by Bentley University Men's Lacrosse Head Coach, Kevin Gould, Jr. The IMLCA's Outstanding Assistant Coaches are each nominated by their respective head coaches and voted on by a committee chaired by retired IMLCA Hall of Fame coach, Jack Emmer.

The Sticks and Service Award *recognizes either a coaching staff or team as a whole, that goes above and beyond for their community when outside the lines and off the field. This award is a byproduct of the Humanitarian Award, one that has only been awarded 3 times over the years of the convention. This award is presented to the Coaching Staff, rather than the players as the Humanitarian Award had done in previous years.*
2026 Recipients: Towson University, Pace University, Colby Sawyer College Men's Lacrosse Programs

The Extra Man Award *created in 2013, is presented annually to a university or college administrator who displays the highest level of support for the growth of lacrosse. The name of the award symbolizes the situation in men's lacrosse games when a team has a man-up advantage over its opponent. The IMLCA Extra Man Award recognizes administrators who have expressed efforts to grow the sport of lacrosse.*
2026 Recipient: Michael Levin (*CEO, Harlem Lacrosse*)

The Lifetime Service Award *honors those people in the coaching profession who have contributed to the overall growth and development of the sport of men's lacrosse in the United States throughout the duration of their career, and beyond.*
2025 Recipient: Jim Berkman *(Salisbury University)*

The Creators Award *is bestowed to an IMLCA member for their achievements in the core areas of advocacy, leadership, education, honor, spirit, and service to the game of lacrosse.*
2026 Recipient: Bill Tierney *(Princeton University, University of Denver, IMLCA)*

IMLCA Outstanding Assistant Coach Honors (2025-2026 Season)
Division I: Paul Richards (*Associate Head Coach, University* of Richmond)
Division II: Matt Ledon (***Associate Head Coach, Anderson University)***
Division III: Donal Mullane (*Assistant Coach, Bowdoin College)*

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Nominations for the USILA's awards are submitted by members of the organization and voted on by the Board of Directors, chaired by College of Wooster Men's Lacrosse Head Coach Eric Seideman.

Howdy Myers Man of the Year *is presented in honor of one of the sport's most outstanding coaches. Howdy Myers coached 17 championship teams at St. Paul's, Johns Hopkins, and Hofstra. Myers was elected to the Lacrosse Hall of Fame in 1971. The nominee for this award should have contributed to the game of lacrosse in a capacity over and above the normal efforts and in so doing, has shown unselfish and untiring devotion to the game.*
2026 Recipient: Liam Gleason (*Siena University*)

Frenchy Julien Service Award *is presented in honor of former Chief Referee, Joseph R. "Frenchy" Julien for outstanding and continuous service to the sport. This individual should have rendered a lifetime of service, accomplishments, and contributions to the sport, over and above the normal efforts for the game.*
2026 Recipient: Mike Murphy (*UPenn, Haverford College, Harlem Lacrosse)*

Doyle Smith Sports Information Award *is presented in honor of the career of outstanding service provided to lacrosse by longtime Virginia Assistant Sports Information Director Doyle Smith. Smith defined the game of collegiate lacrosse through his media releases and statistical and national poll coverage of the sport. His contributions to the former NCAA Lacrosse Rulebook and Guide paved the way for many of the sport's great media efforts today on TV, the Internet, and in print. The winner of this award can come from college sports information offices or from the media. The nominee has contributed greatly to the promotion and coverage of the sport.*

2026 Recipient: Tom Emberley, SUNY Farmingdale

USILA Coach of the Year Honors (2025 - 2026 Season)

Division I: Matt Madalon (*Head Coach, Princeton University*)
Division II: J.B. Clarke (*Head Coach*, *University of Tampa*)
Division III: Mike Schanhals (*Head Coach, Hope College*)

In partnership with the IMLCA and the USILA, the following organizations will also be honoring individuals receiving its annual awards for the 2025-2026 season.

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The HEADStrong Foundation's Nicholas E. Colleluori Award will be presented to **Peter Toner (Head Coach, Gettysburg College),** for his unwavering commitment to service, compassion, and leadership values that embody the spirit of Nicholas E. Colleluori and the HEADstrong Foundation's mission.

Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA)'s Peter Kohn Service Award will posthumously honor **Glen Miles**, whose unwavering faith, servant leadership, and dedication to others left a lasting impact on the lacrosse community. Glen's life exemplified the Christian principles of Integrity, Service, Teamwork, and Excellence and reflected the words of John 15:13: "Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends."

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