

2009 USILA Special Awards

Howdy Meyers, Man of the Year

Jack Kaley, New York Institute of Technology

The Howdy Meyers Man of the Year Award is presented in honor of one of the sport's most outstanding coaches. This year we are pleased to present the award to **Jack Kaley**, retired coach from NYIT, who actually played for Howdy in college. Jack Kaley started his lacrosse career at Sewanhaka High School, where his team won 91 consecutive games. Jack went on to Hofstra where he played for Howdy Meyers and in his senior he was selected to play in the North/South All-Star Game. In 1993 Jack took over the program at NYIT and in 17 years he compiled a record of 185-33. The Bears, under Jack's tutelage, appeared in the NCAA tournament six times in seven years and have won four national championships. He has been named the Division II Coach of the Year on four different occasions. His overall coaching record is an impressive 501-201. Jack has served as an assistant coach on the U.S. National Lacrosse Team; he was head coach of Team Germany, which competed in the 202 World Games in Perth, Australia. Jack has served on the Division II All-America Committee and has coached in the annual Division I North/South Game.

Frenchy Julien Service Award

Kevin Corrigan, University of Notre Dame

The 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 year we are pleased to present the award to Kevin Corrigan, Head Men's Lacrosse Coach at Notre Dame. Kevin has been the Head Coach at Notre Dame for 21 years and during that time he has built the Irish into one of the premier Men's lacrosse programs in the nation. Kevin's Fighting Irish squads have won 14 conference titles and finished in the top 20 of the national rankings on 16 occasions. His teams have made 13 appearances in the NCAA tournament. Kevin has served the USILA in every possible capacity. Eleven years ago he started as the Division I representative to the USILA Board of Directors and eight years later he was promoted to the Presidents position. During his term as president, Kevin spent endless hours dealing with ethics issues, officiating fees and meetings. Those individuals who served with him in the organization know how hard he worked and the effort he has contributed and still contributes today to the USILA.

Doyle Smith Sports Information/Media Award

Michael Colley, University of Virginia, Assistant Media Relations Director

The Doyle Smith Sports Information/ Media Award is presented in honor of the career of outstanding service provided to lacrosse by longtime Virginia Assistant Sports Information Director, Doyle Smith. This year's recipient, Michael Colley, was an assistant media relations director at Virginia for 18 years. One of his main responsibilities was men's lacrosse. Michael compiled and distributed information to the media, facilitated interviews between media and student-athletes and coaches. He coordinated game-day press operations at all home games as well as other sport-related media activities. He was a native of Charlottesville and graduated from UVA's McIntire School of Commerce. Michael served as the chief statistician at several NCAA Championship events. He also worked on the statistics crew at the Division I, II and III Men's Lacrosse Championships and was a primary contributor to the first-ever NCAA Men's Lacrosse Statistics manual released in 2009. Mike was a member of the College Sports Information Directors of America and the Virginia Chapter of that group. The lacrosse world was saddened by his death this past year and the USILA is proud to be giving this honor in his memory to his mother, Mrs. Bert Colley.

Coach of the Year

Division III

Steve Beville, Cortland State

Steve Beville just completed his third season as the head coach at Cortland State. He guided the Red Dragons to a 19-2 season and won the 2009 Division III NCAA National Championship.

Division II

John Jez, C. W. Post College

John Jez just completed his third season as the head coach at C.W. Post College. He guided the Pioneers to a 15-1 season and won the 2009 Division II NCAA National Championship.

Division I

Jeff Tambroni, Cornell University

Jeff Tambroni just completed his ninth season as the head coach at Cornell University. He guided the Big Red to a 13-4 season and they advanced to the national championship for the first time since 1988 dropping a heartbreaker 10-9 in overtime.