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## **Harvard's Murphy Named Recipient of New England Football Writers Carens Award**

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. – Tim Murphy, retired Harvard University Thomas Stephenson Family Head Football Coach, has been named recipient of the New England Football Writers George C. Carens Award presented to a person who through his or her life has made significant contributions to the sport of football In New England. The award will be presented at the New England Football Writers Captains and Awards Banquet on Thursday, December 12, at the Sheraton Framingham (Mass.) Hotel and Conference Center.

Murphy amassed more wins than any football coach in Ivy League history, winning his 141<sup>st</sup> League game with a 17-9 victory at Dartmouth during the 2023 season. Later that year, Murphy reached a second milestone when he notched his 200<sup>th</sup> Harvard victory with a win over Penn in November. His overall career record including stints at the University of Maine and Cincinnati is 224-132-1 (.629 winning percentage).

In his 30 years at the helm of the Crimson, Murphy's teams won outright Ivy League titles in 1997, 2001, 2004, 2007, 2011 and 2014. The Crimson tied for the top spot in 2008, 2013, 2015 and 2023. His team posted undefeated seasons in 2001, 2004 and 2014. In his first season at the University of Maine, his Black Bears tied for first in the Yankee Conference in 1987 and played in the NCAA FCS Championship Tournament for the first time ever. In five years at Cincinnati, Murphy took the Bearcats from a 1-9-1 record his first season to 8-3 prior to his move to Harvard.

In 2012 Murphy was elected president of the American Football Coaches Association after having served as the organization's vice president. He was named the AFCA Regional Coach of the year in 1993 after leading Cincinnati to its first winning season in 11 years and was similarly honored in 2001 after Harvard's first undefeated season since 1913. The New England Football Writers Association selected Murphy as its Jack Grinold Division I Coach of the year recipient in 1997, 2001 and 2004.

Murphy is the third Harvard individual to be honored by the NEFC with the Carens Award. Long-time athletic trainer Jack Fadden (1959), and head coach Joe Restic, Murphy's predecessor (1993), are the previous Crimson recipients.

Any persons wishing to attend the NEFW Banquet can make reservations on-line at <https://newenglandfootballwriters.com/captains-%26-awards-banquet>. Reservations are non-refundable and must be made by Friday, December 6.

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