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Holy Cross' Chesney, Trinity's Devaney Named Recipients of New England Football Writers Coach of the Year Awards

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. – A pair of coaches with a combined 2022 record of 20-0 have been named the University and College Division Coaches of the Year by the New England Football Writers. Holy Cross head man Bob Chesney and Trinity College mentor Jeff Devaney will be presented the awards at the New England Football Writers Captains and Awards Banquet on Thursday, December 8, at the Sheraton Framingham (Mass.) Hotel and Conference Center.

Chesney has led Holy Cross to an 11-0 season, the school's fourth consecutive Patriot League championship and the eighth seed in the 2022 Football Championship Subdivision Tournament. Also the recipient of the NEFW Coach of the Year Award in 2021, Chesney has a career record of 36-16 (.692) in his five years with the Crusaders. Prior to Holy Cross Chesney was the head Coach at Assumption University where he led the Greyhounds to a 44-16 (.733) record. The NEFW named him the College Division Coach of the Year in 2015 as he guided Assumption to an 11-2 record and the first of three consecutive NCAA Tournament appearances. He began his head coaching career at Salve Regina University where he went 23-9 (.719) over three seasons. Chesney's selection marks the seventh time a Holy Cross coach has been named NEFW Coach of the Year joining former coach Mark Duffner (1986 & 1991) as a two-time recipient.

Devaney has been at the helm of Trinity College football for the past 17 seasons and has been with the program since 2001. The Bantams' perfect 9-0 mark in 2022 elevated his head coaching record to 113-20 for a winning percentage of .850. 2022 marked his fourth undefeated season at Trinity and fifth New England Small College Athletic Conference championship. In 2022 Trinity's defense, of which Devaney continues to have position responsibility for the defensive backs, has earned ranks of 11th in scoring defense and 15th in total defense (10.89 points and 240 yards per game). The Bantams were 27th in Division III in total offense at 442 yards per game. Devaney is the third Trinity coach to be named NEFW Coach of the Year joining Don Miller (1993) and Charles Priore (2004).

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 2.

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