



# ANNUAL AWARDS

## 2022

### **Christopher Gong**

#### **Steve and Terry Palmacci President's Award**

**Presented annually by the Massachusetts Hockey President to an individual whose efforts are distinguished in our organization.**

Christopher (not Chris) Gong is a tireless volunteer who has embraced the sport at all levels. A player, official, coach and administrator, Christopher strives to create opportunities for all to enjoy and play the game of hockey. Christopher's involvement with Massachusetts Hockey has covered several key areas as the game continues to grow. From a director in the Girls/Women's District to Co-Chair of the Rules Committee to Co-Chair of our DE&I Committee and 5th Vice President, Christopher helps create new opportunities for players to participate as well as ensuring that those already here get to experience a fun and safe atmosphere.



### **John Murray**

#### **Richard "Duke" Kumpel Special Achievement Award**

**Presented annually to a member who has taken a leadership role in advancing Massachusetts Hockey.**

John joined Massachusetts Hockey in January of 2019 as our Referee Coordinator and immediately provided a helping hand. Despite spending much of his time officiating hockey and lacrosse, John rarely misses a meeting and is willing to invest his time and knowledge to make the sport of hockey better for all who participate. From referee development to background screening to HR guidance and more, John has embraced the idea that volunteerism is alive and well. The continued growth of participation in the high school section, including a National Championship last season is a direct result of John's efforts. John continues to lead by example and Massachusetts Hockey thanks him for his effort.

