

The Mark Karbowski 12th Player Award

The Western New England Chapter initiated the annual 12th Player award in the early 1990's to recognize a member who exemplified extraordinary efforts to help his fellow officials and the chapter. In 1996 the award was renamed the Mark Karbowski 12th Player Award in recognition of Mark Karbowski who passed away prematurely that year at the age of 46.

Mark Karbowski became a member of the EAIFO in 1985. Mark was a charter member of the Western New England Chapter, which was established in 1987, and he co-authored the Chapter's Constitution and By-Laws. Mark was an excellent football official who rose to the Division I-AA ranks in 1992 as an Umpire and was highly respected by both his fellow officials and coaches. Mark was always willing to assist his fellow officials in their personal growth and development as an official and he is sorely missed. Mark was recognized for his leadership abilities when he was elected to the Executive Committee of the Western New England Chapter in 1989 and assumed the role of Chapter President in 1991.

Previous recipients of this prestigious award are:

1994---Ted Tremblay, 1995---Mike Santarcangelo and Bill Mara, 1996---John and Pat Codey, 1997---Art Courtney, 1998---Mark Bulmer, 1999---Paul Barringer, 2000---Tom Heisey, 2001---Todd Boyd, 2002---Hilton Perez, Jr., 2003---Bob Brock, 2004---Tom Mawhinney and Joe Woitkoski, 2005---Ron Kumiega, 2006---Mark Zides, 2007---Christopher Junjulas, 2008---Paul Hoole, 2009---Charlie Kalis, 2010---Tim Schmitt, 2011---Jim Guinan, 2012---Dan Donermeyer

The 2013 winner of the Mark Karbowski 12th Player Award of the Western New England Chapter (Wne) of the Eastern Association of Intercollegiate Football Officials (Eaifo) is:

Eric Lewis of Niskayuna, NY who became a member of the chapter in 2006 and is currently an active ECFOA and ECAC official for his outstanding efforts in assisting officials to become productive members of the chapter. Eric has served on various chapter committees, including the Executive Committee and was President of the Wne chapter in 2012.

Though his efforts at our total membership meetings and his help with study groups and regional meetings in the Albany, NY area, Eric has exemplified extraordinary efforts to help his fellow officials on rules interpretations and mechanics techniques.

Thank You Eric for your dedication and willingness to assist Western New England Chapter officials in their personal growth and development as an official.

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