

## SCHOOL STIES

## NCAA Alumni Show Road To NHL Runs Through Campus

he number of NCAA alumni in the National Hockey League reached new heights in 2021-22, with a record 348 former college hockey players having played in NHL games this season.

The 348 former college players in the NHL shattered the previous record of 327 (2018-19) and marked an 11-percent increase from last season.

The number of NCAA alumni in the NHL has grown by 65 percent in the last 19 years, both in terms of total number (211 in 2002-03) and percentage of all NHL players (21.1% in 2002-03).

Michigan led all schools with 26 alumni in the NHL, followed by Minnesota (25), Boston College (24) and North Dakota (24).

Eleven NCAA alums led their NHL teams in goals and 10 led their squads in points, the latter highlighted by former Hobey Baker Award-winner Johnny Gaudreau, whose 115 points for the Calgary Flames tied for the fifth-most ever by a former college hockey player.

Men's college hockey successes also extend beyond the ice as the sport enjoys a 93-percent graduation rate, tied for the best among all NCAA Division I men's sports according to the NCAA.



DRAFT PICKS PLAYING IN COLLEGE

