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Clarkson University Alumnus and His Family Create a \$1.5 Million Endowment to Honor Legendary Hockey Coach Len Ceglarski

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Potsdam, N.Y. -- Two Clarkson hockey legends will return to center ice on January 5 before the Golden Knights face off with the Boston College Eagles, as one Clarkson hall-of-famer honors another in a very special way.

Clarkson University alumnus John T. "Jocko" McLennan of Mahone Bay, Nova Scotia, and his family have created a \$1.5 million endowment to fund the "Leonard S. Ceglarski Chair." Named in honor of legendary Clarkson University and Boston College hockey coach Len Ceglarski, the chair will fund the Clarkson Golden Knights men's head hockey coach position.

McLennan and Ceglarski will both be recognized in a ceremony at Clarkson's Cheel Arena, before rivals Clarkson University and Boston College face off in NCAA Div. I men's hockey at 7 p.m. on Saturday, January 5.

"When Lenny Ceglarski offered me an athletic scholarship to play hockey at Clarkson in 1964, little did I know then that he was offering me the most important opportunity I've ever been presented. Under his direction and work ethic, I learned how to apply myself as a student, launch a successful career and enjoy a wonderful family life," said McLennan in announcing his leadership gift to *Claim the Title*, a special hockey endowment campaign at Clarkson. "My family and I are proud to honor college hockey great Len Ceglarski."

Coach Ceglarski, a native of East Walpole, Mass., was an All-America left wing on Boston College's 1949 NCAA Championship team and captain of the 1950-51 squad. He won a Silver Medal as a member of the United States Hockey Team in the 1952 Olympics at Oslo. He began his unparalleled coaching career in 1958 as the fourth head coach of the Clarkson men's hockey team. Serving for 14 seasons, he compiled a .717 winning percentage, posting a 254-97-11 overall record from 1958-72, when he left to become hockey coach at his alma mater Boston College. He guided the Eagles to over 400 victories through two decades in Boston. Upon his retirement in 1994, Coach Ceglarski had accumulated the most wins as a hockey coach in NCAA history with 673 wins. Ceglarski was inducted into the Clarkson Athletic Hall of Fame in July 2007.

After learning of the news of the gift through a phone call from McLennan, Ceglarski said, "I am humbled and genuinely honored to be forever remembered as part of the Clarkson hockey tradition this way. While I have maintained great relationships with so many of my former players and their families, Jocko and the McLennan family have always had a special place in my heart. He magnified

all of the attributes I tried to instill in my players and carried these into his own personal and professional life well after he hung up the jersey. He exemplifies why I loved coaching college sports.”

"We are truly grateful to Jocko and his family for making this very generous commitment to our athletics program," said Clarkson University President Tony Collins. "Here at Clarkson we often speak of our scholar-athletes. Jocko's achievements after graduation are the very embodiment of what we expect all of our graduates to accomplish. Jocko's recognition of the coach, who brought him to Clarkson and mentored him as a scholar-athlete, underscores all that we value in our athletic program. The Ceglarski Chair will enable the University to continue our tradition of hiring and retaining coaching staff who understand that a Clarkson education occurs both on and off the ice."

Born in Sydney, Nova Scotia, McLennan graduated from high school in Ottawa, Ontario. An accomplished hockey player, he was recruited to Clarkson where, in 1966, he led Clarkson to the NCAA Div. I final. McLennan earned his bachelor's degree in industrial management in 1968 and his master's degree in industrial management in 1969, again from Clarkson. McLennan has been involved in the Canadian telecommunication industry throughout his career and retired as president and CEO of Bell Canada in 1997.

McLennan has received many honors during his prominent career, including Clarkson University's Barben Award, Golden Knight Award, and an Honorary Clarkson Degree in 1997. He was inducted into Clarkson's Athletic Hall of Fame in 2004. McLennan also served as a Clarkson trustee from 1989 through 1993.

The *Claim the Title* campaign is raising \$10 million toward an endowment for men's and women's ice hockey at Clarkson. To learn more about the campaign, call the Office of Philanthropy at Clarkson University at 315-268-7718.

Clarkson University, located in Potsdam, New York, is a private, nationally ranked university with a reputation for developing innovative leaders in engineering, business, the sciences, health sciences and the humanities. Clarkson's 3,000 high-ability students excel in an environment where learning is not only positive, friendly and supportive but spans the boundaries of traditional disciplines and knowledge. Faculty members achieve international recognition for their research and scholarship and connect students to their leadership potential in the marketplace through dynamic, real-world problem solving.

Photo caption (left to right): Len Ceglarski and Jocko McLennan in their days with the Clarkson men's hockey team.

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