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## **BISHOP KEARNEY & BK SELECTS ANNOUNCE PARTNERSHIP WITH PRIME HOCKEY**

*Establishing the foundation for consistently top-ranked teams for years to come*

### **IRONDEQUOIT, N.Y. (June 8th, 2021)**

Bishop Kearney High School, a Golisano Education Partner, announces partnership with Prime Hockey (PRIME) to further enhance its mission of bringing together elite male hockey players, to train and develop in a world-class academic and hockey environment, as part of the Bishop Kearney Selects (BK Selects) program. Bishop Kearney President, Steve Salluzzo stated, "This agreement represents our commitment as an institution to ensure nationally-ranked residential boys hockey programs for years to come, in parallel with a premier academic curriculum that encourages diversity and collaboration, as local area students learn alongside individuals from across the United States, Canada, and Europe."

Joe Templin, Director of Prime Hockey, has spent the last 18 years of his professional career working with elite amateur hockey players, over 400 of which went on to be drafted into the National Hockey League. Joe is thrilled to begin this partnership, stating, "We are proud to partner with Bishop Kearney and the BK Selects program, a best-in-class academic institution and hockey program. The program's success in year one is unprecedented and a testament to the collaborative efforts amongst the school's leadership, faculty, and the BK Selects coaching staff. We are excited to collaborate with Bishop Kearney and promote this best-in-class development pathway to our Prime Hockey community."

Chris Collins, BK Selects Program Director, and his staff are equally as excited to formalize this partnership as the two parties look to ensure BK Selects are a national powerhouse across all age categories for years to come. "Having our staff integrated with PRIME Hockey's exclusive camps, showcases and spring teams is a unique opportunity which enables us to form relationships with a vast network of elite athletes and their families, and introduce them to the benefits of our Bishop Kearney Selects program."

Bishop Kearney's board chairman Rich Spencer is proud to announce this partnership, "Bishop Kearney continues to be a progressive leader in academics and athletics. For student athletes, BK's major area of interest curricular program, combined with elite athletics creates a unique program offered nowhere else in the world."

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### **About Bishop Kearney High School:**

Bishop Kearney High School, a Golisano Education Partner ([www.bkhs.org](http://www.bkhs.org)), is a private Roman Catholic, co-educational school located in Irondequoit, N.Y. The school currently educates students in grades six through twelve. It is nationally recognized for providing a quality college preparatory program in a values-based family environment.

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#### **About BK Selects:**

The BK Selects program offers aspiring players the best of both worlds, a rigorous private education combined with Elite Full Season Tier I AAA Hockey. The program just recently completed its inaugural hockey season which featured three teams competing amidst a global pandemic. On the ice, the NYS Champion U14 team finished #2 in the nation, earning silver at the USA Hockey National Championships, the NYS Runner Up U15 team finished #12 in the nation, and the NYS Champion U16 team finished #3 in the nation, earning bronze at the USA Hockey National Championships. In the classroom, a collective 54 players of the BK Selects earned Honor Roll or High Honor Roll through the first three quarters. BK Selects will suit up 4 teams for the 2021-22 season: U14 National, 150, U16 National and U18 National.

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#### **About Prime Hockey:**

Prime Hockey, the elite programming arm of PLAY Hockey, offers opportunities for elite AAA youth hockey players across the globe to compete against one another. The mission of Prime Hockey is to inspire players, by providing unparalleled experiences that combine world-class competition and exposure to next level opportunities, while maintaining a professional environment.

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