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***COMMENTATOR, STUDENT COUNCIL AMONG 33 NOMINEES FOR \$500,000 MASSCAP***

EAST BOSTON, MA - Commentator and Student Council, both multiple Grade I winners, are among 13 graded-stakes winners on the list of 33 nominees for the \$500,000 Massachusetts Handicap to be run on Saturday, September 20 at Suffolk Downs.

The 66th running of the MassCap will carry a guaranteed purse of \$500,000, with \$300,000 to the winner. The MassCap is one of five Classic Division races in this year's Breeders' Cup Challenge, a series of automatic qualifiers for the Breeders' Cup World Championships. In the Breeders' Cup Challenge "Win and You're In" format, the winner of the MassCap will automatically qualify for entry in the Breeders' Cup Classic, which will be run on October 25 at Oak Tree at Santa Anita Park in Arcadia, CA.

Commentator, two-time winner of the Whitney Handicap at Saratoga, hails from the barn of Hall of Fame trainer Nick Zito. In addition to his win in the Whitney on July 26, Commentator also won this year's Richter Scale Handicap (Grade II) at Gulfstream Park.

Student Council is one of four nominees for trainer Steve Asmussen. Student Council's two Grade I wins came in this year's Pimlico Special and last year's Pacific Classic. The other Asmussen-trained nominees are Magna Graduate, Pyro and Zanjero.

Mambo in Seattle, second in this year's thrilling Travers Stakes (Grade I), has been nominated by trainer Neil Howard, who also nominated last year's Travers' runner-up Grasshopper.

Fairbanks, second to Brass Hat in the 2007 MassCap, is one of three nominees for trainer Todd Pletcher. The five-year-old recently won the Duke of Magenta Stakes at Saratoga over fellow nominees Angliana and Magna Graduate. Pletcher has also nominated A.P. Arrow and Sam P.

In addition to Zito, Asmussen, Howard and Pletcher, high profile trainers Gary Contessa, Eoin Harty, Larry Jones, Kiaran McLaughlin, Ken McPeck and John Ward have all nominated horses to the race.

Grade II winner Adore the Gold, trained by Michael Gorham, is among the 21 nominees for the \$100,000 James B. Moseley Sprint Handicap on the MassCap Day undercard.



Weight assignments for both races will be announced by Suffolk Downs racing secretary Tom Creel on Saturday, September 13. Final entries will be drawn at the MassCap post position draw and press conference luncheon on Wednesday, September 17.

The complete lists of MassCap and Moseley nominees follow.

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**The Massachusetts Handicap**  
**\$500,000 Guaranteed**  
**3 & Up**  
**1 & 1/8 Miles**

**Horse**

A.P. Arrow  
Angliana  
Aquino (URU)  
Barcola  
Beck and Call  
Commentator  
Cuba  
Dr. Pleasure  
Evening Attire  
Fairbanks  
Grasshopper  
Judith's Wild Rush  
Loose Leaf  
Magna Graduate  
Mambo in Seattle  
My Privileged  
Nijinsky Bullet  
O'Malley  
Palladio  
Past the Point  
Private Scandal  
Pyro  
Riversrunrylee  
Rome is Burning  
Sam P.  
Solar Flare (ARG)  
Student Council  
Sweetnorthern saint  
Timber Reserve

**Trainer**

Todd Pletcher  
Gary Contessa  
Kiaran McLaughlin  
Mark Hennig  
James Taglianetti  
Nick Zito  
Bobby Dibona  
John Ward, Jr.  
Patrick Kelly  
Todd Pletcher  
Neil Howard  
Julian Canet  
Kenneth McPeck  
Steve Asmussen  
Neil Howard  
Rafael Ramos  
Rafael Ramos  
Christopher Pitrone  
Roger Attfield  
Eoin Harty  
Peter Bazeos  
Steve Asmussen  
Juan Camillo  
John Botty  
Todd Pletcher  
Larry Jones  
Steve Asmussen  
Leo Azpurua, Jr.  
John Kimmel



True Resurgence  
Volcanic Force  
Won Awesome Dude  
Zanjero

John Terranova, II  
Osvaldo Rivera  
Michael Mareina  
Steve Asmussen

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**The James B. Moseley Sprint Handicap**  
**\$100,000 Guaranteed**  
**3 & Up**  
**6 Furlongs**

**Horse**

Adore the Gold  
Aquino (URU)  
Cavallo Pazzo  
Connections  
Fairly Crafty  
Fearless Vision  
Gold and Roses  
Hold on Smokey  
Joey Carson  
Joey P.  
Maddy's Lion  
My Privileged  
Place Your Bet  
Programmed a Star  
Ravalo  
Real Estate  
Roman Candles  
Southern Missile  
Southern Rainbow  
Starforaday  
Suave Jazz

**Trainer**

Michael Gorham  
Kiaran McLaughlin  
Anthony Dutrow  
Brenda McCarthy  
Florence Gemma Siravo  
Patrick Reynolds  
Richard Schosberg  
Donald Kielty  
Mark Shuman  
Benjamin Perkins, Jr.  
Gregory Sacco  
Rafael Ramos  
Scott Lake  
Florence Gemma Siravo  
Donald Barr  
Bruce Levine  
Lynne Scape  
David Jacobson  
Charles Assimakopoulos  
Gary Contessa  
Anthony Dutrow