



# BRAIN ANEURYSM FOUNDATION

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### **Kevan Miller of the Boston Bruins Named Brain Aneurysm Foundation Official Spokesperson**

(Hanover, MA) — The Brain Aneurysm Foundation (BAF) announced that Boston Bruins defenseman Kevan Miller (#86) has become its official spokesperson. In this role, Kevan, 29, will help raise awareness about brain aneurysms through attendance at select BAF events, on traditional and social media, and other outreach efforts.

“Kevan represents the determination, resourcefulness, and commitment shown by so many aneurysm survivors and their families and caregivers,” says BAF Executive Director, Christine Buckley. “We are excited to have an athlete of Kevan’s standing help us with our mission to raise awareness of brain aneurysms and the need for increased research funding to reduce death and disability from aneurysm ruptures.”

Kevan’s close friend, Tom Tinlin, former Massachusetts Department of Transportation Highway Administrator, suffered a ruptured brain aneurysm in 2017. After seeing what Tom and his family went through, Kevan was happy to help when Tom, who is also now volunteering with the foundation, asked him if he would consider being a spokesperson. “Tom Tinlin, a close friend of mine suffered a ruptured brain aneurysm this past summer. When I heard the news, I’ll be honest I didn’t quite know what that meant. The only information I had was that it was life threatening and he was in the hospital being treated. After a few tense days I received word that he pulled through and it was ok for me to go visit. I did some research once I got home and realized just how fortunate Tom was to still be with us. I can’t imagine what he and his family, along with so many others, have gone through because of this disease. Brain aneurysm’s and their causes are relatively unfamiliar to many people. I am honored to be joining the Brain Aneurysm Foundation to help bring awareness to this disease.”

Kevan was brought up in Santa Clarita, California. As a boy he learned to play roller hockey, playing pickup games with his pals and rooting for the San Jose Sharks.

At 16, Kevan came East to attend the Berkshire School in Sheffield, MA, in part to play for the school's hockey team. Later, he attended the University of Vermont, where he played four seasons with the Catamounts, serving in his senior year as captain. There he developed a reputation as a rugged, dependable defenseman.

After college, Kevan joined Providence, the Boston Bruins' American Hockey League affiliate. He played six games with Providence and signed an entry-level contract with the Bruins.

Kevan's 24 points in 65 games for Providence in 2011-12 were a good start. Kevan made his NHL debut on November. 21, 2013, against the St. Louis Blues at TD Garden. He scored his first NHL goal on December. 8, 2013, on the road against the Toronto Maple Leafs.

He impressed the Bruins in 47 games with Boston that season with a plus-20 rating, so expectations were high for him entering 2014-15. However, a shoulder injury in October, and subsequent surgery in February, limited him to 41 games. Kevan bounced back and signed a four-year free-agent contract with the Bruins on May 24, 2016.

### **ABOUT THE BRAIN ANEURYSM FOUNDATION**

Founded in Boston and now based in Hanover, Massachusetts, the Brain Aneurysm Foundation is the globally recognized leader in brain aneurysm awareness, education, support, advocacy, and research funding.

The foundation's mission is to provide information about and raise awareness of the symptoms and risk factors of brain aneurysms to prevent ruptures and subsequent death and disability; work with medical communities to provide support networks for patients and families; and advance research to improve patients' outcomes and save lives.

Established in 1994, the foundation is led by Executive Director Christine Buckley and has a Medical Advisory Board that comprises more than 30 of the nation's foremost aneurysm experts — neurologists, neurosurgeons, interventional neuroradiologists, and other brain aneurysm specialists — from the country's leading hospitals and universities.

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