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## NFF Proudly Announces Finalists for 2016 *William V. Campbell Trophy*, Presented by Fidelity Investments®

*Twelve of the nation's best and brightest players will vie for college football's premier scholar-athlete award, and each will receive an \$18,000 postgraduate scholarship as a member of the NFF National Scholar-Athlete Class.*

**IRVING, Texas (Nov. 1, 2016)** – The National Football Foundation (NFF) & College Hall of Fame announced today the finalists for the 2016 *William V. Campbell Trophy*, presented by [Fidelity Investments](#)® and prominently displayed at its official home inside the New York Athletic Club. The trophy recognizes an individual as the absolute best football scholar-athlete in the nation.

The 12 finalists will each receive an \$18,000 postgraduate scholarship as a member of the NFF National Scholar-Athlete Class, presented by Fidelity Investments. The finalists will travel to New York City for the 59th NFF Annual Awards Dinner on Dec. 6, where their accomplishments will be highlighted in front of one of the most powerful audiences in all of sports. At the event, one member of the class will be declared the winner of the 27th *William V. Campbell Trophy* and have his postgraduate scholarship increased to \$25,000.

Selected from a nationwide pool of [156 exceptional semifinalists](#) from among all NCAA divisions and the NAIA, the 12 finalists are:

SCHOLAR-ATHLETE	POSITION	SCHOOL	GPA	MAJOR
Chris Beaschler	LB	Dayton	3.72	Mechanical Engineering
Tim Crawley	WR	San Jose State	3.78	Business Management
DeVon Edwards	S	Duke	3.35	Psychology
Brooks Ellis	LB	Arkansas	3.82	Exercise Science
Carter Hanson	LB	Saint John's (Minn.)	4.00	Business Leadership
Taysom Hill	QB	BYU	3.45	Finance
Ryan Janvion	S	Wake Forest	3.53	Business Management
Zay Jones	WR	East Carolina	3.56	Communications
Cooper Rush	QB	Central Michigan	3.86	Actuarial Science
Karter Schult	DL	Northern Iowa	3.87	Exercise Science
Tyler Sullivan	QB	Delta State (Miss.)	3.68	Biology
Zach Terrell	QB	Western Michigan	3.66	Finance

“We are extremely proud to announce this year’s finalists for the *Campbell Trophy*, who make up the National Scholar-Athlete Class,” said NFF President & CEO **Steve Hatchell**. “These young men have an unrelenting commitment to excellence in all aspects of their lives, and they represent all that is right in college football. They serve as living examples of our mission of *Building Leaders Through Football*, and we are excited to honor their hard work and accomplishments with postgraduate scholarships.”

The recipient of the *Campbell Trophy* will also be honored at the NFF Board of Directors meeting and at a reception hosted by the New York Athletic Club on Wednesday, Dec. 7. He will then fly to Atlanta to be recognized during *The Home Depot College Football Awards* on ESPN at the College Football Hall of Fame on Dec. 8. Finally, as part of the NFF’s partnership with the College Football Playoff (CFP), the *Campbell Trophy* winner will be recognized on the field during the CFP National Championship on Jan. 9, 2017, in Tampa, Fla.

The trophy is named in honor of the late **Bill Campbell**, the former chairman of Intuit, a former player and head coach at Columbia University, and the 2004 recipient of the NFF’s Gold Medal, who passed away this year on April 18. The award comes with a 25-pound bronze trophy and a \$7,000 increase in postgraduate funds for a total scholarship of \$25,000. A total distribution of \$223,000 in scholarships will be awarded Dec. 6, pushing the program’s all-time distributions to more than \$11.1 million.

“The NFF Awards Committee did an excellent job in selecting this year’s National Scholar-Athletes,” said NFF Chairman **Archie Manning**, whose sons **Peyton** (the 1997 *Campbell* winner) and **Eli** were NFF National Scholar-Athletes in 1997 and 2003, respectively. “Selected from an impressive group of semifinalists, they should be extremely proud of their accomplishments, as they have undoubtedly distinguished themselves as some of the best student-athletes in the country. Each of these men is also a leader in his respective community, and we know that they have only begun to reach their potential.”

The NFF National Scholar-Athlete program, launched in 1959, became the first initiative in history to award scholar-athletes postgraduate scholarships for their combined athletic, academic and leadership abilities. Including the 2016 recipients, the NFF has honored 828 individuals with National Scholar-Athlete Awards. The honorees have used the financial support to earn more than 150 medical degrees, 100 law degrees, 80 MBAs and 43 PhDs. Continuing their excellence on the field, 175 recipients have played in the NFL with an average career of six seasons or double the length of a typical NFL player. Past recipients also include 13 Rhodes Scholars.

The members of this year’s class find themselves among some of the most elite student-athletes in the history of the game, including NFL standout **Drew Brees** (Purdue); actor **Mark Harmon** (UCLA); Robert Morris University President **Chris Howard** (Air Force); NCAA Vice President of Regulatory Affairs **Oliver Luck** (West Virginia); NASA astronauts **Michael Hopkins** (Illinois) and **Leland Melvin** (Richmond); chairman of Augusta National Golf Club, home of the Masters Tournament, **Billy Payne** (Georgia); famed NFL quarterback **Steve Young** (BYU); and 34 College Football Hall of Famers, including 2016 electees **Derrick Brooks** (Florida State) and **Pat McInally** (Harvard). [Click here](#) for a database of all the past NFF National Scholar-Athletes.

In 2011, the NFF and Fidelity launched a multi-year initiative between the two organizations to celebrate the scholar-athlete ideal and a joint commitment to higher education. As part of the initiative, Fidelity became the first presenting sponsor ever in the history of the NFF National Scholar-Athlete Awards program. In 2014, Fidelity expanded its support, becoming the presenting sponsor of *The William V. Campbell Trophy*.

Fidelity's support also includes the NFF Faculty Salutes, which recognize the contributions of the faculty athletics representatives at each of the institutions with an NFF National Scholar-Athlete. As part of the initiative and with full support from the 1A FARs, the NFF presents each of the faculty representatives with a plaque and a \$5,000 check from Fidelity Investments, which is used to support the academic support services for student-athletes at each school. Since the program's inception in 2011, Fidelity has committed \$440,000 (including \$60,000 this year) and recognized 88 FARs.

### **2016 NFF National Scholar-Athlete Class Highlights**

- **3.69** Average GPA
- **12** Captains, including six players who have been captains for two or more years
- **6** Academic All-America Selections (Beaschler, Edwards, Ellis, Hanson, Rush, Schult)
- **11** Academic All-Conference Athletes
- **4** All-America picks (Edwards, Hanson, Schult, Sullivan)
- **9** All-Conference selections (including one all-independent selection)
- **5** Players Who Have Already Graduated (Crawley, Edwards, Hill, Rush, Terrell), with five more on track to graduate by this December (Beaschler, Ellis, Jones, Schult, Sullivan)
- **3** Members of Conference Championship Teams (Beaschler, Hanson, Sullivan)
- **6** Offensive Players (Crawley, Hill, Jones, Rush, Sullivan, Terrell)
- **6** Defensive Players (Beaschler, Edwards, Ellis, Hanson, Janvion, Schult)

Nominated by their schools, which are limited to one nominee each, candidates must **be a senior or graduate student** in their **final year of eligibility**, have a **GPA of at least 3.2** on a 4.0 scale, have **outstanding football ability** as a first team player or significant contributor and have **demonstrated strong leadership and citizenship**. The 156 semifinalists for the award were announced on Sept. 28, and the class is selected each year by the NFF Awards Committee, which is comprised of a nationally recognized group of media, College Football Hall of Famers and athletics administrators.

In addition to the presentation of the NFF National Scholar-Athlete Awards and *The William V. Campbell Trophy*, the 59<sup>th</sup> NFF Annual Awards Dinner will include the induction of the 2016 College Football Hall of Fame Class and the presentation of several major awards, including the organization's highest honor, the NFF Gold Medal.

Please [click here](#) to view the list of the 156 William V. Campbell Trophy semifinalists.

**BIOS FOR THE 2016 NFF NATIONAL SCHOLAR-ATHLETE CLASS,  
PRESENTED BY FIDELITY INVESTMENTS**  
*(In alphabetical order)*

**CHRIS BEASCHLER, LB - UNIVERSITY OF DAYTON**

**Mechanical Engineering – 3.72 GPA**

**Head Coach: Rick Chamberlin | Athletics Director: Neil Sullivan**

**Faculty Athletics Representative: Kimberly Trick**

Described by head coach **Rick Chamberlin** as “the total package,” Chris Beaschler maintains a 3.72 GPA in mechanical engineering while starring at linebacker for Dayton. The Ada, Ohio, native becomes the Flyers’ seventh NFF National Scholar-Athlete.

A First Team Academic All-American and FCS ADA Academic All-Star, Beaschler was honored as the 2015 Pioneer Football League Scholar-Athlete of the Year. He is a three-time academic all-conference selection, earning first team honors in 2014 and 2015 and second team laurels in 2013. The four-time PFL Academic Honor Roll member was inducted into the National Society of Collegiate Scholars, and he expects to graduate this December.

A four-year starter, Beaschler has twice earned First Team All-PFL honors, and he was Honorable Mention as a freshman. The two-time recipient of Dayton’s Chief Toscani Hitter Award led the Flyers to a 2015 conference title and a berth in the FCS Playoffs. Boasting 368 career tackles, Beaschler has led Dayton in tackles the past two seasons and currently leads the team with 72. During his standout career, he has also recorded 26 tackles for loss, six sacks and two interceptions, one of which he returned for a touchdown.

One of only six two-time team captains in Dayton history, Beaschler received the school’s 2016 Charles R. Kendall Memorial Award of Excellence. Off the field, he has volunteered for the Rebuilding Dayton initiative, and he serves as a student lab technician at the Engineering Innovations Center.

**TIM CRAWLEY, WR - SAN JOSE STATE UNIVERSITY**

**Business Management Information Systems – 3.78 GPA**

**Head Coach: Ron Caragher | Athletics Director: Gene Bleymaier**

**Faculty Athletics Representative: Sen Chiao**

The quintessential student-athlete, Tim Crawley puts his versatility to use on the field and in the classroom. His impressive resume makes him worthy of being San Jose State’s first-ever NFF National Scholar-Athlete.

A 2015 Academic All-District selection, Crawley graduated magna cum laude in May as a business management information systems major with a 3.78 GPA. A three-time Academic All-Mountain West selection and Mountain West Scholar-Athlete, he is currently enrolled in the master's degree program in interdisciplinary studies. The three-time San Jose State Dean’s

Scholar twice earned the Spartans' Academic Achievement Award for football, and he was honored by the National Consortium for Athletics and Sports on 2015 National Student-Athlete Day. Crawley is a two-time Arthur Ashe Jr. Sports Scholar, and he was a national semifinalist for the 2016 Arthur Ashe Jr. Sports Scholar of the Year.

A senior team captain, Crawley has served as a receiver, running back and kick returner for the Spartans. The Santa Clara, Calif., native led San Jose State to a victory in the 2015 AutoNation Cure Bowl. In his career, Crawley has recorded 130 receptions for 1,440 yards and 10 touchdowns while adding 422 rushing yards for five touchdowns. His versatility extends to special teams, where he has a career 20-yard kickoff return average after returning 36 for a total of 727 yards.

Crawley is active in the community, having twice hosted a child diagnosed with autism as part of the Autism Tree Foundation. He has volunteered for campus move-in day and Field Day, and he assisted with a Fellowship of Christian Athletes youth football camp. Crawley participated in a video tribute to military veterans that plays during Spartans games, and he was the team representative at the Cure Bowl to meet patients with cancer at a local hospital.

## **DEVON EDWARDS, S - DUKE UNIVERSITY**

**Psychology – 3.35 GPA**

**Head Coach: David Cutcliffe | Athletics Director: Kevin White**

**Faculty Athletics Representative: Martha Putallaz**

An exceptional example of excellence on and off the field, DeVon Edwards is one of only two active players who earned both All-America and Academic All-America honors in 2015. The team captain becomes the sixth NFF National Scholar-Athlete in Duke history.

A 2015 Second Team Academic All-American, Edwards graduated in May with a 3.35 GPA in psychology with a minor in markets and management. The two-time First Team Academic All-District selection is currently pursuing his master's in liberal studies, where he maintains a 3.6 GPA. Edwards is a three-time member of the ACC All-Academic team and a four-time member of the ACC Academic Honor Roll.

A native of Covington, Ga., Edwards injured his knee during the Sept. 24 Notre Dame game, which ended his 44-game career at Duke with 327 tackles, 13 tackles for loss, 10.5 quarterback sacks, five interceptions, six forced fumbles and 21 pass breakups. In addition, he returned 74 kickoffs for 2,060 yards for a 27.84 average and six touchdowns. Edwards closed his career ranking 17th on Duke's all-time tackles chart while holding school career records for kickoff return average and kickoff returns for touchdowns. His six kickoff returns for scores rank as the third most in NCAA history. A three-time All-America and All-ACC pick as a kick return specialist, Edwards also garnered all-league honors as a defensive back in each of the past two seasons. The four-time ACC Player of the Week led Duke to three consecutive bowl games and its first ACC Championship Game appearance in school history in 2013.

A member of the 2016 AFCA Good Works Team, Edwards is active in the community and volunteers at the Ronald McDonald House every Thursday during the summer. He has also volunteered for the Boys & Girls Club, Bull City Fit and the Kid's Club in Oxford Manor. Edwards has visited kids at Duke Children's hospital, worked Durham Little League Football practices, mentored students at Duluth High School and participated in Duke's campus trash clean-up program.

## **BROOKS ELLIS, LB - UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS**

**Pre-Professional Exercise Science – 3.82 GPA**

**Head Coach: Bret Bielema | Athletics Director: Jeff Long**

**Faculty Athletics Representative: Sharon Hunt**

The undisputed leader of Arkansas' defense, Brooks Ellis maintains an impressive 3.82 GPA in the classroom. The two-year team captain is the Razorbacks' fourth NFF National Scholar-Athlete.

A 2015 Second Team Academic All-American and First Team Academic All-District selection, Ellis is majoring in pre-professional exercise science with a minor in biology. The three-time SEC Academic Honor Roll member and Fayetteville, Ark., native plans to attend medical school. Ellis also traveled to Belize with the biology department to study the culture.

A three-year player, Ellis led the Razorbacks to consecutive bowl wins in the 2014 Texas Bowl and 2015 Liberty Bowl. He led the team and ranked ninth in the SEC with 102 tackles as a junior, and he finished second on the team with eight tackles for loss. Ellis currently sits atop the team with 57 tackles this season, placing him seventh in the SEC. For his career, he boasts 264 tackles, 19.5 tackles for loss, 2.5 sacks, 12 pass breakups and four interceptions, returning one for a touchdown against TCU earlier this year.

Off the field, Ellis has visited the Houston Children's Shelter, the Wrightsville Unit of the Arkansas Department of Corrections, Leverett Elementary School and Lifestyles group for people with disabilities. He gave a six-year-old boy a tour of Arkansas' football facilities for Washington Regional Hospice, and he participated in "Book Hogs Read to Win" and "Book Hogs Pizza Party" with local elementary school students. He volunteered with Mayflower Tornado Relief, and he assisted Razorback coach **Bret Bielema** at the Susan G. Komen Ozark Affiliate "Football 101" benefit. A member of Phi Delta Theta fraternity, he participated in the "Be with Becca" fundraiser; the Boys & Girls Club food giveaway; and on-campus trash pickup.

## **CARTER HANSON, LB - SAINT JOHN'S UNIVERSITY (MINN.)**

**Global Business Leadership – 4.00 GPA**

**Head Coach: Gary Fasching | Athletics Director: Bob Alpers**

**Faculty Athletics Representative: Ken Jones**

Carter Hanson personifies the student-athlete ideal, maintaining a perfect 4.0 GPA in global business leadership while earning All-America accolades on the field. The Saint John's standout becomes the third NFF National Scholar-Athlete in school history.

A First Team Academic All-American in 2015, Hanson has twice earned First Team Academic All-District honors, and he is a three-time academic all-conference performer. The Blue Earth, Minn., native was the recipient of the 2016-17 Global Business Scholarship and the 2014 MIAC Elite 22 Award for having the top GPA among the conference's top two teams. A six-time Dean's List member, Hanson was inducted into the Sigma Beta Delta honorary. Also minoring in finance, he plans to pursue his MBA.

A team captain and three-year letterman, Hanson was named an Honorable Mention All-American in 2015. Twice earning first team all-conference and second team all-west region honors, he guided the Johnnies to consecutive second-round appearances in the 2014 and 2015 Division III playoffs. Hanson led the team with 100 tackles in 2014 while directing Saint John's to a conference title, and he was second on the team in 2015 with 97. His career 291 tackles are currently eighth in school history, and his 132 career solo tackles are sixth in the Johnnies' record books. Hanson currently leads No. 9 ranked Saint John's with 49 tackles, and the Johnnies defense ranks third nationally in Division III total defense.

Hanson is an active volunteer, serving as the director of corporate sponsorship for the on-campus organization Square One, and he traveled to Haiti in conjunction with In His Hands Orphanage to assist a local business. The president of the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee, Hanson has volunteered with Kids Against Hunger and the Special Olympics, and he has helped raise money for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. His other activities include serving as the Senior Class Committee Chair and taking part as a member of Saint John's Student Conduct Board and the Society for the Advancement of Management advisory board.

## **TAYSOM HILL, QB - BRIGHAM YOUNG UNIVERSITY**

**Finance – 3.45 GPA**

**Head Coach: Kalani Sitake | Athletics Director: Tom Holmoe**

**Faculty Athletics Representative: David Hart**

Unquestionably BYU's leader with a stellar record on and off the field, Taysom Hill holds the distinction as the only quarterback in school history with more than 4,000 passing yards and 2,000 rushing yards in a career. He is the Cougars' fifth NFF-National Scholar-Athlete.

Maintaining a 3.45 GPA as a finance major, Hill graduated in May 2016, and he is currently pursuing his MBA. The three-year team captain ranks among the top 10 active NCAA leaders in total offense. Hill holds BYU records for rushing yards (2,584) and rushing touchdowns (31) by

a quarterback, with his rushing yards total ranked sixth among all positions. For his career, the Pocatello, Idaho, native has completed 544 passes for 6,213 yards and 40 touchdowns.

The standout quarterback helped BYU to four consecutive bowl games, including a win in the 2012 Poinsettia Bowl. Hill had his best season in 2013, racking up 2,938 passing yards and 19 touchdowns while adding 1,344 rushing yards for 10 touchdowns. That year, College Sports Madness named him the Independent Offensive Player of the Year. Against Houston in 2013, Hill became one of just eight FBS quarterbacks ever to have more than 400 passing yards and 100 rushing yards in a single game.

Hill served his two-year Latter-Day Saints (LDS) mission in Australia. He previously interned with Pelion Venture Partners, a venture capital firm in Salt Lake City. Before this season, Hill changed his number to No. 7 to honor his older brother Dexter, who passed away earlier this year. BYU head coach Kalani Sitake called Hill “a great leader for our football team.”

## **RYAN JANVION, S - WAKE FOREST UNIVERSITY**

**Business and Enterprise Management – 3.53 GPA**

**Head Coach: Dave Clawson | Athletics Director: Ron Wellman**

**Faculty Athletics Representative: Peter Brubaker**

A true leader with exceptional talents both on and off the field, Ryan Janvion has made his mark as one of the most decorated defensive players in Wake Forest history. He makes history as the Demon Deacons’ first-ever NFF National Scholar-Athlete.

A two-time Academic All-District selection, Janvion is a three-time member of the ACC All-Academic Team and a three-time ACC Academic Honor Roll selection. The Pembroke Pines, Fla., native maintains a 3.53 GPA in business and enterprise management, and he plans to pursue an MBA.

A three-year team captain, Janvion is a four-year starter who led the team in tackles in both 2013 and 2014. In his 2014 campaign, he became the first sophomore at Wake Forest since 1992 to lead the team in tackles and collect more than 100 tackles in one season. The 2013 Honorable Mention All-ACC selection has amassed 322 career tackles, which is currently tied for 11th in the Demon Deacon record books. Janvion has also recorded 11.5 tackles for loss, two interceptions, two forced fumbles and four fumble recovering during his career in Winston-Salem.

Having numerous interests off the field, Janvion is a four-year member of the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee, and he plays the saxophone for the Athletes-in-Action Worship Team. He serves as a board member for the Santa’s Helper initiative; participated in “Brenner Deacs” at Brenner Children’s Hospital; and greeted guests at the Wake Baptist Health Fair. Janvion has volunteered with Habitat for Humanity and Project H.O.P.E (Help Our People Eat). He assisted at a football camp for kids with autism, and he was featured in a public service announcement for the United Way.

## **ZAY JONES, WR - EAST CAROLINA UNIVERSITY**

**Communications – 3.56 GPA**

**Head Coach: Scottie Montgomery | Athletics Director: Jeff Compher**

**Faculty Athletics Representative: Cal Christian**

Zay Jones' remarkable accomplishments rank him among the most decorated student-athletes in East Carolina history. One of only two Pirates ever with more than 3,000 receiving yards, he becomes the first NFF National Scholar-Athlete in school annals.

A 2014 First Team Academic All-District selection, Jones is a two-time member of the American Athletic Conference All-Academic Team. Boasting a 3.56 GPA as a communications major, the Austin, Texas, native is also a two-time Conference USA Commissioner's Honor Roll selection and a six-time ECU Director of Athletics Honor Roll member.

A two-year team captain, Jones ranks second in Pirates history with 355 career receptions and 3,627 yards. His 19 career receiving touchdowns are also in the top five at East Carolina, and he has 29 career kickoff returns for 598 yards. A three-year letterman, Jones was named a 2015 Second Team All-AAC honoree and ECU's Team MVP. After helping the Pirates to consecutive bowl berths, including a victory in the 2013 Beef 'O' Brady's Bowl, he earned the 2014 Rock Rock Roggeman Heart-of-the-Pirate Award as the team's most inspirational player. As a freshman, he was named ECU Player of the Year for receiving and was a member of the C-USA All-Freshman Team. This season, Jones currently leads the American Athletic Conference with 14.2 receptions per game and 136.8 receiving yards per game, and his 1,094 receiving yards are the second-most in the FBS.

Jones has devoted more than 75 hours of community service during his career, including work with Aces for Autism, SportWorks Ministries, Ronald McDonald House, Maynard Children's Hospital, National Food Bank, Dwayne Harris Football Camp and ECU Ladies Football Clinic. He has also participated in on-campus trash pick-ups, blood drives and elementary school visits, and he served as co-master of ceremonies for the 2015 ECU Goldspys (ECU's version of the ESPYs). Jones' father, **Robert**, was a First Team All-American for the Pirates.

## **COOPER RUSH, QB - CENTRAL MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY**

**Actuarial Science – 3.86 GPA**

**Head Coach: John Bonamego | Athletics Director: Dave Heeke**

**Faculty Athletics Representative: Kevin Love**

Already pursuing his MBA, Cooper Rush has made a name for himself in the Central Michigan record books equal to his outstanding classroom performance. The two-year team captain is the second NFF National Scholar-Athlete in school history.

A 2014 Second Team Academic All-American, Rush graduated in May with a 3.86 GPA in actuarial science. The Charlotte, Mich., native is a three-time Academic All-MAC selection and was named a 2014-15 MAC Distinguished Scholar-Athlete.

Starting almost every game of his Chippewa career, Rush ranks second all-time at Central Michigan in career passing yards (11,887), completions (931) and passing touchdowns (88). The 2015 Second Team All-MAC performer threw for 3,848 passing yards as a junior, setting the single-season school record and ranking second in the conference. The 2015 team MVP led the Chippewas to the 2015 Quick Lane Bowl and the 2014 Bahamas Bowl, where he set an NCAA bowl record with seven passing touchdowns. As a sophomore, Rush was second in the MAC with 27 passing touchdowns, and he recorded the second-longest touchdown pass in school history (97 yards) against New Hampshire as a freshman in 2013.

This season, Rush has twice been named MAC Offensive Player of the Week and Manning Star of the Week, most notably after leading the Chippewas to an upset of then-No. 22 Oklahoma State on a last-second Hail Mary. He currently ranks 10th in the FBS with 2,533 passing yards and is tied for 12th in the FBS with 21 passing touchdowns. Off the field, Rush has participated in activities with the Special Olympics and the United Way.

## **KARTER SCHULT, DL - UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN IOWA**

**Movement & Exercise Science – 3.87 GPA**

**Head Coach: Mark Farley | Athletics Director: David Harris**

**Faculty Athletics Representative: Elaine Eshbaugh**

An All-American on and off the field, Karter Schult exemplifies what it means to be an exceptional scholar-athlete. The team captain becomes the second NFF National Scholar-Athlete in Northern Iowa history.

A 2015 First Team Academic All-American and Academic All-District selection, Schult maintains a 3.87 GPA in movement & exercise science. The Tripoli, Iowa, native is a two-time recipient of the Missouri Valley Football Conference President's Academic Excellence Award. Schult was a 2015 First Team Academic All-MVFC selection, a four-time MVFC Honor Roll member and a three-time MVFC Commissioner's Academic Excellence Award recipient.

A 2015 Second Team All-American and first team all-conference selection, Schult led UNI to the 2015 FCS quarterfinals and to the second round of the playoffs in 2014. He is the Panthers' career (48), single-season (23 in 2015) and single-game (5.5 vs. Montana, 2016) leader in tackles for loss, and he ranks fourth all-time with 30.5 career sacks. As a junior, Schult led the MVFC in sacks and tackles for loss, ranking him seventh and 15<sup>th</sup> in the FCS, respectively. This season, he currently leads the FCS with 10.5 sacks, and he leads the MVFC with 16 tackles for loss. Second on the Panthers with 53 tackles in 2016, Schult led them to an upset over FBS opponent Iowa State earlier this year.

Schult is an avid volunteer with the Cedar Valley Boys and Girls Club, working 30-plus hours with the organization and helping kids with reading comprehension and sports. He has volunteered as a mentor at Bremwood Correctional Facility and helped with UNI Dance Marathon to benefit the Children's Miracle Network. He served as a volunteer coach for area football and baseball teams and assisted with Northeast Iowa Special Olympics.

## **TYLER SULLIVAN, QB - DELTA STATE UNIVERSITY (MISS.)**

**Biology – 3.68 GPA**

**Head Coach: Todd Cooley | Athletics Director: Ronnie Mayers**

**Faculty Athletics Representative: Cooper Johnson**

A former Harlon Hill Trophy finalist, Tyler Sullivan matches his extraordinary on field accomplishments with an academic record that is equally impressive. Boasting a 3.68 GPA as a biology major with a minor in chemistry, the medical school candidate becomes the third NFF National Scholar-Athlete from Delta State (Miss.).

A three-time Academic All-District selection, Sullivan was a member of the 2014 Academic All-Gulf South Conference Team. The Louisville, Miss., native is a member of the Mississippi Rural Physicians Scholarship Program, and he was the recipient of the Mary Camille Carunchio and Hollingsworth scholarships. Sullivan has been inducted into the Phi Theta Kappa honor society, and he is a three-time Dean's List selection.

A Third Team All-American and two-time Second Team All-GSC performer, Sullivan was a finalist for the 2014 Harlon Hill Trophy as the best player in Division II. That year, he led the conference in passing average and total offense while leading the Statesmen to the second round of the Division II Playoffs. For his efforts in 2014, Sullivan was named a GSC Commissioner's Top 10 athlete, and he was selected to the All-Super Region II First Team. The 2013 GSC Freshman of the Year ranks second all-time in Delta State history in career passing yards (9,175) and yards of total offense (9,684). Sullivan boasts three of the top five single-game passing performances in school history, including a single-game record 520 against Valdosta State (Ga.) in 2013. In addition to his 76 career passing touchdowns, he has rushed for 527 yards and 17 touchdowns.

Constantly giving back, Sullivan participated in two medical mission trips to Haiti, and he is a two-time Student Athlete Advisory Committee representative. The two-year member of the football team's unity council helped with tornado relief efforts in 2014, and he is a speaker for the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. He has also participated in reading programs at local schools and volunteered at a soup kitchen.

## **ZACH TERRELL, QB - WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY**

**Finance – 3.66 GPA**

**Head Coach: P.J. Fleck | Athletics Director: Kathy Beauregard**

**Faculty Athletics Representative: Lisa DeChano-Cook**

Described by head coach **P.J. Fleck** as “the best young man I’ve ever been around,” Zach Terrell graduated cum laude in 3.5 years while leading one of the MAC's best offenses. The three-year captain becomes Western Michigan's second NFF National Scholar-Athlete.

Terrell is currently pursuing his MBA after graduating with a 3.66 GPA in finance last December. A two-time Academic All-MAC selection, he was twice named a MAC Distinguished Scholar-Athlete, and he is a six-time member of the Dean's List. The Fort Wayne, Ind., native was the 2015 recipient of the John Gill Scholar-Athlete Award.

The two-time All-MAC quarterback earned Third Team honors in 2015 and Second Team laurels in 2014. Western Michigan's all-time leader in career completion percentage, Terrell led the Broncos to consecutive bowl berths, including the first bowl victory in school history at the 2015 Bahamas Bowl. Boasting the top two single-season completion percentages in Western Michigan history, he ranks third in school annals for career passing yards (10,566), passing touchdowns (83) and completions (796). As a junior, Terrell was seventh in the FBS and second in the MAC in quarterback efficiency, and he led the MAC in completion percentage as a sophomore. This season, Terrell leads the MAC's No. 1 scoring offense (44.4 points per game), which currently ranks sixth in the FBS, and he has guided the Broncos to their first-ever ranking in the AP Poll. His 20 touchdown passes are 14th in the FBS, and he is second in the MAC in passing efficiency (183.1). Terrell has twice been named the MAC Scholar-Athlete of the Week in 2016.

A stalwart in the community, Terrell was named to the 2016 AFCA Good Works Team. He has received multiple awards for his service, including the 2014-15 WMU Community Service Award, 2014 Idaho Potato Bowl Humanitarian Award and 2014 WMU Coxswain Spring Leadership Award. Terrell led a mission trip to the Dominican Republic; serves as a leader in the Fellowship of Christian Athletes; and mentors students at Tree of Life. A Special Olympics volunteer, he has volunteered for MLK day of service; visited kids at Bronson Children's Hospital; and participated in the Project Incentive Christmas program. Terrell has also served food at shelters; volunteered at football camps; and donated his time as a guest speaker for various organizations.

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