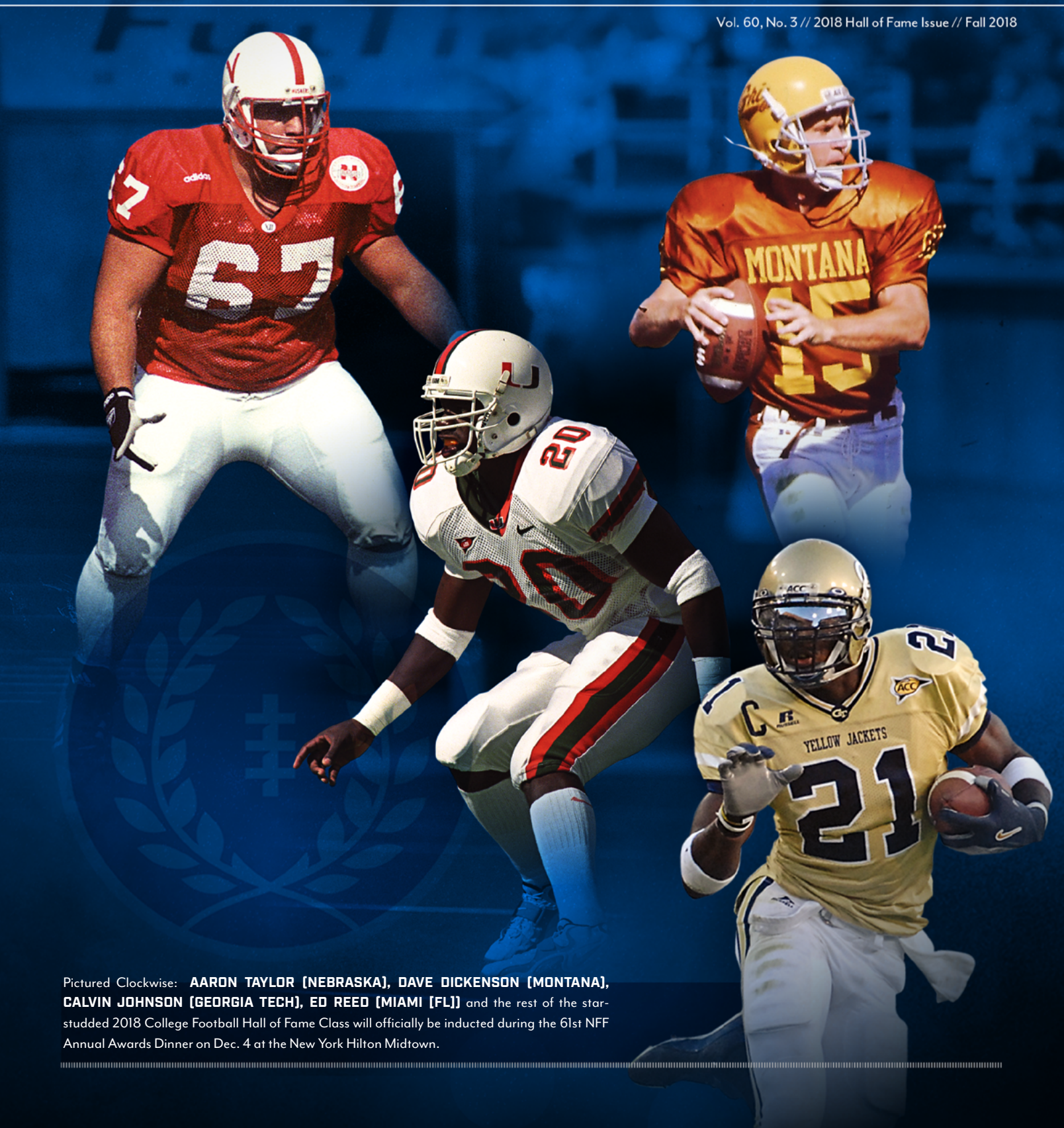
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Pictured Clockwise: **AARON TAYLOR (NEBRASKA), DAVE DICKENSON (MONTANA), CALVIN JOHNSON (GEORGIA TECH), ED REED (MIAMI (FL))** and the rest of the star-studded 2018 College Football Hall of Fame Class will officially be inducted during the 61st NFF Annual Awards Dinner on Dec. 4 at the New York Hilton Midtown.



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COLLEGE FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME

NFF KEY DATES

- **Aug. 22-25, 2018** – Second Annual Campbell Trophy® Summit, sponsored by Intuit Inc., at Stanford University – Stanford, Calif.
- **Sept. 26, 2018** – Announcement of the semifinalists for the 2018 William V. Campbell Trophy® – Via Press Release
- **Oct. 31, 2018** – Announcement of the 2018 William V. Campbell Trophy® finalists, who comprise the 2018 NFF National Scholar-Athlete Class – Via Press Release
- **Dec. 3, 2018** – Ivy League's Asa S. Bushnell Cup Announcement, presented by the Pasadena Tournament of Roses, at the New York Hilton Midtown – New York City
- **Dec. 4, 2018** – 61st NFF Annual Awards Dinner at the New York Hilton Midtown, including the induction of the 2018 College Football Hall of Fame Class and the 29th presentation of The William V. Campbell Trophy® – New York City
- **Dec. 5, 2018** – Campbell Trophy® Luncheon at the New York Athletic Club – New York City
- **Jan. 7, 2019** – Announcement of the 2019 College Football Hall of Fame Class prior to College Football Playoff National Championship – Santa Clara, Calif.
- **Jan. 7, 2019** – College Football Playoff National Championship at Levi's® Stadium – Santa Clara, Calif.

ABOUT THE NFF

Founded in 1947 with early leadership from General Douglas MacArthur, legendary Army coach Earl "Red" Blaik and immortal journalist Grantland Rice, The National Football Foundation & College Hall of Fame is a non-profit educational organization that runs programs designed to use the power of amateur football in developing scholarship, citizenship and athletic achievement in young people.

With 120 chapters and 12,000 members nationwide, NFF programs include its Football Matters campaign, the Chick-fil-A College Football Hall of Fame in Atlanta, The William V. Campbell Trophy®, annual scholarships of more than $1.3 million and a series of initiatives to honor the legends of the past and inspire the leaders of the future. Learn more at www.footballfoundation.org.

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PRESIDENT AND CEO'S MESSAGE

FROM STEVE HATCHELL



Welcome to the latest issue of the Footballetter. We hope that you are excited for the 2018 college football season, which will undoubtedly produce countless memories for fans and valuable life experiences for the student-athletes. Last year notched another impressive set of accomplishments for the National Football Foundation & College Hall of Fame, and we continue to reach new heights in promoting the good in the game.

The NFF has launched Football Matters®, an unprecedented cross-platform media campaign to celebrate the positive impact the game has made on millions of players and countless communities nationwide. The campaign underscores the NFF's mission to use the power of amateur football to advance scholarship, citizenship and athletic achievement, and it will benefit from the coordinated support of the entire football community. You can learn more about the campaign in this edition, and be sure to visit FootballMatters.com and follow on Facebook (@FootballMatters), Twitter (@FootballMatters) and Instagram (@FootballMatters).

Inside this magazine, we take a look at the 2018 College Football Hall of Fame Class, which will be inducted during the 61st NFF Annual Awards Dinner on Dec. 4 at the New York Hilton Midtown. The Awards Dinner will also feature the presentation of The William V. Campbell Trophy® to the top football scholar-athlete in the nation and the recognition of the NFF Major Award recipients. The semifinalists and finalists for the Campbell Trophy® will be announced in September and October, respectively, and the Major Award recipients who have been announced are profiled in the following pages.

On Jan. 7, we will continue the tradition of announcing the next College Football Hall of Fame class as part of the festivities surrounding the College Football Playoff (CFP) National Championship, which will take place this season in Santa Clara, Calif. This year will mark the fifth year of the tradition, and we want to thank CFP Executive Director Bill Hancock and his staff for their continued support.

This issue of the Footballetter also contains many other stories that highlight our efforts and the leaders who have supported us, including tributes to Jeff Cooney and Mike Slive, two key NFF board members who passed away this year; the schedule for the 2018 Hall of Fame On-Campus Salutes, presented by Fidelity Investments; the presentation of the MacArthur Bowl to Nick Saban and the 2017 National Champion Alabama Crimson Tide; a feature on the seven new college football programs launching this season; a look at the record-breaking 12th year of the NFF Hampshire Honor Society; and a look at the continued success of the NFF Senior High School Showcases.

As you read the Footballetter, we encourage you to remember the valuable role football has played in your life, and we ask you to think about how you can give back to our sport. This organization is yours. Reach out to us with your ideas. Connect with your local chapter. Get involved. Click here to become a member, and be sure to share the link with friends. Thank you for your continued support, passion, creativity and interest.

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Steve Hatchell
NFF President and CEO

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61ST NFF ANNUAL AWARDS DINNER

DECEMBER 4 IN NEW YORK CITY



Throughout the football season, records are broken, titles are won, and champions are made, but perhaps the most bountiful memories are supplied by the magnetic NFF Annual Awards Dinner. Since 1958, more than 1,600 of the game's most enthusiastic supporters have gathered each year to witness this showcase and honor those who embody the spirit of the game. This black-tie affair is a homecoming for the football fraternity, as the audience is graced with former and current coaches, Hall of Famers from yesteryear and generous supporters of the foundation and its mission.

The 61st NFF Annual Awards Dinner will take place Dec. 4, 2018, at the New York Hilton Midtown in New York City. The annual celebration will provide the stage for the induction of the 2018 College Football Hall of Fame Class; the presentation of the 2018 NFF National Scholar-Athlete Awards; the bestowing of the 29th NFF William V. Campbell Trophy® to the nation's top football scholar-athlete; and the presentation of the NFF Major Awards.

The 2018 College Football Hall of Fame Class is composed of Trevor Cobb (Rice), Kerry Collins (Penn State), Dave Dickenson (Montana), Dana Howard (Illinois), Calvin Johnson (Georgia Tech), Paul Palmer (Temple), Ed Reed (Miami [Fla.]), Matt Stinchcomb (Georgia), Aaron Taylor (Nebraska), Charles Woodson (Michigan) and coaches Frank Beamer (Murray State, Virginia Tech), Mack Brown (Appalachian State, Tulane, North Carolina, Texas) and Mel Tjeerdsma (Austin College [Texas], Northwest Missouri State).

The 2018 NFF Major Award recipients include retiring Yale athletics director Thomas Beckett and Harvard athletics director Bob Scalise (NFF John L. Toner Award co-recipients for excellence in athletics administration) and longtime voice of the Texas A&M Aggies Dave South (NFF Chris Schenkel Award for excellence in broadcasting).

On Oct. 31, the NFF will announce the members of the 2018 NFF National Scholar-Athlete Class, who will vie as finalists for the William V. Campbell Trophy®. They will be honored at the NFF Annual Awards Dinner on Dec. 4, where one will be named the recipient of the Campbell Trophy® as the nation's top football scholar-athlete.

For more information on how to attend or to purchase tickets, please call 972-556-1000 or contact Director of External Relations, Will Rudd, at wrudd@footballfoundation.com.

61ST NFF ANNUAL AWARDS DINNER

December 4, 2018
New York Hilton Midtown
New York City, N.Y.

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REMEMBERING TWO NFF FAMILY MEMBERS

JEFF COONEY
College of the Holy Cross
Oct. 25, 1957 – Feb. 12, 2018

- *NFF Board Member, 2001-10*
- *Creative director and co-owner, EUE/Screen Gems*
- *Award-winning filmmaker*
- *Former Holy Cross wide receiver*



Jeff Cooney, who served on the National Football Foundation (NFF) Board of Directors from 2001 to 2010 and the creative director/co-owner of EUE/Screen Gems, died Feb. 12. He was 60.

In the fall of 2001, Cooney, a former Division I-A college receiver at Holy Cross and an award-winning filmmaker, was hired to make a film about Play It Smart, the NFF's highly successful mentoring program for at-risk student-athletes. While directing the 30-minute award-winning documentary, Cooney fell in love with the program, and he decided that he would fully fund a local school at $25,000 a year in Westchester County, New York where he grew up playing quarterback for Bronxville High School. Cooney funded the Mount Vernon program for many years, and he developed a close relationship with many of the coaches and student-athletes.

"Play It Smart gives me an opportunity to get close to the youth in our community," said Cooney in 2007 after having funded the program for five years . "Usually you're sitting in the stands or watching kids on TV. Through Play It Smart, I am really able to get close to these kids and the community and what's going on in their lives. I see the development in the character of the kids."

Cooney most recently served as the executive producer of the Emmy-nominated National Geographic "Genius" series on Albert Einstein as well as the upcoming feature in the series, "Picasso." Cooney had been struggling with intense pain associated with small fiber neuropathy.

A director and producer, Cooney started his life in front of the camera as a child actor for Cream of Wheat, and he appeared in more than 50 national television commercials. His father, George Cooney, was a Columbia Pictures executive prior to purchasing EUE/Screen Gems in 1982. Jeff Cooney, the oldest of four children, served as executive producer and creative director at a division called EUE/Sokolow focused on content development.

After graduation from Holy Cross, Jeff started his own production company with a desire to work as a director. Jeff later joined EUE/Screen Gems as a principal and director. Over the next 30 years, Jeff would travel the globe directing commercials for clients such as UPS, Coca-Cola, Nestlé, KFC and Visa.

In 2010, Cooney and television producer Sam Sokolow founded EUE/Sokolow to develop, produce and sell programming.

EUE/Sokolow has worked on numerous projects for networks that include HBO, ABC and NBC as well as National Geographic. The company has attracted top talent, developing projects with Kurt Russell, Josh Lucas and Lisa Ling, directors such as Linda Mendoza and showrunners such as Caryn Lucas, John Lehr, Nancy Hower and Blair Singer.

MIKE SLIVE
Dartmouth College
July 26, 1940 – May 16, 2018

- *NFF Board Member, 2007-18*
- *SEC Commissioner, 2002-15*
- *Conference USA/Great Midwest Conference Commissioner, 1991-2002*
- *Cornell athletics director, 1981-83*
- *2015 NFF Legacy Award*



Former SEC Commissioner and 2015 NFF Legacy Award recipient Mike Slive passed away May 16, 2018, in Birmingham, Alabama, at the age of 77. Slive joined the NFF Board of Directors in 2007 and was an emeritus member at the time of his passing.

"Mike Slive left a far-reaching legacy on college athletics, and his contributions will benefit student-athletes for many years to come," said NFF Chairman Archie Manning. "The NFF was extremely fortunate to have him on our board, and he lent an enormous amount of credibility to our efforts to promote the benefits of college football. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends. He will be missed."

Under Slive's leadership from 2002-15, the SEC enjoyed unprecedented success, claiming seven consecutive Bowl Championship Series (BCS) national titles in football. In all, the SEC won 81 national championships in 17 of its 21 sponsored sports during his tenure as commissioner.

He led the adoption of a new and effective league-wide NCAA compliance initiative; engineered landmark television contracts, including the launch of the SEC Network; and guided the conference through expansion, welcoming Texas A&M and Missouri. Slive also played a key leadership role in launching the new College Football Playoff in 2014.

Slive graduated from Dartmouth with a bachelor of arts degree in 1962, and he earned his J.D. from the University of Virginia School of Law in 1965. After earning his master of laws from the Georgetown University Law Center in 1966, he returned to New Hampshire to begin his legal career.

Slive served as assistant director of athletics at Dartmouth (1968-69), as a judge of the Hanover District Court (1972-77) and as assistant executive director of the Pac-10 Conference (1979-81). He then became the director of athletics at Cornell (1981-83) and was later a partner in a Chicago law firm.

In 1991, Slive founded and became the first commissioner of the Great Midwest Conference, which subsequently under his leadership merged with the Metro Conference in 1995 to create Conference USA. He served as the first commissioner of Conference USA until July 1, 2002, when he became the seventh commissioner of the SEC.

As part of his role as the SEC Commissioner, he served as the coordinator of the BCS for the 2006 and 2007 seasons.

Slive was appointed by President George W. Bush to the Commission on Athletic Opportunity in 2002, and he served as a member or chair of multiple NCAA committees.

As a prostate cancer survivor, Slive founded the Mike Slive Foundation for Prostate Cancer Research upon his retirement. The Mike Slive Foundation's mission is to raise awareness about prostate cancer and generate funding for prostate cancer research to eradicate the disease.

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NFF'S CAMPAIGN TO CELEBRATE THE POSITIVE IMPACT OF FOOTBALL

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In February of 2018, the National Football Foundation (NFF) launched a breakthrough initiative called Football Matters® with one goal in mind — to highlight the good of the game, and celebrate its positive impact on millions of players, coaches, administrators, volunteers and fans nationwide.

The focus of Football Matters® spans from youth football to the NFL, and encompasses all those affiliated with every level of the sport. It aims to shine a light on the positive stories from the world of football that go untold every day, and to promote the core values football instills in all who participate.

Football is woven into the fabric of America. It unifies communities, teaches life skills that yield successful adults, and enables opportunities through academic scholarships. There are now 778 colleges and universities across the country fielding football teams, providing opportunities for 81,000 college football players. At the high school level, more than 1.1 million student-athletes play football at 16,659 schools, and that does not even include all of the private schools that offer the game. Football has established itself as an important part of the development of our next generation of leaders.



Hall of Fame quarterback **TROY AIKMAN** provided Football Matters® an insightful description of why the game does matter and the relationships he developed because of football.



Football Matters® had an exclusive interview about the game with country music superstar **KENNY CHESNEY**, as they explored the impact of his time on the gridiron and how it has shaped his music career.

FOOTBALL MATTERS®

NFF'S CAMPAIGN TO CELEBRATE THE POSITIVE IMPACT OF FOOTBALL

"Football Matters® has been highlighting the many benefits that football brings to communities, schools, families, and individuals and the opportunities it provides young men who play the game," said NFF President & CEO Steve Hatchell. "Football unites people. Think of the communities across the country that come together on Friday nights in the fall to cheer on their hometown team or on Saturdays to cheer on their college teams. Think of the people from different backgrounds who seem to have nothing in common, yet discover that they share a devotion for their favorite team. Football gives them a common bond."

Every day, thousands of fans nationwide consume and engage with Football Matters® content via its website (footballmatters.com), or its Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter accounts (@FootballMatters). This year, Football Matters® uncovered a girls' tackle football league in Utah that is not only creating equal opportunities to play, but also giving girls a sense of confidence they never knew they had. It met a group of "Football Moms" in Mansfield, Texas, who have rallied the football community to support a coach and parent diagnosed with cancer. And it was on-site at the NFL Draft, chatting with first-round picks and meeting fans from all 32 NFL markets. These are just three of the hundreds of stories the campaign has told and will continue to tell over time.

Football Matters® also underscores the NFF's mission to use the power of amateur football to advance scholarship, citizenship and athletic achievement. It will benefit from the coordinated support of the entire football community.

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LEARNING EXPERIENCES

NFF Chairman Archie Manning credits football with teaching him many life skills he still relies upon today.

"Football taught me so much," said the Hall of Fame quarterback from Ole Miss. "On and off the field, it teaches teamwork, goal-setting, how to overcome obstacles and the importance of hard work."

Manning – the father of two successful quarterbacks, Peyton and Eli – also stressed the role football plays in millions of families across the country. "Entire families get involved," he added. "It's not just for the players, but also those in the band, the members of the cheerleading and pep squads, support personnel, and, of course, the parents, grandparents and other family members who come to the games to watch with pride."

Football instills pride in its fans, whether it's for a school, town, university or even an entire state. It gives people a sense of common purpose and of being a part of something bigger.

CAMPAIGN COMPONENTS

In addition to highlighting the many benefits of the game, a Football Matters® PSA can be seen in high schools and colleges throughout the country, as well as on select TV networks and their digital streaming services this season.

Over time, and as Football Matters® evolves, it plans to introduce a "Mom's Network," serving not only the parents of players, but also of band members, cheerleaders, drill team members, pep squad members, and athletic trainers. A "Coaches Channel" will also be created to celebrate the profession through sharing stories of coaches inspiring and influencing young people nationwide.



Preacher and former Miami Hurricanes linebacker **DERRICK GOLDEN**, the only non-starting captain on the Canes' 1991 National Championship team, discussed the lessons he learned on the field that he still applies to this day.



Football Matters® featured Utah Girls Football League founder **CRYSTAL SACCO**, whose work has not only opened opportunities for girls on the field but has empowered them off the field, too.


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TREVOR COBB



KERRY COLLINS



DAVE DICKENSON



DANA HOWARD



CALVIN JOHNSON



PAUL PALMER



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MATT STINCHCOMB

During the 61st NFF Annual Awards Dinner on Dec. 4, 2018, 10 First-Team All-America players and three legendary coaches will take their places in the College Football Hall of Fame alongside the greatest of all time. Of the 5.26 million individuals who have played college football since Princeton first battled Rutgers on Nov. 6, 1869, only 1,214 champions of the gridiron (997 players and 217 coaches, including this year's class) have earned the right to be immortalized in the sport's ultimate shrine. In other words, only two one-hundredths of a percent (.02%) of those who have played the game have earned the distinction.

HALL OF FAME CLASS OF 2018

INTRODUCING THE HONOREES



AARON TAYLOR



CHARLES WOODSON



COACH FRANK BEAMER



COACH MACK BROWN



COACH MEL TJEERDSMA

2018 CLASS BY THE NUMBERS

1
- NFF William V. Campbell Trophy® Winner
- Coach with highest winning percentage in school history
- Heisman Trophy winner
- School with first-ever Hall of Fame player

2
- NFF National Scholar-Athletes
- Coaches with most wins in school history

4
- National Championships coached

5
- Consensus First Team All-Americans
- Members of conference championship teams

6
- First-round NFL Draft picks
- National Championships won as players
- Unanimous First Team All-Americans

7
- College football major award winners
- Conference Players of the Year
- Multi-year First Team All-Americans
- Players currently holding school records

16
- Playoff appearances by coaches

19
- Conference Coach of the Year honors

24
- Bowl victories by coaches

25
- Conference championships coached

108
- First Team All-Americans coached

2018 COLLEGE FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME CLASS

PLAYERS

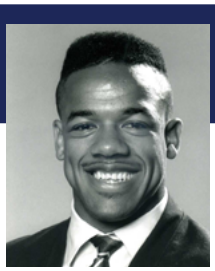
- **TREVOR COBB** – RB, Rice (1989-92)
- **KERRY COLLINS** – QB, Penn State (1991-94)
- **DAVE DICKENSON** – QB, Montana (1992-95)
- **DANA HOWARD** – LB, Illinois (1991-94)
- **CALVIN JOHNSON** – WR, Georgia Tech (2004-06)
- **PAUL PALMER** – RB, Temple (1983-86)
- **ED REED** – DB, Miami (FL) (1998-2001)
- **MATT STINCHCOMB** – OT, Georgia (1995-98)
- **AARON TAYLOR** – C/OG, Nebraska (1994-97)
- **CHARLES WOODSON** – DB, Michigan (1995-97)

COACHES

- **FRANK BEAMER** – 280-144-4 (65.9%); Murray State (1981-86), Virginia Tech (1987-2015)
- **MACK BROWN** – 244-122-1 (66.6%); Appalachian State (1983), Tulane (1985-87), North Carolina (1988-97), Texas (1998-2013)
- **MEL TJEERDSMA** – 242-82-4 (74.4%); Austin College (TX) (1984-93), Northwest Missouri State (1994-2010)

HALL OF FAME CLASS OF 2018

INDUCTEE PROFILES



TREVOR COBB

Rice University • Running Back • 1989-92

Holding nearly every rushing record in Rice history, Trevor Cobb cemented his name among the all-time greats when he took home the 1991 Doak Walker Award as the best running back in the nation. He becomes the seventh Owl player to enter the College Football Hall of Fame.

A consensus First Team All-American in 1991, Cobb became the first Owl to win one of college football's major individual awards when he received the Doak Walker Award. A finalist for the award again as a senior, he went on to be named the 1992 Southwest Conference Offensive Player of the Year and Male Athlete of the Year (across all sports) after leading Rice to its first winning season in 30 years.

A three-time all-conference selection, he completed his career ranked second on the SWC career rushing list, with 4,948 yards, which ranked eighth on the NCAA career list at the time and now ranks 24th in NCAA history.

Cobb became the first Owl and fourth SWC player to rush for more than 1,000 yards in three consecutive seasons, and he holds the top three season totals in school history, capped by his 1,692 yards in 1991. Cobb's other conference career records include all-purpose yards (6,512), rushing attempts (1,091) and 200-yard games in a season (6).

He also set 17 school records, including season and career marks for rushing attempts (306/1,091), career rushing touchdowns (38) and career 100-yard games (24). The recipient of the 1992 SWC American Spirit Award for achievement on and off the field, Cobb held Rice's season and career scoring marks until 2008.

After his collegiate career, Cobb played in the 1993 Senior Bowl and the East-West Shrine Game and had a stint in the NFL with the Kansas City Chiefs and the Chicago Bears. The Houston native also played for the Amsterdam Admirals of NFL Europe in 1996.

As the director of his non-profit, Trevor Cobb's Helping Hands in Houston, he participates in numerous civic events and mentors young athletes to be well-rounded and educated while promoting young people's understanding and attitudes toward those with special needs.

A member of the State of Texas Sports and the Southwest Conference halls of fame, Cobb was selected as a 2017 "Honor Jersey" at Rice where a member of the current team wore No. 45 in his honor during the season. He returned to college and received his bachelor's degree in 2001.



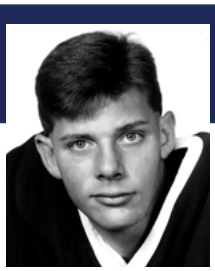
COBB: UP CLOSE

- Consensus First Team All-American and claimed Doak Walker Award in 1991.
- 1992 SWC Player of the Year led team to first winning season in 30 years.
- First Owl and fourth SWC player to rush for more than 1,000 yards in three consecutive seasons.
- Played for coach Fred Goldsmith.
- Becomes the seventh Owl player to enter the Hall.


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INDUCTEE PROFILES



KERRY COLLINS

Penn State University • Quarterback • 1991-94

One of the greatest quarterbacks in Penn State history, Kerry Collins guided one of the most prolific offenses college football has ever seen. His remarkable career culminated with consensus First Team All-America honors in 1994, and he now becomes the 18th Nittany Lion player to enter the College Football Hall of Fame.

The recipient of the 1994 Maxwell and Davey O'Brien awards, Collins also finished fourth in the Heisman voting following his stellar senior campaign. That season, he led Penn State to a perfect 12-0 record, its first-ever Big Ten title and the No. 2 final ranking. The 1994 Big Ten Offensive Player of the Year and Big Ten Silver Football Award recipient under College Football Hall of Fame coach Joe Paterno, Collins broke nine single-season school records that year and guided the Nittany Lions to a win over Oregon in the 1995 Rose Bowl.

Collins led the nation in passing efficiency in 1994 with a 172.9 rating, the fourth-highest all-time in a single season, while quarterbacking a prolific offense that led the nation in scoring and total offense. The 1994 First Team All-Big Ten selection led the conference in passing, passing efficiency and total offense while the Nittany Lions offensive unit broke seven conference records.

Overall, Collins quarterbacked Penn State to a 40-9 record and four straight bowl games during his time in Happy Valley, including an upset over No. 6 Tennessee in the 1994 Citrus Bowl that vaulted the Nittany Lions to a top 10 finish following the 1993 season. The 1994 team MVP and captain still holds the single-season school records for completion percentage (66.7) and pass efficiency (172.9).

The 1994 Chevrolet Offensive Player of the Year and UPI Back of the Year, Collins finished his career with 5,304 passing yards and 39 touchdowns, and both marks remain in the top 10 in school annals.

Collins was the fifth overall pick in the 1995 NFL Draft by the Carolina Panthers, becoming the team's first-ever draft pick. The two-time Pro Bowl selection played 17 years in the NFL with the Panthers, New Orleans Saints, New York Giants, Oakland Raiders, Tennessee Titans and Indianapolis Colts. In 2000, Collins led the Giants to the NFC championship and a berth in Super Bowl XXXV. The Lebanon, Pennsylvania, native ranks in the top 20 in NFL history in both career passing yards and completions.

Collins has continuously given back to the community, donating more than $2 million to charities through the Kerry Collins Foundation. Ever loyal to his alma mater, Collins donated $250,000 to permanently endow Penn State's quarterback position. Since his retirement from the NFL, Collins has owned a ranch in North Carolina and has dabbled in songwriting.



COLLINS: UP CLOSE

- 1994 consensus First Team All-American who claimed Maxwell and Davey O'Brien awards.
- Led Penn State to perfect 12-0 season, first-ever Big Ten title and No. 2 final ranking as a senior.
- Broke nine single-season school records and led team to four straight bowl games.
- Played for College Football Hall of Fame coach Joe Paterno.
- Becomes the 18th Nittany Lion player to enter the Hall.

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HALL OF FAME CLASS OF 2018

INDUCTEE PROFILES



DAVE DICKENSON

University of Montana • Quarterback • 1992-95

A Montana football legend, Dave Dickenson remains the Grizzlies' all-time leading passer and still holds 28 other school records. The two-time First Team All-American becomes the second player in school history to be inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame.

The recipient of the 1995 Walter Payton Award as the top player in the FCS, Dickenson led Montana to the FCS national title that year. In the championship game, he orchestrated a 12-play, 72-yard scoring drive that culminated with the game-winning field goal as part of a come-from-behind win over Marshall.

In four playoff games in 1995, Dickenson threw for 1,500 yards and 13 touchdowns, bringing his totals at the end of the season to 5,676 and 51, respectively. Although the NCAA did not recognize playoff statistics at the time, he completed the regular season with a school- and then-Big Sky Conference single-season record 4,176 passing yards.

Dickenson's 379.6 yards per game in 1995 rank fifth all-time in FCS history and still stand as a school and conference record. His record-setting senior season also extended off the field, where he was named an NFF National Scholar-Athlete and earned his third consecutive Academic All-America honors.

The three-time First Team All-Big Sky selection and Big Sky Offensive MVP led the Grizzlies to conference titles in 1993 and 1995, and he led the FCS in passing yards per game as a junior and senior. Dickenson finished third for the Walter Payton Award in 1994 and was an Honorable Mention All-American in 1993 after leading the team to the playoffs in both seasons.

A three-time team MVP, his school-record 11,080 career passing yards are sixth in conference history, and his 33 career wins remain a program best. A member of the University of Montana's Grizzly Sports Hall of Fame, Dickenson's No. 15 jersey is one of only two retired jerseys at the school. He was named the Big Sky Conference's greatest-ever male athlete in 2013.

After college, Dickenson played professionally for 12 seasons, most notably in the Canadian Football League for the Calgary Stampeders (1997-2000, 2008) and the BC Lions (2003-07). The 2015 CFL Hall of Fame inductee was the league's MVP in 2000, and he won three Grey Cups (1998, 2006, 2008).

After seven years as an assistant coach, Dickenson has served as head coach of the Calgary Stampeders since 2016, leading the team to two Grey Cup appearances in as many seasons and earning coach of the year honors after his first campaign.

Active in the community, Dickenson is heavily involved with the Special Olympics in Alberta and supports the Calgary Urban Project Society.



DICKENSON: UP CLOSE

- Two-time First Team All-American was named a 1995 NFF National Scholar-Athlete.
- 1995 Walter Payton Award recipient led Grizzlies to the FCS national title that season.
- Remains Montana's all-time leading passer (11,080 yards) and holds 28 other school records.
- Played for coach Don Read.
- Becomes the second Grizzly player to enter the Hall.

HALL OF FAME CLASS OF 2018

INDUCTEE PROFILES



DANA HOWARD

University of Illinois • Linebacker • 1991-94

A tackling machine during his time at Illinois, Dana Howard became the first player in school history to earn a major national award when he received the 1994 Butkus Award as the best linebacker in the nation. He becomes the 12th Fighting Illini player elected to the College Football Hall of Fame.

"I am so honored and humbled to be inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame Class of 2018," Howard said in an Illinois release after the announcement of the class in January. "I want to thank God for blessing me with the ability. I praise my mom and dad for always telling me there are no limits in life, only the ones you put on yourself. Thanks to my family and friends who have been there since day one. An extra special thanks to my wife, the Bonnie to my Clyde. Thanks to the city of East St. Louis — all 89 blocks."

A two-time First Team All-American, Howard earned unanimous honors as a senior in 1994. The two-time Big Ten Defensive Player of the Year remains Illinois' all-time leading tackler with 595 career stops, which was a Big Ten record at the end of his Fighting Illini tenure.

A four-time All-Big Ten honoree, Howard earned First Team recognition in his last three seasons after making the Second Team as a freshman. The 1994 team captain and two-time team MVP, he led Illinois in tackles all four seasons of his career, and all four marks still rank among the school's top 10 single-season tackling performances.

The East St. Louis, Illinois, native owns three of the Illini's top four spots for single-game solo tackles, including the record of 20 that he set against Ohio State during his freshman season.

Also ranked third in school history with eight career forced fumbles, Howard helped Illinois to three bowl berths, including a shutout win over East Carolina in the 1994 Liberty Bowl.

A fifth round selection by the Dallas Cowboys in the 1995 NFL Draft, Howard had stints with the St. Louis Rams and Chicago Bears. He also played for the Amsterdam Admirals in NFL Europe.

Howard is a member of several foundations in the East St. Louis area, including the Jackie Joyner-Kersee Foundation. An avid guest speaker, he also helps organize the City of Champions Football Classic to benefit the East St. Louis school district. Howard currently owns Zoie LLC DBA Dana Howard Construction Company based in Belleville, Illinois.



HOWARD: UP CLOSE

- Two-time First Team All-American, earning unanimous honors in 1994.
- Became first player in school history to earn a major national award – the 1994 Butkus Award.
- Two-time Big Ten Defensive Player of the Year remains Illinois' all-time leader in career tackles (595).
- Played for coaches John Mackovic and Lou Tepper.
- Becomes the 12th Fighting Illini player to enter the Hall.

HALL OF FAME CLASS OF 2018

INDUCTEE PROFILES



CALVIN JOHNSON

Georgia Tech • Wide Receiver • 2004-06



Arguably the greatest wide receiver in Georgia Tech history, Calvin Johnson rewrote the school record books and ended his career receiving the Biletnikoff Award as the top receiver in the nation. He is the 14th Yellow Jacket player to enter the Hall.

"Calvin Johnson is arguably the greatest wide receiver in Georgia Tech history and one of the best to ever play college football," said NFF President and CEO Steve Hatchell. "He made remarkable catch after remarkable catch for the Yellow Jackets, and his outstanding career has made him worthy of joining the College Football Hall of Fame."

One of just six Yellow Jackets to be a two-time First Team All-American, Johnson earned unanimous honors as a senior and became the first three-time First Team All-ACC selection in program history. The Tyrone, Georgia, native remains Georgia Tech's all-time career leader in receiving yards (2,927), touchdown receptions (28) and 100-yard receiving games (13).

Johnson's best year came in 2006 when he won the Biletnikoff Award and was named the ACC Player of the Year after leading the Yellow Jackets to the Coastal Division title. A team captain that season, he placed in the top 10 for the Heisman Trophy after setting single-season school records for receiving yards (1,202), touchdown receptions (15) and 100-yard receiving games (7).

The 2004 Freshman All-American and ACC Rookie of the Year helped Georgia Tech to three consecutive bowl games, including a win in the 2004 Champs Sports Bowl. A seven-time ACC Player of the Week, Johnson ranks 15th in conference history in career receiving yards and is tied for seventh in career touchdown receptions.

"Megatron" also sits in the top 10 in Georgia Tech annals in five other receiving categories, currently ranking second in both career and single-season receptions. He was elected to the Georgia Tech Sports Hall of Fame in 2016.

The second overall pick in the 2007 NFL Draft, Johnson spent his entire nine-year career with the Detroit Lions. The Lions' all-time leading receiver was a six-time Pro Bowl selection and owns the NFL record for single-season receiving yards.

Off the field, he founded the Calvin Johnson Jr. Foundation to help at-risk youth and provide financial assistance to community organizations. He is currently working as a private wide-receiver consultant, working with players at the high school, collegiate and professional levels, and he says he plans to return to college.

JOHNSON: UP CLOSE

- Two-time First Team All-American, earning unanimous honors and claiming the Biletnikoff Award in 2006.
- Became the first three-time First Team All-ACC selection in Georgia Tech history.
- Remains Yellow Jackets' all-time career leader in receiving yards (2,927) and touchdown receptions (28).
- Played for coach Chan Gailey.
- Becomes the 14th Yellow Jacket player to enter the Hall.

HALL OF FAME CLASS OF 2018

INDUCTEE PROFILES



PAUL PALMER

Temple University • Running Back • 1983-86

A unanimous First Team All-American in 1986, Paul Palmer was the most prolific running back in Temple history. He deservedly becomes the first Owls player to be inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame.

"The honor of earning admittance to the College Football Hall of Fame is overwhelming, and I can't thank the committee enough for both my nomination and selection," Palmer said in a Temple release when the class was announced in January. "I wouldn't be able to accept this honor without the contributions of my teammates, coaches and the entire Temple community."

The runner-up for the 1986 Heisman Trophy, Palmer led the nation in rushing yards (1,866), rushing yards per game (169.6), all-purpose yards (2,633) and all-purpose yards per game (239.4) that season. His all-purpose yards that season broke the NCAA record held by Hall of Famer Marcus Allen while his rushing yards were the ninth-highest FBS single-season total at the time.

Palmer also tied the NCAA record with 417 all-purpose yards against East Carolina in 1986, which still stands as a school single-game record, and his 349 rushing yards in the game were a Temple record until 2012. He ended his collegiate career by earning MVP honors in both the Blue-Gray Classic and the Hula Bowl.

A Second Team All-American in 1985, Palmer set 23 school records during his career and remains Temple's all-time leading rusher with 4,895 yards, the sixth-best career mark in FBS history when his career ended. He also remains the Owls' career leader in all-purpose yards (6,613), rushing attempts (935), 100-yard rushing games (21) and 200-yard rushing games (six).

The owner of the top two single-season rushing performances in school history, Palmer led Temple in rushing, scoring and all-purpose yards all four seasons of his career. The Owls were independent at the time, but he received multiple honors from the ECAC, including the 1986 ECAC Player of the Year, 1985 ECAC Offensive Player of the Year and 1983 ECAC Rookie of the Year.

The 19th overall selection in the 1987 NFL Draft by the Kansas City Chiefs, Palmer also had stints with the Detroit Lions, Dallas Cowboys and Cincinnati Bengals. He also played two seasons for the Barcelona Dragons of the World League of American Football.

The Potomac, Maryland, native was inducted into the Temple Football Hall of Fame in 2000. Palmer currently serves as the radio analyst for Temple football games.



PALMER: UP CLOSE

- Unanimous First Team All-American and Heisman Trophy runner-up in 1986.
- Led nation in rushing yards (1,866), rushing yards per game (169.6) and all-purpose yards (2,633) as a senior.
- Set 23 school records and remains Temple's all-time leading rusher (4,895 yards).
- Played for coach Bruce Arians.
- Becomes the first Owl player to enter the Hall.

HALL OF FAME CLASS OF 2018

INDUCTEE PROFILES



ED REED

University of Miami • Defensive Back • 1998-2001

One of the best defensive players in Miami history, Ed Reed twice earned First Team All-America honors while guiding the Hurricanes to a national championship. The St. Rose, Louisiana, native becomes the seventh player in school annals to be inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame.

A unanimous First Team All-American in 2001 and a consensus honoree in 2000, Reed led the Hurricanes to four consecutive bowl victories, ending his career with a perfect 12-0 record and a national championship after defeating Nebraska in the 2002 Rose Bowl. He also led Miami to a win over in-state rival Florida in the 2001 Sugar Bowl.

The 2001 Big East Defensive Co-Player of the Year led the Hurricanes to consecutive conference titles as a junior and senior. A finalist for the 2001 Jim Thorpe Award, Reed was a three-time All-Big East selection, earning first team honors his last two seasons after receiving second team laurels as a sophomore.

Reed's 21 career interceptions and 389 career interception return yards both stand as Miami and Big East records. The standout defensive back led the Hurricanes and the conference in interceptions in 2000 and 2001, posting four consecutive games with a pick in both seasons.

Reed also holds Miami's career record with four interceptions returned for touchdowns, and his 206 interception return yards in 2001 are a single-season conference record. Overall, he led the Hurricanes to an impressive 41-8 record in his four years at "The U."

Selected in the first round of the 2002 NFL Draft by the Baltimore Ravens, Reed played 11 seasons with the franchise before ending his career with the Houston Texans and New York Jets in 2013. The nine-time Pro Bowl selection led the Ravens to a championship in Super Bowl XLVII following the 2012 season. Reed is a member of the Baltimore Ravens Ring of Honor and the NFL All-Decade Team of the 2000s.

Off the field, he established the Ed Reed Foundation to help youth in underserved communities. He hosts charity golf tournaments and football camps while annually providing full Thanksgiving meals to approximately 600 families. Reed is a member of both the University of Miami Sports Hall of Fame and the Hurricanes' Ring of Honor.

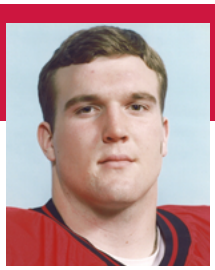


REED: UP CLOSE

- Twice earned First Team All-America honors (unanimous in 2001, consensus in 2000).
- Led Miami to four consecutive bowl victories, ending career with a national championship following the 2001 season.
- 2001 Big East Defensive Co-Player of the Year remains Hurricanes' all-time leader in career interceptions (21).
- Played for coaches Butch Davis and Larry Coker.
- Becomes the seventh Hurricane player to enter the Hall.

HALL OF FAME CLASS OF 2018

INDUCTEE PROFILES



MATT STINCHCOMB

University of Georgia • Offensive Tackle • 1995-98



Just the third College Football Hall of Fame inductee ever to have also claimed the NFF William V. Campbell Trophy®, Matt Stinchcomb built an athletics and academic record that made him one of the most decorated players in Georgia history. He is the 14th Bulldog player to enter the Hall.

A two-time First Team All-American, Stinchcomb earned consensus honors following his senior season in 1998. He led Georgia to a 19-5 record during his junior and senior campaigns with respective victories in the Outback and Peach Bowls.

Stinchcomb started 32 consecutive games for College Football Hall of Fame coach Jim Donnan's Bulldogs while also claiming the Jacobs Blocking Trophy as the SEC's most outstanding blocker in 1998. The senior team captain was a two-time First Team All-SEC selection in 1997 and 1998 and claimed second team honors as a sophomore.

A member of the UGA Circle of Honor and the Georgia-Florida Hall of Fame, Stinchcomb was named an SEC Legend in 2009 and was named to the SEC All-Decade Team for the 1990s.

In addition to winning the 1998 Campbell Trophy® as the top football scholar-athlete in the country, Stinchcomb twice claimed First Team Academic All-America honors, including being named the Academic All-American of the Year as a senior. His academic record and community leadership brought multiple honors, including an NCAA Top Eight Award and twice being named to the AFCA Good Works Team.

After graduating magna cum laude with a business degree, Stinchcomb was selected 18th overall by the Oakland Raiders in the 1999 NFL Draft. He played five seasons with the Raiders (1999-2003), helping the team win the AFC championship in 2002 and earn a trip to Super Bowl XXXVII. He retired in 2006 following two seasons with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers.

Following the NFL, Stinchcomb joined with his brother, Jon, a fellow NFF National Scholar-Athlete from Georgia, to form the Stinchcomb Family Foundation to support regional and national children's charities. He also serves as chairman of the Countdown to Kickoff Charities, the fundraising arm for pediatric healthcare philanthropies, among many other community activities.

An avid guest speaker, he currently serves as the director of the Atlanta branch of Seacrest Partners, a commercial insurance brokerage and consulting firm. During the college football season, Stinchcomb can be seen as a game analyst on the SEC Network.

STINCHCOMB: UP CLOSE

- Twice earned First Team All-America accolades, including consensus honors in 1998.
- Becomes third Campbell Trophy® recipient to enter the Hall.
- Claimed 1998 Jacobs Blocking Trophy as SEC's best blocker and was twice named first team all-conference.
- Played for College Football Hall of Fame coach Jim Donnan.
- Becomes the 14th Bulldog player to enter the Hall.

HALL OF FAME CLASS OF 2018

INDUCTEE PROFILES



AARON TAYLOR

University of Nebraska • Center/Offensive Guard • 1994-97



The only Nebraska player in history to earn All-America honors at two different positions, Aaron Taylor led the Huskers to three undefeated, national championship seasons. He becomes the 18th player from Nebraska to be inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame.

The two-time First Team All-American first earned consensus honors as a junior after making the switch to center at the beginning of the season. Taylor then moved back to his preferred position of left guard during his senior season when he claimed unanimous First Team All-America honors and the 1997 Outland Trophy as the most outstanding interior lineman in the nation.

In addition to the three national championships, the three-time first team all-conference selection led Nebraska to three conference titles (Big Eight - 1994, 1995; Big 12 - 1997), as well as a Big 12 North Division title in 1996. Taylor posted 337 career pancake blocks while leading the Huskers to an impressive 49-2 overall record and a perfect 30-0 conference mark in four years.

As a senior in 1997, Taylor led Nebraska to a perfect 13-0 record and the school's third national title in four years after defeating Tennessee in the Orange Bowl. That season, he posted a then-single-season school record 137 pancake blocks while anchoring an offensive unit that led the nation in total offense, rushing and scoring.

Taylor started every game of his junior season at center with the exception of the Orange Bowl win over Virginia Tech (started at left guard) as the team finished 11-2, giving him the only two losses during his four years in Lincoln.

He moved into a starting role as a sophomore in 1995, earning Third Team All-America honors while guiding the Huskers to a 12-0 season and a national title after defeating Florida in the Fiesta Bowl.

As a redshirt freshman in 1994, Taylor played in every game while helping the Huskers to a perfect 13-0 national championship season after a win over Miami (Florida) in the Orange Bowl.

Taylor was selected in the seventh round of the 1998 NFL Draft by the Indianapolis Colts, splitting the season between the Colts and Chicago Bears before retiring from the game.

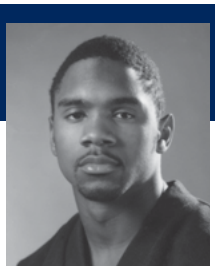
The Wichita Falls, Texas, native played for College Football Hall of Fame coach Tom Osborne during his time at Nebraska. Taylor has been named to the *Sports Illustrated* All-Century Team, Walter Camp All-Century Team, Nebraska All-Century Team and the Big 12 10th Anniversary Team. Currently a customer care manager for Union Pacific Railroad in Omaha, Nebraska, he had his No. 67 jersey retired by the Huskers in 1998.

TAYLOR: UP CLOSE

- Only Nebraska player in history to earn All-America honors at two different positions (offensive guard and center).
- Claimed 1997 Outland Trophy while guiding Huskers to third undefeated national championship season in four years.
- Led team to three conference titles and an impressive 49-2 overall record in four seasons.
- Played for College Football Hall of Fame coach Tom Osborne.
- Becomes 18th Husker player to enter the Hall.

HALL OF FAME CLASS OF 2018

INDUCTEE PROFILES



CHARLES WOODSON

University of Michigan • Defensive Back • 1995-97



The only primarily defensive player to ever win the Heisman Trophy, Charles Woodson guided Michigan to a national championship during one of the best careers in college football history. He becomes the 31st Wolverine player to be inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame.

A two-time First Team All-American, Woodson earned unanimous honors after his remarkable 1997 season — the same year he claimed the Heisman, Walter Camp Award, Bronko Nagurski Trophy, Chuck Bednarik Award and Jim Thorpe Award. His versatility was on full display that season as he finished second nationally with eight interceptions while also scoring as a rusher, receiver and punt returner.

The two-time Big Ten Defensive Player of the Year led the Wolverines to the 1997 conference title after a win against archrival Ohio State in which he scored on a 78-yard punt return, intercepted a pass in the end zone and caught a 37-yard pass for Michigan's only offensive touchdown. Woodson and the Wolverines would wrap up their perfect 12-0 national championship season with a win over Washington State in the Rose Bowl, in which he recorded an interception and tied for a then-Rose Bowl record with four passes broken up.

The three-time First Team All-Big Ten selection led the team in interceptions all three seasons. Named the 1997 team MVP while playing for College Football Hall of Fame coach Lloyd Carr, Woodson set the Michigan record with 30 career pass break-ups, which now ranks fifth all-time. The 1995 Big Ten Freshman of the Year also ranks second all-time in school history in career interceptions (18), third in single-season interceptions (eight in 1997) and still sits in the top 10 in multiple punt return categories.

A native of Fremont, Ohio, Woodson was named to both the University of Michigan Hall of Honor and the Rose Bowl Hall of Fame in 2017. A member of the Walter Camp All-Century Team, the Big Ten renamed its defensive player of the year award as the Nagurski-Woodson Award in his honor in 2011.

Taken fourth overall in the 1998 NFL Draft, Woodson played professionally 18 years for the Oakland Raiders (1998-2005, 2013-15) and the Green Bay Packers (2006-12). The nine-time Pro Bowler helped the Packers win Super Bowl XLV following the 2010 season, and he guided the Raiders to an AFC championship in 2002.

Active in the community, he established the Charles Woodson Foundation, which offers scholarships to students raised in single-parent homes, and he has contributed millions of dollars to the University of Michigan C.S. Mott Children's Hospital for pediatric research. He has served as a broadcaster for ESPN's "Sunday NFL Countdown" and "Monday Night Countdown" since 2016.

WOODSON: UP CLOSE

- Two-time First Team All-American (unanimous in 1997) and only primarily defensive player to win Heisman Trophy.
- Led Wolverines to 1997 national championship while claiming almost every national award for which he was eligible.
- Two-time Big Ten Defensive Player of the Year led team in interceptions all three seasons of career.
- Played for College Football Hall of Fame coach Lloyd Carr.
- Becomes the 31st Wolverine player to enter the Hall.

HALL OF FAME CLASS OF 2018

INDUCTEE PROFILES



FRANK BEAMER

Head Coach • Murray State (1981-86), Virginia Tech (1987-2015)

The winningest coach in Virginia Tech history, Frank Beamer's 280 career victories rank sixth in FBS history and are the 13th-most by a college football coach at any NCAA division. He led the Hokies to their first-ever national title game appearance as part of an impressive streak of 23 consecutive bowl berths in his final 23 seasons.

Beamer began his 35-year head coaching career at Murray State from 1981-86, and he ranks fourth in school history in wins after leading the Racers to a 42-23-2 record in six seasons. In 1986, he guided the team to a share of the Ohio Valley Conference title and a trip to the FCS Playoffs.

In 1987, Beamer became the head coach at his alma mater Virginia Tech, where he would win a school-record 238 games in 29 seasons (1987-2015). Arguably, his best season came in 1999 when he earned consensus National Coach of the Year honors after leading Virginia Tech to an appearance in the BCS National Championship at the Sugar Bowl following the program's first 11-win season and first undefeated regular season in school history.

Under Beamer, the Hokies posted five top-10 finishes and became one of only six programs in college football history to go to a bowl game in at least 20 straight seasons. After just one win in six bowl games prior to his arrival, Beamer would win 11 of his 23 appearances, including marquee wins in the 1995 Sugar Bowl, 2009 Orange Bowl and the 2009 Chick-fil-A Bowl.

His Hokies are also one of just four teams in Division I history to produce 10 wins in eight or more consecutive seasons (2004-11), and his 23 straight seasons of seven or more wins are a school record.

A five-time conference Coach of the Year, Beamer won three BIG EAST titles and added four ACC titles in five conference championship game appearances. Overall, he coached 16 First Team All-Americans, two NFF National Scholar-Athletes, 79 first team all-conference selections, three ACC Players of the Year, three BIG EAST Offensive Players of the Year, two BIG EAST Defensive Players of the Year and two BIG EAST Special Teams Players of the Year.



BEAMER: UP CLOSE

- Overall record: 280-144-4 (65.9 percent)
- Winningest coach in Virginia Tech annals, his overall wins rank sixth in FBS history and 13th among all NCAA divisions.
- Led Hokies to first-ever national title appearance in 1999, the first of 23 consecutive bowl appearances in his final 23 seasons.
- Guided teams to eight conference titles (Virginia Tech – 7, Murray State – 1).
- 1999 consensus National Coach of the Year and five-time conference Coach of the Year.

One of his lasting legacies is "Beamerball," the name given for the Hokies' ability to make big plays and score on offense, defense and special teams. Beamer's teams blocked more kicks in the 1990s than any other FBS program, helping him earn BIG EAST Conference Coach of the Decade laurels.

Beamer started three years as a cornerback at Virginia Tech for College Football Hall of Fame coach Jerry Claiborne. Before becoming a head coach, he served as an assistant coach at Maryland, The Citadel and Murray State. A member of the Virginia Tech Sports Hall of Fame, Beamer's No. 25 jersey was retired by the school in 2002, his name adorns the Hokies' locker room and the street in front of Lane Stadium is known as Beamer Way.

He currently serves as a special assistant to the athletics director at Virginia Tech, and he is a member of the College Football Playoff Selection Committee.

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MACK BROWN

Head Coach • Appalachian State (1983), Tulane (1985-87), North Carolina (1988-97), Texas (1998-2013)



Highlighted by a national championship win at Texas, Mack Brown led his teams to 22 bowl games during a remarkable 30-year career as a head coach. His 244 career victories are the 10th-most by a coach in FBS history.

Brown began his successful head-coaching career with a one-year stint at Appalachian State in 1983, leading the Mountaineers to a 6-5 record.

After a successful season as the offensive coordinator at Oklahoma under Hall of Fame coach Barry Switzer, he became the head coach and athletics director at Tulane in 1985. He led the Green Wave to a 6-6 record in his final year in 1987 and a trip to the Independence Bowl, its first bowl appearance in seven years.

During 10 seasons as the head coach at North Carolina from 1988-97, Brown won 69 games – tied for the second-most victories in school history. Brown's Tar Heels would post winning records in his final eight seasons and go to bowl games every year beginning in 1992, including a win in the 1993 Peach Bowl, the program's first bowl appearance since 1986.

The 1996 ACC Coach of the Year led North Carolina to three 10-win seasons, and the team finished in the top 25 four times, including a No. 10 ranking in 1996 and the No. 4 spot in 1997.

It was at Texas from 1998-2013 where Brown would see his greatest success. Boasting the highest winning percentage (76.7 percent) in school history among coaches with at least 10 years at the helm, his 158 career wins are second only to Hall of Fame coach Darrell Royal in Longhorn history.

During the 2005 season, Brown guided Texas to its first national championship in 35 years after defeating Southern California at the Rose Bowl in one of the greatest games in college football history. The 2009 Big 12 Coach of the Year won two conference titles (2005, 2009), four Big 12 South Division titles and led the Longhorns to another appearance in the BCS National Championship following the 2009 season.

A two-time National Coach of the Year at Texas, Brown won more than 10 games in nine consecutive seasons, and his teams posted 13 top 25 finishes, including seven in the top 10. He posted a Big 12 record 21 consecutive conference wins from 2004-06, and he led the Longhorns to bowl games in all but one season, winning 10.

Over his entire career, Brown coached 37 First Team All-Americans, six Academic All-Americans, 110 first team all-conference selections and 11 conference Players of the Year. He also coached two College Football Hall of Famers in Dre Bly (North Carolina) and Heisman Trophy winner Ricky Williams (Texas), and four NFF National Scholar-Athletes, including Campbell Trophy® winners Sam Acho and Dallas Griffin at Texas.

Brown posted 20 consecutive winning seasons from 1990-2009, and his 225 wins from 1990-2013 were the most among FBS coaches during that span.

A native of Cookeville, Tennessee, Brown played running back at Vanderbilt and Florida State. Before his first head coaching job at Appalachian State, he served as an assistant coach at Florida State, Southern Miss, Memphis, Iowa State and LSU.

A member of the Texas Longhorns Hall of Honor, Brown is also enshrined in the Rose Bowl, State of Texas Sports, State of Tennessee Sports and Holiday Bowl halls of fame. He currently serves as a college football studio and game analyst at ESPN and as a special assistant at Texas.

BROWN: UP CLOSE

- Overall record: 244-122-1 (66.6 percent).
- Ranks 10th for most coaching victories in FBS history, with 244.
- Led teams to 20 consecutive winning seasons (1990-2009) and 22 bowl games during his 30 seasons as a head coach.
- Guided Tar Heels to a 21-3 record during last two seasons at UNC.
- Led Texas to the 2005 National Championship, two Big 12 titles and 162 consecutive weeks ranked in the AP poll (2000-10).

HALL OF FAME CLASS OF 2018

INDUCTEE PROFILES



MEL TJEERDSMA

Head Coach • Austin College (Texas) (1984-93), Northwest Missouri State (1994-2010)



The winningest head coach in both Austin College and Northwest Missouri State history, Mel Tjeerdsma left a lasting impact on college football. Boasting an impressive 74.4 winning percentage and three national championships, his 242 career wins are the 10th-most all-time by an NCAA Division II coach.

Tjeerdsma began his 27-year head coaching career at Austin College in Sherman, Texas, from 1984-93. Winning a school record 59 games in 10 seasons, he led the 'Roos to three conference titles (1984, 1985, 1988) and trips to the NAIA Division II playoffs in 1988 and 1990.

In 1994, Tjeerdsma became the head coach at Northwest Missouri State, where he compiled the most wins (183) and highest winning percentage in school history during a 17-year stint. Four years after his inaugural winless season with the Bearcats, Northwest became the first NCAA Division II football program to finish a season 15-0 in 1998.

He won back-to-back Division II national championships in 1998 and 1999 — the university's first national titles in any sport. Tjeerdsma's Bearcats added a third championship in 2009, capping an unprecedented run of five national championship game appearances that began in 2005.

The four-time AFCA National Coach of the Year led Northwest to 12 MIAA titles and a 32-10 record in 13 trips to the postseason. The 2009 Liberty Mutual Coach of the Year, Tjeerdsma was named the conference Coach of the Year 12 times and an AFCA Regional Coach of the Year seven times.

His Bearcats won more than 11 games in all but four seasons, and his 24 consecutive wins streak from 1999-2000 is the longest run in school history. Tjeerdsma retired as Northwest's head coach following the 2010 season, during which he led the team to a 12-2 record, a conference title and a trip to the Division II semifinals.

Overall, he coached 55 First Team All-Americans, 20 First Team Academic All-Americans, 194 first team all-conference selections and one NFF National Scholar-Athlete. Tjeerdsma is a member of the NCAA Division II Football, MIAA, State of Missouri Sports, State of South Dakota Sports and Northwest's M-Club halls of fame. In 2011, the Springfield, South Dakota, native coached Team USA to a world championship at the International Federation of American Football World Cup in Austria.

A graduate of Southern State College in South Dakota in 1967, Tjeerdsma began his coaching career at the high school level in Iowa, where he won the very first Class 2A State football championship in 1972. Before becoming the head coach at Austin College, he served as the offensive coordinator for eight seasons at Northwestern (Iowa) and helped the team win an NAIA Division II national championship in 1983.

The field at Northwest's Bearcat Stadium was named in his honor in 2007 when he was still coaching, and he received the Fellowship of Christian Athletes' Grant Teaff Lifetime Achievement Award in 2009. Tjeerdsma served as Northwest's Athletics Director from 2013-18.

TJEERDSMA: UP CLOSE

- Overall record: 242-82-4 (74.4 percent)
- Winningest head coach in both Austin College and Northwest Missouri State history.
- Guided Northwest to three national championships (1998, 1999, 2009) in seven title game appearances, including five consecutive from 2005-09.
- Ranks 10th all-time among Division II coaches with 242 career wins, and he led his teams to 15 conference titles.
- Four-time National Coach of the Year and 12-time conference Coach of the Year.

2018 HALL OF FAME ON-CAMPUS SALUTES

PRESENTED BY FIDELITY INVESTMENTS

The National Football Foundation & College Hall of Fame (NFF) announced the 2018 schedule for the NFF Hall of Fame On-Campus Salutes, presented by Fidelity Investments®, a leading provider of not-for-profit workplace retirement savings plans in higher education.

The NFF Hall of Fame On-Campus Salutes, which began with the inaugural College Football Hall of Fame Class in 1951, have become a hallowed tradition, and to this day, the singular events remain the first of numerous activities in each electee's Hall of Fame experience.

During the NFF Hall of Fame On-Campus Salutes, each member of the class returns to his alma mater to accept a Hall of Fame plaque that will stay on permanent display at the institution. The events take place on the field during a home game, and many Hall of Famers cite the experience as the ultimate capstone to their careers, providing them one more chance to take the field and hear the crowd roar their name.

"Induction into the College Football Hall of Fame is the ultimate achievement in our sport, and the NFF Hall of Fame On-Campus Salute tradition allows us to bring each inductee back to their alma mater for a truly memorable experience," said NFF President & CEO Steve Hatchell. "We look forward to celebrating the storied careers of this year's Hall of Fame Class with the tens of thousands of fans who will witness an on-campus salute this year."

The 2018 College Football Hall of Fame Class will be officially inducted during the 61st NFF Annual Awards Dinner at the New York Hilton Midtown on Tuesday, Dec. 4. For more information on the Dinner, please contact Will Rudd at wrudd@footballfoundation.com or by calling 972.556.1000.

The 2018 Class will also be forever immortalized at the Chick-fil-A College Football Hall of Fame in Atlanta.

The 2018 season marks the ninth season that Fidelity Investments will serve as the national presenting sponsor of the NFF Hall of Fame On-Campus Salutes. The salutes are one component of a multi-year initiative between the two organizations to celebrate the scholar-athlete ideal and a joint commitment to higher education.



Coach **MACK BROWN**, a 2018 College Football Hall of Fame electee, was honored at Texas in February during a Longhorn men's basketball game against Oklahoma. In front of some of his former players, L-R, are: Fidelity Investments Director and Retirement Planner **CHRISTINE JASEK**, NFF COO **MATTHEW SIGN**, Coach **BROWN** and Texas Athletics Director **CHRIS DEL CONTE**.

CURRENTLY SCHEDULED 2018 NFF HALL OF FAME ON-CAMPUS SALUTES, PRESENTED BY FIDELITY INVESTMENTS

DATE	INDUCTEE	SCHOOL (YEARS PLAYED/COACHED)	OPPOSING TEAM
Aug. 30	Coach Mack Brown	Tulane (1985-87)	Wake Forest
Sept. 1	Trevor Cobb	Rice (1989-92)	Houston
Sept. 1	Dana Howard	Illinois (1991-94)	Kent State
Sept. 1	Paul Palmer	Temple (1983-86)	Villanova
Sept. 15	Coach Mel Tjeerdsma	Northwest Missouri State (1994-2010)	Missouri Southern
Sept. 22	Dave Dickenson	Montana (1992-95)	Sacramento State
Sept. 22	Coach Mel Tjeerdsma	Austin College [Texas] (1984-93)	Hendrix [Ark.]
Sept. 29	Kerry Collins	Penn State (1991-94)	Ohio State
Oct. 6	Coach Frank Beamer	Virginia Tech (1987-2015)	Notre Dame
Oct. 6	Ed Reed	Miami [Fla.] (1998-2001)	Florida State
Oct. 13	Coach Frank Beamer	Murray State (1981-86)	Tennessee State
Oct. 20	Aaron Taylor	Nebraska (1994-97)	Minnesota
Nov. 10	Calvin Johnson	Georgia Tech (2004-06)	Miami [Fla.]
Nov. 10	Matt Stinchcomb	Georgia (1995-98)	Auburn

Coach Mack Brown was honored at Texas in February during a Longhorn men's basketball game against Oklahoma, and then again at North Carolina in August during a celebration of Tar Heel football. An On-Campus Salute for Charles Woodson (Michigan) is yet to be scheduled.

2018 NFF JOHN L. TONER AWARD CO-RECIPIENTS

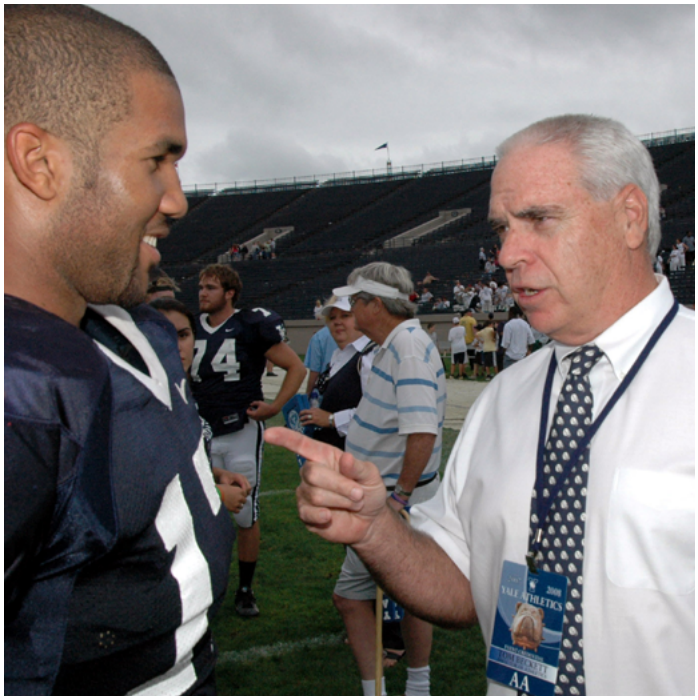
YALE'S THOMAS BECKETT AND HARVARD'S BOB SCALISE

The National Football Foundation & College Hall of Fame announced that Yale University Director of Athletics Thomas Beckett and Harvard University Director of Athletics Bob Scalise have been named the 2018 co-recipients of the NFF John L. Toner Award.

Presented annually by the NFF since 1997, the John L. Toner Award recognizes athletics directors who have demonstrated superior administrative abilities and shown outstanding dedication to college athletics and particularly college football. The award is named in honor of its inaugural recipient John L. Toner, former athletics director and football coach at Connecticut and NCAA President.

Beckett and Scalise were surprised with the announcement in May during the Ivy League annual spring meetings in New Paltz, New York, and they will officially be honored Dec. 4 during the 61st NFF Annual Awards Dinner at the New York Hilton Midtown in New York City. At the time of the announcement, they were the first-ever sitting athletics directors from the Ivy League to claim the honor in the award's 21-year history.

"Harvard-Yale is one of the most storied rivalries in college football, and it seemed fitting to honor both universities' athletics directors with the Toner Award," said NFF President & CEO Steve Hatchell. "The leadership of Tom Beckett and Bob Scalise has spawned great success on the field and in the classroom. Their accomplishments place them at the forefront of their profession, and we look forward to honoring their impact on college athletics and the game of football in December."



THOMAS BECKETT talks to a member of the Bulldog football team in 2007. Beckett retired in June after 24 years as Yale's Director of Athletics.

THOMAS BECKETT – YALE (RETIRED)



As a player, coach and athletics administrator, Tom Beckett has spent much of his life mentoring young people. The Pittsburgh native served as the director of athletics at Yale University from 1994 until June 2018, overseeing 35 varsity sports and approximately 850 student-athletes.

Under Beckett's tenure, Yale has led the nation in teams honored by the NCAA for Public Recognition Awards (Academic Progress Rate - APR) more than half the years of its existence. He has helped recruit outstanding student-athletes to a world-class university while building a highly successful sports program.

Since Beckett came to New Haven, Yale teams have produced 128 championships, including 28 national titles, 73 first-place Ivy League finishes, 10 ECAC events and numerous other postseason victories. He has seen 43 Olympic athletes and 337 All-Americans, while Yale has averaged more than 10 nationally ranked teams during his tenure.

Yale has claimed at least a share of the Ivy League football title three times during Beckett's tenure, including sole possession in 2017 under head coach Tony Reno, who Beckett hired in 2012. In the 24 editions of "The Game" since he took over as AD in 1994, Yale has beaten archrival Harvard seven times, including the last two meetings in 2016 and 2017. Beckett oversaw the final two seasons of College Football Hall of Fame coach Carm Cozza (inducted in 2002), and he kept on the legendary coach as a special assistant while Cozza handled radio color commentary for Yale football.

His tenure also saw the induction of former Yale great Dick Jauron into the College Football Hall of Fame in 2015, and the recognition of five Bulldogs as NFF National Scholar-Athletes for their combined effort on the field, in the classroom and in the community: Peter Lee (2001), Ed McCarthy (2006), Casey Gerald (2008), Patrick Witt (2011) and Tyler Varga (2014).

Yale is one of 29 colleges and universities to have at least one player honored in all 12 years (2007-18) of the NFF Hampshire Honor Society, which is comprised of college football players from all divisions of play who each maintained a cumulative 3.2 GPA or better throughout their college careers. Yale set a new single-year record among all schools for the Hampshire Honor Society with 22 honorees in 2018, and a total of 113 Bulldogs have been recognized overall.

The Yale AD has also been successful in fundraising to transform the school's athletics facilities into one of the nation's best. Eleven new facility projects have been completed with nine other venues getting major renovations since 1994. He has supervised the renovation, restoration or construction on 20 major projects, including the restoration of the historic Yale Bowl leading up to its 100th anniversary in 2014. Beckett worked for 10 years to organize a home game against Army, which had to receive a waiver from the NCAA, to celebrate the stadium's anniversary that season. The Bulldogs won the game, 49-43.

A 1968 graduate of the University of Pittsburgh, Beckett earned three varsity letters in baseball, serving as the captain of the Panthers' 1968 team. He received a master's degree in education from his alma mater in 1972, and he is a 1975 graduate of Harvard's Summer Institute of Life Science.

Beckett played professional baseball in the San Francisco Giants' organization for five seasons before embarking on a career in college athletics. He coached at the University of Pittsburgh and Butler Community College (Pennsylvania), and was an athletics administrator at San Jose State before moving to Stanford, where he served from 1983-94 as associate director of athletics.

Beckett and his wife, Kim (Craddock) Beckett reside in the town of Guilford with their son, Alex.

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YALE'S THOMAS BECKETT AND HARVARD'S BOB SCALISE

BOB SCALISE – HARVARD



Robert L. Scalise, Harvard's John D. Nichols '53 Family Director of Athletics, has overseen an era of tremendous success for the nation's largest Division I athletics program since taking over in July 2001. Scalise leads an organization made up of 42 varsity sports, a myriad of club and intramural programs, more than 1,200 intercollegiate athletes and a broad array of wellness and recreation programs and facilities.

In 16 years as director of athletics, Scalise has seen Harvard win 19 national team championships and 129 Ivy League titles, including a school-record 14 conference crowns in both the 2004-05 and 2013-14 seasons. In addition, the 46 Ivy League championships won by the Class of 2017 set a new Harvard record for most conference titles by a graduating class. Harvard has also won team and/or individual national championships in nine of the last 11 seasons.

During his tenure, Harvard has claimed at least a share of the Ivy League football title eight times under the guidance of head coach Tim Murphy, most recently in 2015. Harvard has beaten archrival Yale 14 times in the 17 editions of "The Game" since Scalise took over as AD in 2001, including nine consecutive wins from 2007-15.

His tenure also has encompassed the induction of former Harvard greats William Lewis (2009) and Pat McInally (2016) into the College Football Hall of Fame and the recognition of former Crimson cornerback Andrew Berry as an NFF National Scholar-Athlete in 2008 for his combined effort on the field, in the classroom and in the community. Harvard has had 73 players honored overall during the 12 years (2007-18) of the NFF Hampshire Honor Society, which is comprised of college football players from all divisions of play who each maintained a cumulative 3.2 GPA or better throughout their college careers.

Under Scalise, Harvard has hosted several high-level NCAA tournaments, including the 2006 Women's Final Four at the TD Bank Garden, four NCAA Men's Lacrosse Championships at Gillette Stadium and the 2010 National Collegiate Fencing Championships at Gordon Indoor Track.

Born in New York City, Scalise has extensive ties to Ivy League athletics. A 1971 Brown alumnus, he was selected three times to the All-Ivy League lacrosse team and twice named All-America and All-New England. Scalise was inducted into the Brown Hall of Fame in 1991

Scalise entered the coaching ranks at Brown in the fall of 1971 as an assistant for the men's soccer and lacrosse teams, and three years later he was named head coach of Harvard's men's lacrosse team at just 24 years old. He led the Crimson to the 1980 Ivy League championship, the program's first league title in nearly two decades, and completed his tenure in 1987 with a 98-79 overall record.

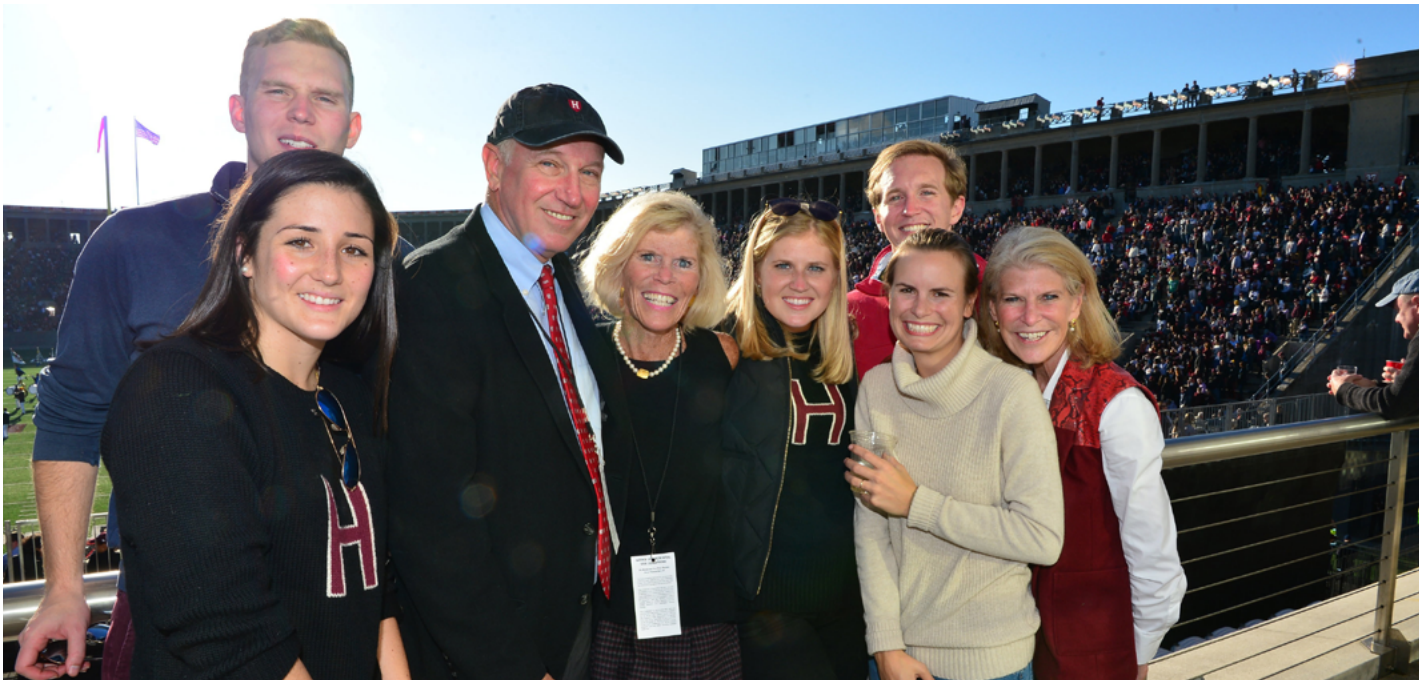
Scalise also was the first coach of Harvard's women's soccer program, which began varsity play in 1977. He led that team to three Ivy League crowns and two NCAA tournament berths.

Scalise left coaching in 1987 to enroll in the Harvard Business School, where in 1989 he earned his MBA. Later that year, he became director of MBA placement services, managing processes and products at the Business School.

After a stint at Bain & Company, Scalise returned to Harvard Business School in 1995 as its executive director of MBA program administration. He then assumed the role of Senior Executive Officer before being named director of athletics.

A leader in intercollegiate athletics, Scalise serves as a member of the inaugural NCAA Division I Council and as chair of the NCAA Student-Athlete Experience Committee.

Scalise's wife, Maura Costin Scalise, was an All-Ivy swimmer at Harvard, and four of their children also have been athletes at the university.



BOB SCALISE and his family take in the 2016 Harvard-Yale game at Harvard Stadium. Scalise has served at the Crimson's Director of Athletics since 2001.

2018 NFF CHRIS SCHENKEL AWARD

DAVE SOUTH, LONGTIME VOICE OF THE TEXAS A&M AGGIES

The National Football Foundation & College Hall of Fame announced that Texas A&M University broadcaster Dave South, who called his last Aggies football season in 2017, will be the recipient of the 2018 NFF Chris Schenkel Award. He will officially be honored Dec. 4 during the 61st NFF Annual Awards Dinner at the New York Hilton Midtown.

Presented annually since 1996, the award recognizes individuals who have had long, distinguished careers broadcasting college football with direct ties to a specific university. The award is named in honor of its inaugural recipient Chris Schenkel, the longtime ABC Sports broadcaster who emceed the NFF Annual Awards Dinner for 28 consecutive years from 1968 to 1995.

"Dave South spent more than three decades as the iconic 'Voice of the Aggies,' becoming part of Texas A&M football lore while broadcasting to one of the most avid fanbases in the country," said NFF President & CEO Steve Hatchell. "We are pleased to honor him with the 2018 NFF Chris Schenkel Award in recognition of his distinguished career."

South wrapped up his 33rd and final season as the "Voice of the Aggies" in 2017, having started his time in the Texas A&M booth in 1985. Overall, the broadcasting legend spent 47 years as a collegiate announcer. Although he is stepping away from football and basketball broadcasts, South will continue to call Aggie baseball on a year-by-year basis.

South's path started in Waco, Texas, and KWTX Radio, where he was mentored by and called games with legendary broadcaster Frank Fallon, who later became the "Voice of the Baylor Bears" and claimed the NFF Schenkel Award in 2001.

South was hired in 1970 by the Humble/Exxon Southwest Conference Radio Network, which broadcast SWC football games, and he is the last of the network's broadcasters still on the air.

South hosted a two-hour morning news and talk show from 1974-81 before departing full-time radio for the first — and only — time in his career in 1981. For the next two years, he worked as a salesman for Herndon Medical Supplies during the week while remaining active as a sports broadcaster on the weekend. South returned to radio to work in sales in 1983, working at KNFO in the Waco area.

South almost completely retired from broadcasting in 1984, but Texas A&M head coach and athletics director Jackie Sherrill asked him to fill in for one season at Kyle Field in 1985, which led to his more than three decades calling Aggie football, basketball and baseball games.

In 1988, South helped launch the Texas A&M Radio Network, working alongside his longtime broadcast partner Dave Elmendorf, a 1997 College Football Hall of Fame inductee and 1970 NFF National Scholar-Athlete with the Aggies.

South has been on the call for some of Texas A&M's most memorable games, including the 1986 Cotton Bowl when A&M beat Auburn and College Football Hall of Famer Bo Jackson; Hall of Fame coach R.C. Slocum's win over No. 1 Oklahoma in 2002; and the Johnny Manziel-led victory at No. 1 Alabama in 2012.

His call of running back Sirr Parker's winning touchdown in the 1998 Big 12 championship game against Kansas State was selected as one of the top 100 calls of the 20th century and was featured in a book and CD.

With South on the call, the Aggies have claimed seven conference titles, 16 top 25 finishes and nine wins in 26 bowl appearances. His time on the mic in Aggieland has included the careers of College Football Hall of Famers Dat Nguyen and Coach R.C. Slocum and NFF National Scholar-Athletes Kip Corrington (1987), Lance Pavlas (1990) and Ryan Tannehill (2011).

South also served as A&M's associate athletics director for sponsorships and broadcasting through 2009, prior to focusing on his broadcasting duties in semi-retirement.

South becomes the fourth NFF Chris Schenkel Award recipient from a team currently in the SEC, joining Jack Cristil (Mississippi State – 1997), Larry Munson (Georgia – 2003) and Jim Hawthorne (LSU – 2015).



DAVE SOUTH wrapped up his 33rd and final season as the "Voice of the Aggies" in 2017.



For years, **DAVE SOUTH**'s longtime broadcast partner was **DAVE ELMENDORF**, a 1997 College Football Hall of Fame inductee and 1970 NFF National Scholar-Athlete with the Aggies.


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THE MacARTHUR BOWL

ALABAMA ACCEPTS NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP TROPHY AT THE HALL IN ATLANTA

Presented to every national champion since 1959, the National Football Foundation's MacArthur Bowl represents the pinnacle of team achievement in college sports. No other trophy boasts its rich history and better symbolizes teamwork, coordinated effort, dedication, discipline and the desire to win.

On July 18, the NFF formally presented Alabama and head coach Nick Saban with the MacArthur Bowl during a ceremony at the Chick-fil-A College Football Hall of Fame in Atlanta. With its 2017 national title, Alabama extends its record by claiming the MacArthur Bowl for an unprecedented ninth time in the school's history. The Crimson Tide won the MacArthur Bowl in 1961, 1978 and 1979 under College Football Hall of Fame head coach Paul "Bear" Bryant, in 1992 under Hall of Fame head coach Gene Stallings, and in 2009, 2011, 2012 and 2015 under Saban. Saban also won the MacArthur Bowl as the head coach at LSU in 2003.

"This is certainly an honor and a privilege for our team to be recognized for their accomplishments last year with the MacArthur Bowl," Saban said during the presentation. "When you receive an award like this, you receive it on behalf of everybody on your team and in your organization, because all of those people contributed to the success of the team. I accept this on behalf of all of the players, coaches, people in our organization who make our team what it is."

The presentation of the MacArthur Bowl took place during SEC Media Days, which were held at the Hall of Fame for the first time. Former Alabama quarterback and current ESPN college football analyst Greg McElroy, an NFF National Scholar-Athlete in 2010, emceed the presentation, which also featured comments from NFF President & CEO Steve Hatchell and College Football Hall of Fame CEO Dennis Adamovich. Three players from the Crimson Tide national championship team joined Saban in accepting the trophy: running back Damien Harris, linebacker Anfernee Jennings and offensive lineman Ross Pierschbacher.

Named in honor of early NFF leader General Douglas MacArthur, the trophy features his famous quote: "There is no substitute for victory," and each year a new name is etched alongside the greatest teams of all time. The trophy, a replica of a football stadium, features miniature goal posts and archways with space to engrave the names of 100 championship teams. Handcrafted by Tiffany & Co. and valued at more than six figures, it took eight months to make. The trophy was the gift of an anonymous donor who shared in MacArthur's belief that "Upon the fields of friendly strife are sown the seeds that upon other fields, on other days, will bear the fruits of victory."

Since the start of the College Football Playoff (CFP) era in 2014, the winner of the CFP National Championship is automatically declared the winner of the MacArthur Bowl, as was the winner of the BCS National Championship Game from 1998 until 2013. Prior to 1998 during the poll era of college football, the NFF Awards Committee selected the winner of the trophy.



The MacArthur Bowl on display at the College Football Hall of Fame in Atlanta. *(Photo by Kat Goduco Photography)*



Alabama head coach **NICK SABAN** accepted the NFF MacArthur Bowl for the sixth time in his career, the most by any coach in history.

The CFP Trophy is immediately awarded on the field after the national championship game while the MacArthur Bowl is presented later in the year. Both trophies are on display at the College Football Hall of Fame.

Twenty-four different schools have claimed the MacArthur Bowl at least once during its 59-year history. Alabama has hoisted it the most, claiming it nine times. Notre Dame is second with five wins while Ohio State, Miami (Florida), Southern California and Texas have each etched their names four times on the trophy. Florida, Florida State, Nebraska and Oklahoma each boast being three-time recipients. Clemson, LSU, Michigan State and Penn State have each won the trophy twice.

PAST WINNERS

1959 - Syracuse
1960 - Minnesota
1961 - Alabama
1962 - Southern California
1963 - Texas
1964 - Notre Dame
1965 - Michigan State
1966 - Michigan State, Notre Dame
1967 - Southern California
1968 - Ohio State
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2015 - Alabama
2016 - Clemson
2017 - Alabama

THE MacARTHUR BOWL

AND NFF DIVISIONAL NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP TROPHIES



Head coach **NICK SABAN** accepted the MacArthur Bowl on behalf of his 2017 national champion Alabama Crimson Tide during a ceremony at the Chick-fil-A College Football Hall of Fame in Atlanta during SEC Media Days. From L-R: NFF President & CEO **STEVE HATCHELL**, **SABAN**, Alabama running back **DAMIEN HARRIS**, College Football Hall of Fame CEO **DENNIS ADAMOVICH**, Alabama offensive lineman **ROSS PIERSCHBACHER** and Alabama linebacker **ANFERNEE JENNINGS**.



At the American Football Coaches Association (AFCA) Annual Convention in Charlotte, North Carolina, on Jan. 8, the NFF presented its divisional national championship trophies to the coaches of the 2017 winning teams. L-R: Division III: Mount Union (Ohio) head coach **VINCE KEHRES**; FCS: North Dakota State head coach **CHRIS KLIEMAN**; Division II: Texas A&M-Commerce head coach **COLBY CARTHEL**; NAIA: Saint Francis (Ind.) head coach **KEVIN DONLEY**.

NEW FOOTBALL SCHOOLS

ALL-TIME HIGH 778 COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES OFFERING FOOTBALL

The planning and preparation of seven programs will come to fruition as they begin intercollegiate play this fall: Allen University in Columbia, South Carolina; Alvernia University in Reading, Pennsylvania; Indiana Wesleyan University in Marion, Indiana; Keiser University in West Palm Beach, Florida; Lawrence Technological University in Southfield, Michigan; Ottawa University-Arizona in Surprise, Arizona; and the University of New England in Biddeford, Maine.

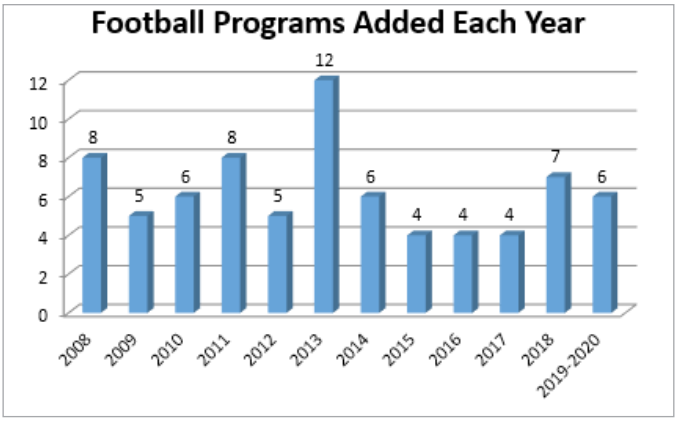
The number of schools playing NCAA football (Football Bowl Subdivision, Football Championship Subdivision, Division II and Division III) has steadily increased by 182 schools from 484 in 1978 to 666 in 2017, or an average increase of 4.7 schools per year. Adding NAIA and independent schools playing football and schools launching programs in the coming years, the number of colleges and universities offering students an opportunity to play college football has been increased to the all-time high of 778.

In the past six seasons alone (2012-17), 35 football programs have been added by NCAA or NAIA institutions. Only 12 football programs have been dropped during the same span, including two at schools that closed and the University of Alabama at Birmingham, which returned to the gridiron in 2017. Since 2008, new football programs have combined for two national championships, 36 conference championships and 49 postseason appearances. All 778 schools that offer football will be represented on the three-story helmet wall at the Chick-fil-A College Football Hall of Fame in Atlanta.

The rationale for adding football varies at each institution, and an in-depth study plays a critical role in finding the right level of play and the proper financial balance. Small colleges may cite increasing enrollment and addressing gender imbalances while larger universities might highlight the role of football in raising the institution's profile and its ability to attract research grants. All mention creating a more vibrant on-campus community and connecting with alumni.

According to a 2015 study of five small universities published in *College Planning & Management*, adding sports teams and facilities, especially football and marching bands, can fuel an enrollment boost. According to the study, each of the five institutions experienced a six-year increase of 26 percent or more, with one school doubling its enrollment during that period.

NAIA program Allen University, which had previously dropped its football program following the 2005 season, is among the new schools this season. The school announced in January plans to reinstate the program and that Teddy Keaton would be the team's head coach. Allen also announced it would be bringing back its marching band program after more than 50 years. Administrators believe both programs will attract more students to the university, which has a current enrollment of around 600.



Alvernia University will begin its inaugural season while competing as a member of NCAA Division III's Middle Atlantic Conference under the direction of head coach Ralph Clark. Since announcing the addition of a football program, the school has changed its mascot to the Golden Wolves and made significant upgrades to its stadium.

Indiana Wesleyan University, which announced the launch of its program more than two years ago, will see its hard work pay off this fall as the Wildcats begin their kickoff season. A member of the NAIA's Mid-States Football Association, Indiana Wesleyan will be playing its games in a brand new on-campus stadium.

Keiser University will begin its first season in 2018 behind the leadership of head coach Doug Socha. Earlier this year, the Seahawks joined the NAIA's Mid-South Conference as an affiliate member in football.

Lawrence Technological University will return to the gridiron after a 70-year hiatus this fall and compete as an independent before joining the NAIA's Mid-States Football Association in 2019. One of the university's main objectives with the football program is to create an active student body.

"[Our student section, 'The Pointe,' will] give us that 12th man," said Lawrence Tech head coach Jeff Duvendeck. "It'll give us some extra support and make the stadium louder. It'll bring the campus together, which I think is a big part of why you start an athletic program at a school is to bring the campus community together, and having that student section is a huge part of it."

PROGRAMS LAUNCHING IN 2018

Allen University (SC) – NAIA

Alvernia University (PA) – NCAA Division III

Indiana Wesleyan University – NAIA

Keiser University (FL) – NAIA

Lawrence Technological University (MI) – NAIA

Ottawa University-Arizona – NAIA

University of New England (ME) – NCAA Division III

NEW FOOTBALL SCHOOLS

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Ottawa University Arizona, a second campus of Ottawa University in Kansas, opened its doors last fall. The school will kick off this season as a member of the newly formed Sooner Athletic Conference in the NAIA, and it will play its games at the brand new Spirit Field on campus. Veteran head coach Mike Nesbitt will lead the Spirit.

The University of New England in Biddeford, Maine, which announced the addition of football in 2014 and played a junior varsity season in 2017, is prepared to play its first varsity season. A member of the Commonwealth Coast Football conference, head coach Mike Lichten's Nor'easters join Alvernia as the two NCAA Division III football programs kicking off their maiden seasons this fall. The two schools will conclude their 2018 regular seasons with a game against each other in Biddeford.

Four other schools have announced future teams since last fall: Barton College in Wilson, North Carolina; Franklin Pierce University in Rindge, New Hampshire; Keystone College in La Plume, Pennsylvania; and Madonna University in Livonia, Michigan.

In January, Barton College announced the addition of an NCAA Division II football program with the goal of an inaugural season in 2020. According to the college's announcement release, football will enhance campus vibrancy, community engagement and institutional growth while helping balance the current gender ratio of 70/30 women to men.

"This is an exciting time for Barton College," said Dr. Douglas N. Searcy, president of Barton. "Football will undoubtedly create a tremendous surge of energy and enthusiasm among students, as well as faculty, staff, alumni and the Wilson community."

Like all colleges and universities that add football programs, Barton came to its decision on the heels of an in-depth feasibility study and detailed analysis. On June 19, the school announced Chip Hester as the new program's head coach.

With an enrollment just under 2,000, Franklin Pierce University has fielded a sprint football team (all players weighing less than 178 pounds) since 2012. In February, the university announced it would begin transitioning to an NCAA Division II program, and the Ravens will join the Northeast-10 Conference in the sport beginning with the 2019 season.

"Now is the logical time for Franklin Pierce to make the transition to Division II with our football program, allowing us to capitalize on the enhancements to our on-campus student experience which will come with such a transition," Franklin Pierce President Dr. Kim Mooney said in a university news release.

In January, 1,400-student Keystone College announced it was bringing back its football program after a 71-year hiatus. The program will operate as a club program and play a limited schedule in the fall of 2019 before switching over to a full-varsity schedule in 2020 as a member of NCAA Division III's Eastern Collegiate Football Conference.

Keystone previously sponsored football in the late 1800s through the 1947 season, and the college believes the new program will reinvigorate the proud tradition the sport once held on campus.

"We are so excited to reintroduce football as our next varsity sport," Keystone President David L. Coppola said in a news release. "This will be a wonderful experience not only for the student-athletes who come here to continue their education and compete on the NCAA Division III level but for our entire student body and alumni as well."

According to the college, the success of other recently added sports made football the next logical step to continue the growth of the Keystone student-athlete experience. In addition to the benefits to the players, the college stated that football will provide an enjoyable and uplifting experience for everyone associated with the college, bringing people together to socialize and share common experiences.

On Aug. 8, Madonna University became the latest school to add a new football program after years of planning. The Catholic university, which boasts an enrollment of just over 3,000 students, will begin NAIA competition in 2020.

"Football has the opportunity to be a driving force for our department moving forward," said Madonna Athletics Director Scott Kennell. "Football is going to bring visibility to our campus, and in return, enhance the University and the local communities."

The addition of a football program often entails a long, calculated process that frequently begins with studies conducted by task forces. Schools are more likely to begin the football feasibility process if there is significant support from the community.

Last year, the University of Arkansas at Little Rock announced it would conduct a football feasibility study following a student-created petition. Already a member of the FBS' Sun Belt Conference in all other sports, the university last fielded a football team in 1955 when it was known as Little Rock Junior College.

Little Rock released the feasibility study in July, and the next phase in the process will be a thorough analysis of the findings before a final decision is made.

Another school taking a real look at adding football is the University at Texas Rio Grande Valley, which boasts an enrollment of more than 28,000 students. The university's feasibility study is expected to be released soon.

PROGRAMS LAUNCHING IN 2019 AND BEYOND

Clarke University (IA) – NAIA, 2019

Franklin Pierce University (NH) – NCAA Division II, 2019

Wheeling Jesuit University (WV) – NCAA Division II, 2019

Barton College (NC) – NCAA Division II, 2020

Keystone College (PA) – NCAA Division III, 2020

Madonna University (MI) – NAIA, 2020

NFF SENIOR FOOTBALL SHOWCASES CONTINUE SUCCESS

1,200 HIGH SCHOOL PLAYERS TAKE SHOT AT EARNING DIVISIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS



Academically eligible high school seniors meet with divisional college coaches at the 10th Annual Greater Houston Senior Football Showcase. The Houston event was the very first Showcase and launched in 2009.



College Football Hall of Fame Coach **TERRY DONAHUE** addresses participants at the Sixth Annual California Showcase.

The NFF Senior Football Showcases, launched in 2009, continued to expand their impact with participants receiving an estimated $6 million in tuition aid for their freshman year of college in 2018. The highly successful events, which took place in Los Angeles; Houston; Charlotte, North Carolina; and Davie, Florida, between Feb. 14 and March 4, have firmly taken root in their communities as a path for high schools seniors to earn academic and participation scholarships to play college football.

"The leaders in these four cities all deserve huge praise for their efforts to expand opportunities for kids to earn their college degrees with football opening the door," said NFF President & CEO Steve Hatchell. "Their leadership has helped build a free system, literally providing thousands of talented student-athletes the opportunity to continue their educations. The Showcases provide a great path to college that previously did not exist."

The NFF Senior Football Showcases, which are absolutely free to both participants and college recruiters, provide academically eligible high school players, who did not sign an NCAA Division I letter of intent, an opportunity to go through a series of drills in front of divisional college coaches from the NCAA Division II, III and the NAIA levels. The events attracted representatives from more than 145 colleges covering 35 states, coupling them with the aspiring college players who earned $6 million in academic and participation scholarships.

"Most of these types of events around the country charge a fee to participate, excluding a lot of great kids who can't afford the price of admission," said NFF Chairman Archie Manning. "These events provide all student-athletes an opportunity to pursue their dream of attending college. The NFF Showcases provide a cost-effective way for us to make a huge difference in the lives of these kids, and the impact has been phenomenal."

Participants, who all have to meet minimum academic standards, compete in a series of athletic drills designed to let divisional college coaches assess each player's potential, including a 40-yard dash and several agility and strength tests. The events allow the college recruiters a unique opportunity to evaluate a large number of qualified student-athletes in a short period while minimizing their travel costs.

Launched by a group of Houston coaches in 2009, the concept expanded to Southern California in 2013 with the two events in Florida and North Carolina added in 2017. Collectively, the four events reach more than 1,200 seniors each year with an estimated one-in-four receiving some kind of financial aid to go to college.

Feb. 10 – The Houston Texans 10th Annual Senior Football Showcase, presented by **Academy Sports + Outdoors**, kicked off the events at The Methodist Training Center next to NRG Stadium in Houston, Texas. The originator of the Showcase concept, the event in Houston was founded by Phil Camp, the former head football coach at Milby High School; Coby Rhoden, an academic coordinator at Houston Heights High School; Chris Vaughan, a member of the NFF Touchdown Club of Houston Chapter; and Daryl Wade, the former athletics director for the Houston Independent School District. The Houston event received additional support from the Houston Texans and minority owner Javier Loya and the Academy Sports + Outdoors Texas Bowl and Executive Director David Fletcher.

Feb. 17 – The Second Annual Orange Bowl Florida High School Football Showcase, presented by **Cleveland Clinic Florida**, took place at Nova Southeastern University in Davie, Florida. The event was led by the Orange Bowl Committee, President & Chairman Sean Pittman, CEO Eric Poms and NFF Board Member and Orange Bowl past president Bob Epling. Former Cincinnati Bengals head coach David Shula and former Miami Dolphin John Offerdahl coordinated the on-field activities.

Feb. 24 – The Sixth Annual California Showcase occurred at the Orange County Great Park in Irvine, California. The event was launched by College Football Hall of Fame Coach Terry Donahue (UCLA, 1976-95), who always brings in some of his former college coaches and players to help run the drills. Notables who have volunteered in the past include Nick Foles (Arizona) and Rick Neuheisel (UCLA).

March 3 – The Second Carolinas Senior Football Showcase concluded the series at the Charlotte Latin School in Charlotte, North Carolina. The event was spearheaded by Charles Arbuckle, a college football analyst on SiriusXM who played for Donahue at UCLA. Arbuckle collaborated with the Blazing 7 on 7 Foundation to run the event.

"It means the world," Camp said. "If one kid gets an offer, then this is worth it. You get an inner city kid who's never been out of the city and he goes to one of these schools and gets an education and a chance to play football. How great is that."

Jarell Carter, who in 2017 became the first-known NFF High School

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Participants compete in athletic drills at the Second Annual Orange Bowl Florida High School Football Showcase for the opportunity of earning scholarships to continue their educations.



Just as his coach at UCLA, **TERRY DONAHUE**, does at the California Showcase, **CHARLES ARBUCKLE** invited a number of former players to the Carolinas Senior Football Showcase to help run drills. L-R: Former UCLA players **MEL FARR JR.**, **ARBUCKLE**, **MIKE FARR**, **BRIAN JONES** (finished his career at Texas) and **REGGIE MOORE**.

Showcase participant to ever make an NFL roster, remembers joining several of his John Foster Dulles High School teammates at the 2013 event in Houston. The experience landed him a scholarship to Trinity International (Illinois), which eventually led him to the Arizona Cardinals practice squad during the 2017 season and the Tennessee Titans camp for the 2018 season.

"My focus was taking it step-by-step and to play at the next level and getting my degree because without a football scholarship it would have been really hard for me and my family to afford school," Carter said. "The Showcase was a critical starting point for the journey to where I am today.

"One hundred percent, one day can change a life as long as you're doing everything in your power to make it to the next level, you're going to have a shot. Part of that is investing in yourself and going to something like a Senior Showcase like I did, because if you don't invest in yourself then nobody will."

At Trinity International, Carter twice earned All-America honors, but he stresses that getting his degree "means everything" to him and it was "first on his agenda" before football because after the NFL, it will be his degree that matters. Carter notched a 3.2 GPA in business with an emphasis on marketing, and he hopes to eventually own and operate multiple Chick-fil-A franchises.

Inspired by the success in Houston, Coach Donahue assembled an impressive array of former coaches and players in 2013 to run the first California Showcase. Over the past six years, 3,000 students have attended with 668 landing on college rosters with $18 million in financial aid.

"This is an incredible opportunity for the kids to continue their education and play the great game of college football, and it's free," Donahue said. "There are so many combines and showcases, but this one really has legs to it because it's totally free for the players and the colleges."

Hearing about the success of the Showcases in Houston and Los Angeles, the Orange Bowl Committee in South Florida and Charles Arbuckle in North Carolina approached the NFF in 2017 about launching events in their regions.

"I saw Terry Donahue do it about five years ago, and they have been able to get $18 million in grant and aid scholarships if not more for these young men over the years," Arbuckle said. "Every year when I was playing for the Colts in Indianapolis and now here in Charlotte, I would have kids who were not getting recruited ask, 'How can you help me?' and this is the perfect way to do it on a mass level."

The Orange Bowl, which maintains an impressive reputation for supporting a wide range of community events, has strong ties to the NFF. Epling, an NFF Board Member, is a past president of the Orange Bowl, and Hatchell was formerly the Orange Bowl executive director. It did not take much to convince the current leadership of the merits of the NFF Showcase model.

The Orange Bowl event has already produced numerous success stories, including multiple scholarships to Graceland University (Iowa) and 2017 signee Caleb Thomas from Miami Gardens (Flanagan H.S.) who had a record-setting season as a freshman last year. In 10 games, he had 158 receptions (an NAIA record) for 1,235 yards and 10 touchdowns. His 15.8 catches per game also set an NAIA and all-division record, as did his 27 catches in one game.

Graceland assistant coach Nate Robinson, who was on site in South Florida and helped recruit Thomas, said it was the first time in school history that the Yellowjackets had an AFCA All-American and identifying a player of Thomas' caliber has changed the direction of the program. He added the success of landing Thomas at the event has made it a must-attend event not only for Graceland but for all the other schools in its conference.

"It's a great experience for the athletes involved," Robinson said. "You always want to feel wanted, and there are a large amount of colleges and universities in attendance. There is a school for every athlete, they just have to take the time and find the right fit. It's hard to truly identify how explosive players really are without seeing them run around. It's hard to find a player like Caleb without a Showcase like this one."

NFF SENIOR FOOTBALL SHOWCASES

- Showcases attracted more than 1,200 high school seniors and 145 colleges and universities from the NCAA Division II, III and NAIA levels in 2018.
- Events staged in Houston, Los Angeles, North Carolina and South Florida have collectively reached 7,500 players since the first event in 2009, with 1,700 landing on college rosters.
- Participants received an estimated $6 million in scholarships for their freshman year in 2018.
- Events are free to both participants and college recruiters.
- NFL player and NAIA All-American among the many who credit their Showcase experiences as playing a critical role in their paths to college.

NFF HAMPSHIRE HONOR SOCIETY

SOCIETY SETS RECORDS FOR NUMBER OF PLAYERS AND SCHOOLS IN 12TH YEAR



NFF Chairman Emeritus
JON F. HANSON

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Real estate through a different lens

The NFF Hampshire Honor Society continued to grow as it celebrated its 12th year in 2018, as an all-time high 1,271 players from a record 307 schools qualified for membership. Those marks break the previous records of 1,103 honorees and 302 schools set in 2017.

"The prestige of the Hampshire Honor Society continues to increase each year," said NFF Chairman Archie Manning. "Over the past decade, it has become a powerful vehicle for schools to recognize their college football players who have distinguished themselves both academically and athletically, and we congratulate the record number of schools and each of these young men for their commitment to excellence."

Designed to highlight football's unique ability to develop tomorrow's brightest leaders, The NFF Hampshire Honor Society honors the college football players from all divisions of play who each maintain a 3.2 GPA or better during their collegiate careers. Looking to build on his legacy in promoting the scholar-athlete ideal, NFF Chairman Emeritus Jon F. Hanson endowed in perpetuity the NFF Hampshire Honor Society through his real estate company, the Hampshire Companies, and its charitable arm, the Hampshire Foundation, in 2007. Since its inception, 9,014 student-athletes have earned membership.

Eighteen schools had at least 10 honorees in 2018, including Ashland (Ohio), Brown, Butler, Central (Iowa), Dartmouth, Hobart (N.Y.), Johns Hopkins (Md.), Kalamazoo (Mich.), Macalester (Minn.), Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Pomona-Pitzer (Calif.), Redlands (Calif.), Rose-Hulman (Ind.), St. Thomas (Minn.), Wartburg (Iowa), Washington & Jefferson (Pa.), Washington University in St. Louis (Mo.) and Yale.

Yale led all schools with 22 honorees in 2018, breaking the previous record of 18 members in a single year that was set by Brown and Saint John's (Minn.) in 2017 and Union (N.Y.) in 2012. Arkansas led all FBS schools with nine members. Ashland (Ohio) led Division II teams with 10 honorees while St. Thomas (Minn.) led Division III with 19 members. Peru State (Neb.) led NAIA schools with nine players honored.

A total of 29 colleges and universities have had at least one honoree in each of the 12 years of the program's existence: Brown, Bucknell, BYU, Colorado, Columbia, Dayton, Huntingdon (Ala.), Iowa, Johns Hopkins (Md.), Kentucky, Lafayette, Minnesota, Minnesota-Duluth, Montana, North Dakota, North Dakota State, Northern Iowa, Penn State, Redlands (Calif.), Saint John's (Minn.), SMU, South Dakota State, Wartburg (Iowa), Washington University in St. Louis (Mo.), Wayne State (Mich.), West Virginia, Wingate (N.C.), Yale and Youngstown State.

"It was my great privilege to endow the NFF Hampshire Honor Society," Hanson said. "Nationwide there are thousands of football players excelling in the classroom, and they're going on to be great leaders. The NFF Hampshire Honor Society allows us to shine a light on their hard work."

As NFF Chairman for 12 years, Hanson transformed the organization with new procedures for governance and management. His many initiatives included spearheading an endowment campaign for the NFF's prestigious National Scholar-Athlete Awards and opening up the College Football Hall of Fame to include players and coaches from the divisional ranks.

Under Hanson's leadership and entrepreneurial spirit, The Hampshire Companies has created a national real estate portfolio of more than $2.5 billion in assets under management. In 2005, the NFF honored him with its Gold Medal, the organization's highest honor, for his contributions to our country and college football.

2018 NFF HAMPSHIRE HONOR SOCIETY

An all-time high 1,271 players from a record 307 schools qualified for membership in the society's 12th year, including:



CAMERON BATSON
Texas Tech
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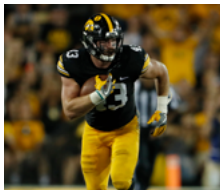
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RYAN YURACHEK
Marshall

QUALIFICATIONS

- Completed their final year of playing eligibility in 2017;
  - Graduated players, who have remaining eligibility but will not return to collegiate play (e.g. declared for NFL Draft or retired from football), may also be nominated.
- Achieved a 3.2 cumulative grade point average throughout entire course of undergraduate study;
- Met all NCAA- or NAIA-mandated progress toward degree requirements;
- Been starters or significant contributors throughout the 2017 season.

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NFF NATIONAL SCHOLAR-ATHLETE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Launched in 2008, the NFF National Scholar-Athlete Alumni Association provides a powerful vehicle for past honorees to remain in the vanguard of the NFF's present efforts. Membership for the 2018 NFF National Scholar-Athlete Alumni Association is now open to all that have been honored by the program since it was launched in 1959.

If you are a past NFF National Scholar-Athlete, we ask that you consider joining this group and supporting those who will follow in your footsteps.

For more information on the program or to enroll for 2018, please email Ron Dilatush at rdilatush@footballfoundation.com.

