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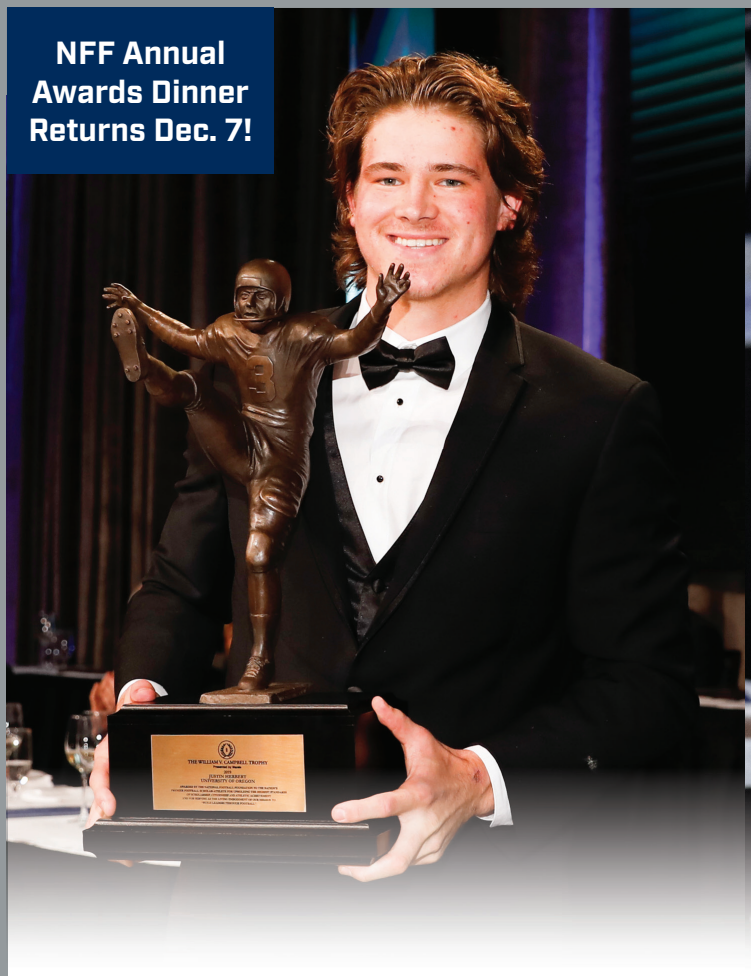
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*On the cover:*

Former Georgia defensive end David Pollack and former SMU running back Eric Dickerson are just two of the 32 legends who will be honored when the 2020 and 2021 College Football Hall of Fame Classes are both officially inducted during the 63rd NFF Annual Awards Dinner Presented by Las Vegas at the ARIA Resort & Casino Las Vegas on Dec. 7, 2021.

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### 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 Future For Football campaign, the Chick-fil-A College Football Hall of Fame in Atlanta, The William V. Campbell Trophy®, the NFF National Scholar-Athlete Class Presented by Fidelity Investments 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.

Please contact NFF Director of Finance Sue Tuggle at 972-556-1000 or by email at stuggle@footballfoundation.com to learn how you can include the National Football Foundation in your annual gift planning. The NFF is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization, and your contribution may be eligible for tax benefits based on your individual circumstances.

# PRESIDENT & CEO'S MESSAGE

## FROM STEVEN J. HATCHELL



Welcome to the latest issue of the NFF Footballetter.

We have come a long way in a year. While the unprecedented challenges of the pandemic are not completely behind us, the vaccines and numerous health and safety protocols have allowed the schedule to move forward as planned and fans to return to the stands. We know for many people, especially those who lost loved ones, life will never be the same, but we do hope the college football season provides a brief respite from their losses as well as a reminder of the resiliency of our nation.

We are particularly pleased that many of the players who were sidelined last year because of the pandemic, especially those at the high school and college divisional levels, have been able to return to the gridiron. College football creates priceless and irreplaceable experiences. From the enduring relationships that are forged among teammates to the life lessons that are assimilated, college football serves as a powerful tool for preparing our student-athletes to be leaders in their future careers. We applaud all the great administrators who have worked tirelessly to overcome the myriad of obstacles, allowing our student-athletes to play safely.

At the NFF, we are extremely excited for the return of the NFF Annual Awards Dinner Presented by Las Vegas, a tradition that stretches all the way back to 1958 when President Eisenhower accepted the NFF Gold Medal during the inaugural event. The event will occur in Las Vegas, marking the first time in the organization's history the gathering will take place outside of New York City. I especially want to thank the Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority and its president and CEO Steve Hill for coming on as the event's presenting sponsor.

Because the pandemic forced the cancellation of last year's NFF Annual Awards Dinner, we will be inducting both the 2020 and 2021 College Football Hall of Fame Classes, producing one of the largest events in our history. It promises to be a celebration for the ages, and we hope you can join us. Please visit NFF2021.com for more information.

We have also launched a new membership platform, expanding the benefits for those who join a local chapter, as well as adding a new national membership for those who simply want to support our mission. Membership benefits now include "Champion for the Game" t-shirts, coffee mugs, a digital-collectible membership certificate and as always, a coveted ballot to vote in the College Football Hall of Fame elections. Please visit footballfoundation.org to learn more about becoming a member.

We continue to forge ahead with all our initiatives to shine a light on the good in the game, including the Future For Football campaign, the NFF On-Campus Salutes Presented Fidelity Investments, the Chick-fil-A College Football Hall of Fame in Atlanta, and a full range of programs, many highlighted in this issue of the Footballetter, that showcase our nation's best and brightest.

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. Connect with your local chapter; become a national member; and encourage your friends to join. Thank you for your continued support, passion and interest as we work to promote the Future For Football!

Steven J. Hatchell



NFF President & CEO

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# 63RD NFF ANNUAL AWARDS DINNER PRESENTED BY LAS VEGAS

## EVENT SET FOR DEC. 7 AT THE ARIA RESORT & CASINO LAS VEGAS




The 63rd NFF Annual Awards Dinner Presented by Las Vegas will take place Dec. 7 at the ARIA Resort & Casino Las Vegas.

The event will be in-person and once again serve as the culmination of the college football regular season. It will feature the induction of the 2020 and 2021 College Football Hall of Fame Classes; the presentation of the 2021 NFF National Scholar-Athlete Awards Presented by Fidelity Investments; and the bestowing of the 32nd William V. Campbell Trophy® to college football's top scholar-athlete.

"We are excited about the return of the NFF Annual Awards Dinner this December, and we're looking forward to hosting the college football community in Las Vegas," said NFF Chairman Archie Manning. "As the NFF and the city of Las Vegas look to return to normal, we salute the Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority for recognizing the importance of this event and coming on as the presenting sponsor."

Since 1958, the game's most enthusiastic supporters have gathered each year to witness the NFF Annual Awards Dinner and honor those who embody the spirit of the game: dynamic business, community and military leaders; National Scholar-Athletes; and former greats of the game, set to be inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame. 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.

"With the induction of two College Football Hall of Fame classes, the 63rd NFF Annual Awards Dinner Presented by Las Vegas will prove to be one of the biggest events in our history," said NFF President & CEO Steve Hatchell. "We want to thank the LVCVA as well as the wonderful staff at the ARIA Resort & Casino Las Vegas and the team at Rafanelli Events, who are working to make this a night to be remembered. We are expecting the largest crowd in the event's history."

### 63RD NFF ANNUAL AWARDS DINNER PRESENTED BY LAS VEGAS

**December 7, 2021**
**ARIA Resort & Casino Las Vegas**
**Las Vegas, Nevada**

*Visit NFF2021.com for more information, including ticket registration and special travel rates from Delta Air Lines and the ARIA Resort & Casino Las Vegas.*

The NFF announced the Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority (LVCVA) as the presenting sponsor of the 2021 NFF Annual Awards Dinner before the start of the college football season. The LVCVA is charged with marketing Southern Nevada as a tourism and convention destination worldwide.

"We are proud to partner with the National Football Foundation as they bring their fabled Annual Awards Dinner to Las Vegas," said LVCVA CEO & President Steve Hill. "Hosting one of the most star-studded evenings in sports is an honor for Las Vegas. We look forward to helping the NFF shine a light on football's greatest legends in an unparalleled way that 'Only Vegas' can."

### NFF ANNUAL AWARDS DINNER PROGRAM

For more information on purchasing an ad in the official NFF Annual Awards Dinner program, please contact Clerrinda Queen, Sales/Marketing Director, LEARFIELD Publishing at clerrinda.queen@learfield.com or (336) 473-3145.

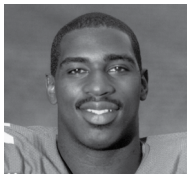
# 63RD NFF ANNUAL AWARDS DINNER PRESENTED BY LAS VEGAS

## EVENT SET FOR DEC. 7 AT THE ARIA RESORT & CASINO LAS VEGAS

### 2020 COLLEGE FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME CLASS



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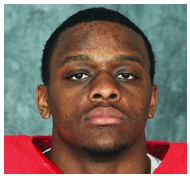
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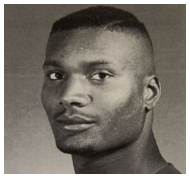
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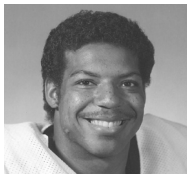
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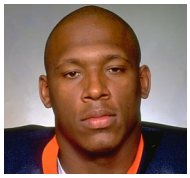
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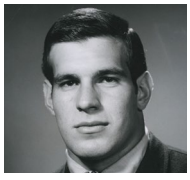
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### 2021 COLLEGE FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME CLASS



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North Carolina



**DAVID FULCHER**
Arizona State



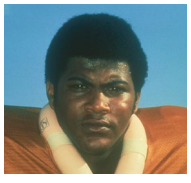
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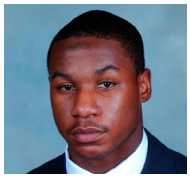
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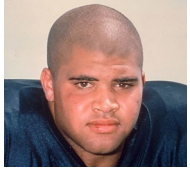
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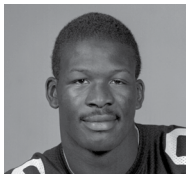
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### 2021 WILLIAM V. CAMPBELL TROPHY® FINALISTS

On Oct. 27, the NFF will announce the finalists for the 32nd William V. Campbell Trophy®, and each of them will receive an $18,000 postgraduate scholarship as a member of the 2021 NFF National Scholar-Athlete Class Presented by Fidelity Investments. The finalists will all attend the NFF Annual Awards Dinner Presented by Las Vegas where one will be announced live as the Campbell Trophy® winner and have his postgraduate scholarship increased to $25,000.

The semifinalists for the Campbell Trophy® were announced in September, and the complete list can be found on page 18.

# LVCVA-NFF ACTION COMMITTEE

## LOCAL COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED TO HELP PROMOTE NFF ANNUAL AWARDS DINNER IN LAS VEGAS

The NFF has created a local committee to help promote the 63rd NFF Annual Awards Dinner Presented by Las Vegas scheduled for Dec. 7 at the ARIA Resort & Casino Las Vegas. The LVCVA-NFF Action Committee is made up of some of Las Vegas' top business and community leaders, and it will be key to the NFF's fabled event as it is held outside of New York City for the first time in history.

"We salute all of the local business and community leaders who have joined this committee who see the value in college football and the NFF's mission," said NFF President & CEO Steve Hatchell. "Their support and knowledge of the sports and business landscape in Las Vegas will lead to one of the biggest events in our history."

The Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority (LVCVA) was announced as the presenting sponsor of the NFF Annual Awards Dinner earlier this month, and it has played a key role in the formation of the LVCVA-NFF Action Committee. The LVCVA is charged with marketing Southern Nevada as a tourism and convention destination worldwide.

The LVCVA-NFF Action Committee is co-chaired by former ESPN Senior Vice President of College Sports Programming and ESPN Events and current Bespoke Sports & Entertainment Senior Advisor Pete Derzis and R&R Partners Executive Vice President and Las Vegas Bowl Committee President Rob Dondero.



The LVCVA-NFF Action Committee includes many of Las Vegas' top business and community leaders. Front row (L-R): **BRANDON DOLL, JOHN SACCENTI, DON LOGAN, MELISSA MEACHAM-GROSSMAN, NAPOLEON McCALLUM, LISA MOTLEY, JIM LIVENGOOD, ERICK HARPER, D.J. ALLEN.** Back row (L-R): **CHASE JOLESCH, PETE DERZIS, ROB DONDERO, BRANAN ALLISON, DANIEL RUSH, JOE MICATROTTO JR., MARK WALLINGTON, STEVE STALLWORTH.**

"I want to thank all of the members of the LVCVA-NFF Action Committee for their support of the NFF Annual Awards Dinner as it moves to Las Vegas," said NFF Chairman Archie Manning. "Pete Derzis' unrivaled experience with college football programming and bowl games matched with Rob Dondero's vast marketing expertise overseeing the Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority's account at R&R make them the perfect co-chairs for this wonderful group."

## 2021 LVCVA-NFF ACTION COMMITTEE

- **Pete Derzis**, co-chair – Bespoke Sports & Entertainment Senior Advisor; Former ESPN Senior Vice President of College Sports Programming and ESPN Events
- **Rob Dondero**, co-chair – R&R Partners Executive Vice President; Las Vegas Bowl Committee President
- **D.J. Allen** – Xs & Os of Success Co-Founder & President; Las Vegas Bowl Executive Committee Member
- **Branan Allison** – Owner of Source 1 Events; President of the NFF Bill Ireland/Las Vegas Chapter; Las Vegas Bowl Committee Member; Former Villanova Wide Receiver
- **Brandon Doll** – Former Las Vegas Raiders Senior Vice President; Las Vegas Bowl Committee Member
- **Erick Harper** – UNLV Interim Athletics Director; Las Vegas Bowl Committee Member; Former Kansas State Defensive Back
- **Chase Jolesch** – Vegas Golden Knights Senior Director of Ticketing, Premium & Operations
- **Jim Livengood** – Former Athletics Director at UNLV, Arizona, Washington State and Southern Illinois; Las Vegas Bowl Committee Member
- **Don Logan** – Las Vegas Aviators President & Chief Operations Officer; Las Vegas Bowl Executive Committee Member
- **Napoleon McCallum** – 2002 College Football Hall of Fame Inductee from the U.S. Naval Academy; Las Vegas Sands Corp. Director of Community Development; Former Running Back for the Las Vegas Raiders (then in Los Angeles); Las Vegas Bowl Committee Member
- **Melissa Meacham-Grossman** – Position Sports Senior Vice President of Business Strategy and Development
- **Joe Micatrotto Jr.** – KAIROC U.S.A. Founding Member and Principal; Las Vegas Bowl Executive Committee Member; Former Western Kentucky Offensive Lineman
- **Lisa Motley** – Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority Senior Director of Sports Marketing and Special Events
- **Daniel Rush** – MGM Resorts International Vice President of Global Sports and Events Sales
- **John Saccenti** – SRS Distribution Las Vegas Bowl Executive Director
- **Steve Stallworth** – South Point Arena General Manager; Las Vegas Bowl Committee Member; Former UNLV Quarterback
- **Mark Wallington** – UNLV Senior Assistant Athletics Director, Communications

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Goodyear is the official tire of the National Football Foundation and the College Football Hall of Fame. In 2019, the Goodyear Blimp became an honorary member of the College Football Hall of Fame and it is celebrated with an exhibit at the Chick-fil-A College Football Hall of Fame in Atlanta.

Jostens is the official, exclusive supplier of the NFF rings and awards, including rings for the College Football Hall of Fame inductees, recipient of the Campbell Trophy® and NFF Leadership Hall of Fame inductees.

The Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority (LVCVA), the marketing arm for the Las Vegas destination, is the presenting sponsor of the 2021 NFF Annual Awards Dinner. The 63rd NFF Annual Awards Dinner Presented by Las Vegas will take place Dec. 7 at the ARIA Resort & Casino Las Vegas. The LVCVA is charged with marketing Southern Nevada as a tourism and convention destination worldwide.

The historic New York Athletic Club serves as the official home of the NFF's William V. Campbell Trophy®.

Sports Business Journal is a media partner of the NFF in promotion of the annual LEARFIELD Intercollegiate Athletics Forum, which is set for Dec. 8-9 at the ARIA Resort & Casino Las Vegas.

The Rose Bowl Legacy Foundation, whose primary purpose is to preserve, protect and enhance the Rose Bowl Stadium's future, is a proud NFF Annual Awards Dinner Presented by Las Vegas sponsor. Learn more at Inspire2022.org.

Spielman Koenigsberg & Parker, a certified public accounting firm, is a proud NFF Annual Awards Dinner Presented by Las Vegas sponsor.

### PARTNERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

If your company or organization is interested in joining forces with the National Football Foundation to promote and protect the game, please contact COO Matthew Sign at msign@footballfoundation.com or 972-556-1000.


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## CELEBRATING THE POSITIVE IMPACT OF THE GAME

# FUTURE FOR FOOTBALL

The National Football Foundation's (NFF) **Future For Football** cross-platform multi-media campaign continues to celebrate the positive impact the game has made on millions of players, coaches, administrators, volunteers and fans nationwide since its debut in early 2018. The campaign has featured over 1,000 pieces of original content and is the recipient of multiple national awards.

Original short documentaries and digital series focusing on a range of topics including mental health within the sport, the intersection of football and the Polynesian culture, and the growth of football video games in America have been recognized by the Webby Awards and Telly Awards, among others. Additionally, the campaign's short film Unsung Heroes was named an Official Selection of the prestigious Maui Film Festival and was syndicated on Alaska Airlines in-air entertainment as part of the recognition.

The campaign continues to commemorate the individuals, organizations and communities nationwide who positively impact or are impacted by the sport of football. Future For Football has become one of the key initiatives of the NFF for the last two-and-a-half plus years. Through its news bureau function and robust content, it has engaged many people who are part of the game, as well as the entire community that surrounds football, such as cheerleaders, band members, trainers, parents, media or any passionate fan who cares about the game.

Ultimately, Future For Football aims to increase participation at every level of the game. This year, Future For Football is encouraging its audience to get involved with the **Make Your Play** initiative. As the game continues to evolve, from safety to technology to growing opportunities to play the game nationwide — flag, girls tackle and more — football is becoming more accessible for people everywhere. The new FutureForFootball.com provides helpful resources such as a list of leagues around the country, equipment, tips for parents and coaches and much more. The site also includes a link to experts at varying levels of the sport to help answer any questions and provide advice.

Make Your Play has also given fans a unique opportunity to see the game in an intimate setting at various levels. Through interviews and an on-the-field visual perspective, Future For Football's original series explored how the game continues to bring people of diverse backgrounds and socioeconomic status together. Stories give a first-hand look at high school kids growing up with big football dreams, of first-generation athletes playing alongside coaches' kids and of a girls tackle league that's expanded from 50 to over 650 athletes. Videos explore the growth of flag football and the opportunity it has given so many young athletes to participate and even finesse their gridiron skills. Throughout it all, one thing has remained apparent — the love of the game is transcending and there are many committed to growing the game and encourage a new generation of participants and fans.

Future For Football remains dedicated to sharing these stories and reminding everyone about the positives of football. Follow the campaign on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter and let us know how you are making your play.




Athletes on We Dem Girlz, an all-girls flag football team based in Alabama, play in the NFL Flag Alabama Open, held at the Hoover Met Complex in August 2021.

# FUTURE FOR FOOTBALL

## CELEBRATING THE POSITIVE IMPACT OF THE GAME




The Utah Falconz Women's Football team, the 2016 and 2017 National Champions, huddles at practice over the summer.



Junipero Serra High School offensive guard **MARION MILLER JR.** poses outside of his home in the Los Angeles area. Miller told Future For Football he wants to earn a scholarship to help better his family and be a role model for his younger brothers.



Junipero Serra High School head coach **SCOTT ALTENBERG** at practice; Altenberg is in his 23rd season as head coach of the Cavaliers.




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# HALL OF FAME ON-CAMPUS SALUTES

## PRESENTED BY FIDELITY INVESTMENTS

The National Football Foundation is pleased to announce the return of the NFF Hall of Fame On-Campus Salutes, presented by Fidelity Investments®, this fall.

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 2020 and 2021 Hall of Fame Classes will return to his respective school 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 be recognized in front of their home crowd.

"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 both the 2020 and 2021 Hall of Fame Classes with the tens of thousands of fans who will witness an On-Campus Salute this year."

"For more than a decade, Fidelity Investments has teamed with the National Football Foundation to recognize excellence in student-athletes across the college football landscape," said Rick Mitchell, Executive Vice President, Tax-Exempt and Retirement Solutions, Fidelity Investments. "We're pleased to salute the outstanding 2020 and 2021 Hall of Fame Classes and look forward to helping them celebrate their significant career achievements throughout the season."

The 2020 and 2021 College Football Hall of Fame Classes will be officially inducted during the 63rd NFF Annual Awards Dinner Presented by Las Vegas Dec. 7 at the ARIA Resort & Casino Las Vegas (the 2020 event was canceled due to COVID-19).

Fidelity Investments has served as the national presenting sponsor of the NFF Hall of Fame On-Campus Salutes since 2010. 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.

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

Sept. 11 – Coach Rudy Hubbard (2021) – Florida A&M (vs. Fort Valley State [GA])
Sept. 11 – C.J. Spiller (2021) – Clemson (vs. South Carolina State)
Sept. 18 – David Pollack (2020) – Georgia (vs. South Carolina)
Sept. 18 – Coach Bob Stoops (2021) – Oklahoma (vs. Nebraska)
Sept. 25 – Elmo Wright (2020) – Houston (vs. Navy)
Oct. 2 – Darren Sproles (2021) – Kansas State (vs. Oklahoma)
Oct. 2 – Michael Westbrook (2020) – Colorado (vs. Southern California)
Oct. 9 – Eric Crouch (2020) – Nebraska (vs. Michigan)
Oct. 9 – Carson Palmer (2021) – Southern California (vs. Utah)
Oct. 9 – Al Wilson (2021) – Tennessee (vs. South Carolina)
Oct. 16 – Harris Barton (2021) – North Carolina (vs. Miami [FL])
Oct. 16 – Jason Hanson (2020) – Washington State (vs. Stanford)
Oct. 16 – Coach Dick Sheridan (2020) – Furman (vs. The Citadel)
Oct. 16 – Anthony Poindexter (2020) – Virginia (vs. Duke)
Oct. 16 – Bob Stein (2020) – Minnesota (vs. Nebraska)
Oct. 23 – E.J. Junior (2020) – Alabama (vs. Tennessee)
Oct. 23 – Cade McNown (2020) – UCLA (vs. Oregon)
Oct. 30 – E.J. Henderson (2020) – Maryland (vs. Indiana)
Oct. 30 – Coach Dick Sheridan (2020) – NC State (vs. Louisville)
Nov. 6 – David Fulcher (2021) – Arizona State (vs. Southern California)
Nov. 13 – Steve McNair (2020) – Alcorn State (vs. Prairie View A&M)*
Nov. 13 – Coach Andy Talley (2020) – Villanova (vs. Stony Brook)
Nov. 13 – Andre Tippett (2021) – Iowa (vs. Minnesota)
Nov. 26 – Kenneth Sims (2021) – Texas (vs. Kansas State)
Nov. 27 – Lomas Brown (2020) – Florida (vs. Florida State)
Nov. 27 – Eric Dickerson (2020) – SMU (vs. Tulsa)
Nov. 27 – Glenn Dorsey (2020) – LSU (vs. Texas A&M)

** Tentative*
*Note: On-Campus Salute dates for the remaining members of the 2020 and 2021 Classes are still to be determined.*




2021 Hall of Fame electee **C.J. SPILLER** was honored during Clemson's home game against South Carolina State on Sept. 11. (L-R): Clemson head coach **DABO SWINNEY**, Clemson athletics director **DAN RADAKOVICH** and Spiller. *(Photo by David Platt).*



2021 Hall of Fame electee **BOB STOOPS** was honored during Oklahoma's home game against Nebraska on Sept. 18. (L-R): College Football Hall of Famer **BRIAN BOSWORTH**; University of Oklahoma President **JOSEPH HARROZ JR.**; NFF Board Member and Oklahoma VP for Intercollegiate Athletics Programs **JOE CASTIGLIONE**; Coach Stoops; Stoops' wife, **CAROL**, and daughter, **MACKENZIE**; NFF President & CEO **STEVE HATCHELL**; NFF Board Member and College Football Hall of Famer **TROY AIKMAN**; and Fidelity Investments VP and Workplace Regional Manager **ALICIA MAY**. *(Photo by Shevaun Williams & Associates/OU Athletics).*

# CHICK-FIL-A COLLEGE FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME

## CELEBRATING SEVEN YEARS IN ATLANTA




The Chick-fil-A College Football Hall of Fame in Atlanta continues to offer a dynamic range of events and content that engages fans at every level.

In 2021, the NFF celebrated the seventh anniversary of the Chick-fil-A College Football Hall of Fame, which opened Aug. 23, 2014, next to downtown Atlanta's Centennial Olympic Park. The state-of-the-art Hall continues to build on its legacy as a national hub for immersing fans in the sport they love with a wide variety of events and activities.

"Downtown Atlanta has proven to be the perfect setting for the Hall and the city, and people from all over the country have embraced our home in Atlanta as a major epicenter for college football," said Archie Manning, the chairman of the NFF, which launched the Hall in 1951 and partnered with the city of Atlanta to raise the money and open the Hall in 2014. "Even with the challenges during the past two years, the Hall continues to find new ways to create meaningful experiences for fans."

Redefining the concept of a traditional museum with cutting-edge technology, the building has drawn universal praise for creating a guest experience that rises to the occasion of paying tribute to the game's greatest legends while engaging fans with a unique range of compelling exhibits and events.

In honor of Juneteenth, the Hall debuted its most recent addition: a brand new permanent exhibit that celebrates all aspects of Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) featuring historical artifacts and interactive videos showcasing their rich traditions.

The Hall measures 94,256 square feet, including 50,000 square feet of exhibit space and the Chick-fil-A Peach Bowl Field, a 45-yard indoor playing turf. The attraction matches traditional, museum-quality memorabilia with interactive, multimedia exhibits that invite fans and visitors to engage with their favorite college football team or Hall of Famer.

Fans are given an RFID-enabled All-Access Pass as they enter the building and are immediately greeted by the three-story helmet wall representing all 767 U.S. colleges and universities with football teams. Once registered, a fan's RFID All-Access Pass lights up their school's helmet on the wall. As fans explore the rest of the building, the RFID badge continues to pull and display information about their school throughout their tour.

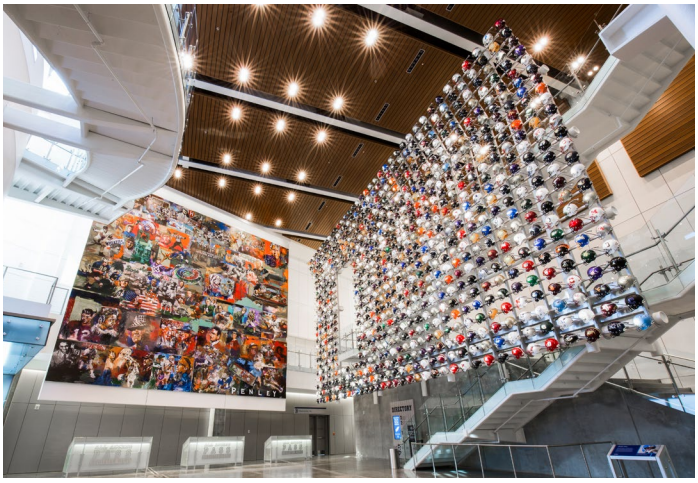
"The reaction from fans who have traveled from all over the country to visit the Hall continues to exceed our expectations," said A.J. Robinson, chairman of the Atlanta Hall Management Board of Directors, which oversees the Chick-fil-A College Football Hall of Fame. "The Hall has truly become a national platform for college football and a great showcase for Atlanta."

The Hall, behind the leadership of President & CEO Kimberly Beaudin, has been a prime space for private events in Atlanta, annually hosting more than 250 in a typical year.

Having inducted its first class in 1951, the Hall represents the highest level of achievement for players and coaches, and the facility plays a central role in the National Football Foundation's mission by dramatizing the history of the game in such a way as to inspire young people to excellence throughout their lives. Steps from Mercedes Benz Stadium, the Hall has added to an already thriving sports, entertainment and tourism district in Atlanta, attracting hundreds of thousands of fans each year.

# CHICK-FIL-A COLLEGE FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME

## CELEBRATING SEVEN YEARS IN ATLANTA



The Quad greets visitors with a dramatic wall that features the helmets of all 767 football-playing colleges and universities in the country as well as a mural with 36 individual paintings by famed-Georgia artist Steve Penley.



The Hall is honoring the 2020 and 2021 College Football Hall of Fame Classes with a special exhibit featuring personalized lockers for each member with memorabilia.



The Hall is a destination for fans of all ages, highlighted by the 45-yard Chick-fil-A Peach Bowl Field, which serves as an event space and allows fans to kick a field goal, throw like a quarterback and battle tackling dummies.




In honor of Juneteenth, the Hall debuted a brand new permanent exhibit that celebrates all aspects of Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) and their impact — past, present and future.

## GET TO KNOW THE HALL

**Hall Highlights:**

- All of the nation's 767 football-playing schools are represented on a dramatic helmet wall.
- More than 250 annual events.
- The Hall's archives contain more than one million artifacts, dating back to the 1870s with more than 1,500 items currently on display, plus another 65,000 pieces of digital content within the Hall's interactive exhibits.

**History and Hall Facts:**

- Founded in 1947, the National Football Foundation & College Hall of Fame inducted its first class in 1951.
- More than 5.47 million student-athletes have played college football since the first game on Nov. 6, 1869.
- After Dec. 7, 2021, only 1,261 legends will have been inducted (1,038 players and 223 coaches, including the 2020 and 2021 Classes) or less than two one-hundredths of a percent (.02%) of those who have played the game during the past 152 years.
- 314 schools are represented with at least one Hall of Famer.
- First class of inductees included notables Red Grange (Illinois), Knute Rockne (Notre Dame), Amos Alonzo Stagg (four schools) and Jim Thorpe (Carlisle [PA]).



**KIMBERLY BEAUDIN**
Hall of Fame President & CEO

# COLLEGE FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME – DID YOU KNOW?

## HALL OF FAME FACTS AND TRIVIA

Including the 2020 and 2021 Classes, only 1,038 players and 223 coaches have been inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame from the nearly 5.47 million people who have played or coached the game over the past 152 years. In other words, only two one-hundredths of a percent (.02%) of those who have set foot on the gridiron have earned the distinction. Below are some facts and trivia about Hall of Fame inductees.

**4** **INDUCTED AS BOTH A PLAYER AND A COACH**

- Bobby Dodd (Player at Tennessee; Coach at Georgia Tech)
- Steve Spurrier (Player at Florida; Coach at Duke, Florida, South Carolina)
- Amos Alonzo Stagg (Player at Yale; Coach at Springfield [MA], Chicago [IL], Pacific [CA])
- Bowden Wyatt (Player at Tennessee; Coach at Wyoming, Arkansas, Tennessee)




STEVE SPURRIER

**4** **INDUCTED WHILE ACTIVELY COACHING**

- Bobby Bowden (Samford, West Virginia, Florida State)
- John Gagliardi (Carroll [MT], Saint John's [MN])
- Joe Paterno (Penn State)
- Bill Snyder (Kansas State)



JOHN GAGLIARDI

**4** **COACHES WHO RETURNED TO THE SIDELINES AFTER INDUCTION**

- Chris Ault (Nevada)
- Mack Brown (Appalachian State, Tulane, North Carolina, Texas, North Carolina)
- Billy Joe (Cheyney [PA], Central State [OH], Florida A&M, Miles [AL])
- John Ralston (Utah State, Stanford, San Jose State)



BILLY JOE

**2** **SETS OF FATHERS AND SONS IN THE HALL**

- Archie Manning (Ole Miss) and Peyton Manning (Tennessee)
- Lee Tressel (Coach) and Jim Tressel (Coach)



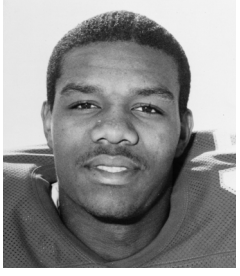
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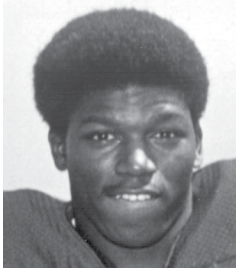
JIM TRESSEL

**8** **SETS OF BROTHERS IN THE HALL**

- Dick Anderson (Colorado) and Bobby Anderson (Colorado)
- Randall Cunningham (UNLV) and Sam Cunningham (Southern California)
- Ave Daniell (Pittsburgh) and Jim Daniell (Ohio State)
- Bump Elliott (Michigan) and Pete Elliott (Michigan)
- Bill Ingram (Coach) and Jonas Ingram (Navy)
- Howard Jones (Coach) and Tad Jones (Coach)
- Pop Warner (Coach) and Bill Warner (Cornell)
- Albert Wistert (Michigan), Alvin Wistert (Michigan) and Francis Wistert (Michigan)



RANDALL CUNNINGHAM



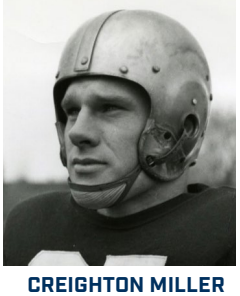
SAM CUNNINGHAM

**2** **OTHER SET OF RELATIVES IN THE HALL**

- Don Miller (Notre Dame) and Creighton Miller (Notre Dame). Don was Creighton's uncle.
- Trevor Cobb (Rice) and Vince Young (Texas) – Cousins



DON MILLER



CREIGHTON MILLER

# COLLEGE FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME – DID YOU KNOW?

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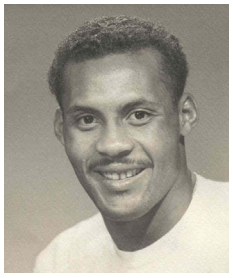
**14** **DIED DURING MILITARY SERVICE**



NILE KINNICK

- Hobey Baker (Princeton) – World War I
- Charley Barrett (Cornell) – World War I
- Al Blozis (Georgetown) – World War II
- Paul Bunker (Army) – World War II
- Gary Cochran (Princeton) – World War I
- Jim Holder (Oklahoma Panhandle State) - Vietnam
- Don Holleder (Army) – Vietnam
- Nile Kinnick (Iowa) – World War II
- Bill Mallory (Yale) – World War II
- Winchester Osgood (Cornell, Pennsylvania) – Cuban War of Independence
- Joe Routt (Texas A&M) – World War II
- Dave Schreiner (Wisconsin) – World War II
- Pat Tillman (Arizona State) – U.S. War in Afghanistan
- Waddy Young (Oklahoma) – World War II

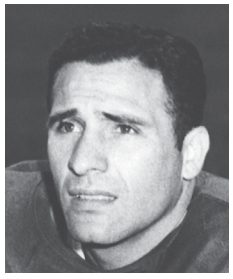
**8** **OLYMPIC MEDALISTS**



OLLIE MATSON

- Truxton Hare (UPenn) 1900 Silver in Hammer Throw; 1904 Bronze in Decathlon
- John DeWitt (Princeton) 1904 Silver in Hammer Throw
- Jim Thorpe (Carlisle) 1912 Gold in both Pentathlon and Decathlon
- Brick Muller (California) 1920 Silver in High Jump
- Jack Riley (Northwestern) 1932 Silver in Wrestling
- James Bausch (Kansas) 1932 Gold in Decathlon
- Clyde Scott (Arkansas) 1948 Silver in 110 M Hurdles
- Ollie Matson (San Francisco) 1952 Bronze in the 400-Meter and Silver in 4x400 Relay

**OLDEST LIVING HALL OF FAME PLAYERS**



CHARLEY TRIPPI

- 99 years old: Charley Trippi (Georgia) – DOB: Dec. 14, 1922
- 96 years old: Johnny Lujack (Notre Dame) – DOB: Jan. 4, 1925
- 93 years old: Brad Rowland (McMurry [TX]) – DOB: July 14, 1928
- 92 years old: Hugh McElhenny (Washington) – DOB: Dec. 31, 1928
- 91 years old: Bill McColl (Stanford) – DOB: April 2, 1930

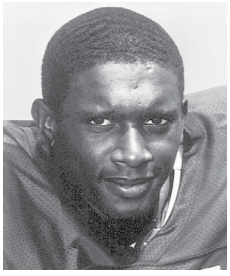
**OLDEST LIVING HALL OF FAME COACHES**



DARRELL MUDRA

- 92 years old: Darrell Mudra (Adams State [CO], North Dakota State, Arizona, Western Illinois, Florida State, Eastern Illinois, Northern Iowa) – DOB: Jan. 14, 1929
- 92 years old: Doug Porter (Mississippi Valley State, Howard, Fort Valley State [GA]) – DOB: Aug. 15, 1929
- 90 years old: Ad Rutschman (Linfield [OR]) – DOB: Oct. 30, 1931
- 90 years old: Roy Kidd (Eastern Kentucky) – DOB: Dec. 4, 1931
- 89 years old: Doug Dickey (Tennessee, Florida) – DOB: June 24, 1932

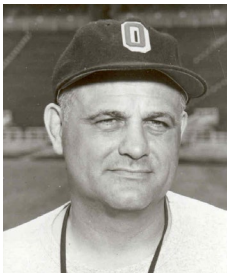
**MOST HALL OF FAME PLAYERS FROM ONE SCHOOL**



TIM BROWN
Notre Dame

- 48: Notre Dame
- 33: Southern California
- 32: Michigan
- 26: Ohio State
- 24: Yale
- 22: Army, Oklahoma
- 21: Princeton, Tennessee
- 20: Texas
- 19: Alabama, Minnesota, Nebraska, Pittsburgh
- 18: Harvard, Navy, Penn State, Stanford

**MOST HALL OF FAME COACHES FROM ONE SCHOOL**



WOODY HAYES
Ohio State

- 7: Ohio State
- 6: Arkansas, Michigan, Nebraska, Notre Dame, Oklahoma, Stanford, Syracuse, Texas A&M

**314** **SCHOOLS HAVE AT LEAST ONE HALL OF FAME PLAYER OR COACH**

# 2021 CAMPBELL TROPHY® SEMIFINALISTS

## 176 OF THE BEST SCHOLAR-ATHLETES IN THE COUNTRY

The 176 semifinalists for the 2021 William V. Campbell Trophy® in essence represent each college or university's best all-around football scholar-athlete. Each of them can take great pride in knowing they were nominated for an award won by 31 of the greatest all-around scholar-athletes to ever grace the college gridiron.

The NFF will announce 12-14 finalists on Oct. 27, and each of them will receive an $18,000 postgraduate scholarship as a member of the 2021 NFF National Scholar-Athlete Class Presented by Fidelity Investments. One of the finalists will be named the winner of the 32nd Campbell Trophy® during the 63rd NFF Annual Awards Dinner Presented by Las Vegas on Dec. 7 and have his postgraduate scholarship increased to $25,000.

**FOOTBALL BOWL SUBDIVISION (FBS)**
Alabama - Chris Owens
Appalachian State - Thomas Hennigan
Arizona - Bryce Wolma
Arkansas - Grant Morgan
Army - Arik Smith
Auburn - Anders Carlson
Baylor - Jalen Pitre
Boise State - Riley Whimpey
Boston College - Zion Johnson
Brigham Young - James Empey
Buffalo - Jack Klenk
California - Elijah Hicks
Central Michigan - Bernhard Raimann
Clemson - Matt Bockhorst
Colorado - Matt Lynch
Connecticut - Brian Keating
Duke - Jake Bobo
Eastern Michigan - Thomas Odukoya
Florida - Jeremiah Moon
Florida Atlantic - John Mitchell
Fresno State - Matt Smith
Georgia State - Jaylon Jones
Georgia Tech - Ryan Johnson
Houston - Donavan Mutin
Illinois - Doug Kramer
Indiana - Jack Tuttle
Iowa - Zach VanValkenburg
Iowa State - Charlie Kolar
Kansas State - Landry Weber
Kentucky - Luke Fortner
Louisiana - Nate Snyder
LSU - Avery Atkins
Memphis - Kylan Watkins
Miami (FL) - Lou Hedley
Michigan - Aidan Hutchinson
Michigan State - AJ Arcuri
Minnesota - Conner Olson
Mississippi - Ben Brown
Mississippi State - Austin Williams
Missouri - Tyler Badie
Navy - Isaac Ruoss
Nebraska - Ben Stille
North Carolina State - Trenton Gill
Northern Illinois - Tyrice Richie
Northwestern - Sam Gerak
Ohio State - Jeremy Ruckert
Oklahoma - Patrick Fields
Oklahoma State - Logan Carter
Old Dominion - Isaac Weaver
Oregon - Dru Mathis
Oregon State - Andrzej Hughes-Murray
Penn State - Sean Clifford
Pittsburgh - Kirk Christodoulou
Purdue - Zander Horvath
Rice - Trey Schuman
Rutgers - Noah Vedral
San Jose State - Jack Snyder
South Carolina - Spencer Eason-Riddle
Southern California - Nick Figueroa
Southern Methodist - Hayden Howerton
Stanford - Thomas Booker
Syracuse - Kingsley Jonathan
Temple - Michael Niese
Tennessee - Matthew Butler
Texas - Cameron Dicker
Texas at San Antonio - Hunter Duplessis
Toledo - Bailey Flint
Tulane - Nick Anderson
UCF - Eriq Gilyard
UCLA - Shea Pitts
UNLV - Charles Williams
Utah - Keegan Markgraf
Utah State - Nick Heninger
Wake Forest - Zach Tom
Washington - Race Porter
West Virginia - Sean Mahone
Western Michigan - Mike Caliendo
Wisconsin - Matt Henningsen
Wyoming - Ayden Eberhardt

**FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP SUBDIVISION (FCS)**
Alabama State - Luke Barnes
Austin Peay - Jack McDonald
Brown - Chad Broome-Webster
Bucknell - Grayson Cherubino
Campbell - Levi Wiggins
Chattanooga - Jerrell Lawson
Columbia - Ben Mathiasmeier
Cornell - Hunter Nourzad
Dartmouth - Evan Hecimovich
Davidson - Eli Turner
Dayton - Brandon Easterling
Duquesne - Jake Dixon
Elon - Davis Cheek
Florida A&M - Chris Faddoul
Georgetown - Ahmad Wilson
Harvard - Spencer Rolland
Holy Cross - Peter Oliver
Lehigh - RaShawn Allen
Marist - Kyle Fleitman
Montana - Dylan Cook
Montana State - Troy Andersen
Morgan State - Shimano Dendoe
North Carolina Central - Jessie Malit
North Dakota - Matt Waletzko
Northern Arizona - DJ Arnson
Northern Iowa - Brawntae Wells
Northwestern State - Gavin Landry
Pennsylvania - Prince Emili
Princeton - James Johnson
South Dakota - Jack Cochrane
South Dakota State - Wes Genant
Stetson - Fermon Reid
Tennessee Tech - Tavin Kilpatrick



Towson - Aaron Grzymkowski
William & Mary - Ryan Ripley
Youngstown State - Christian Turner

**DIVISION II**
Ashland (OH) - Austin Phillips
Bentley (MA) - Andrew Brazicki
California (PA) - Eric Hudanick
Chadron State (NE) - Dalton Holst
Harding (AR) - Dylan Hendricks
Minnesota Duluth - Dan Monson
Minnesota State - JD Ekowa
Northwest Missouri State - Jackson Barnes
Slippery Rock (PA) - Henry Litwin
Southern Arkansas - Hayden Mallory
Stonehill (MA) - Anton Stoneking
Texas A&M-Commerce - Alex Shillow
Wayne State (MI) - Lane Potter
West Texas A&M - Brandon Blair
Wingate (NC) - Tucker Mullis

**DIVISION III**
Allegheny (PA) - Jack Parker
Bethel (MN) - Jaran Roste
Carnegie Mellon (PA) - Sean Knight
Case Western Reserve (OH) - Donald Day III
Central (IA) - Blaine Hawkins
Centre (KY) - Patric Edwards
East Texas Baptist - KJ Kelley
Gallaudet (DC) - Timel Benton
Grinnell (IA) - Danny Carter
Hampden-Sydney (VA) - Kaleb Smith
Hardin-Simmons (TX) - Cameron Hanna
Hope (MI) - Brady Eding
Ithaca (NY) - Andrew Vito
Johns Hopkins (MD) - Jacob Fetterolf
Lake Forest (IL) - Jamari Tansmore
Lycoming (PA) - Elijah Shemory
Manchester (IN) - Jalen Masden
Mary Hardin-Baylor (TX) - Sante Parker
Middlebury (VT) - Will Jernigan
Millsaps (MS) - Walter Johnson
New England (ME) - Keegan Stanton-Meas
Ohio Wesleyan - Shane Quin
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (NY) - George Marinopoulos
Rhodes (TN) - Finn Giddings
Saint John's (MN) - Chris Backes
Shenandoah (VA) - Mason Caldwell
Springfield (MA) - Lou Cocozza
Texas Lutheran - Juan Ocampo
Tufts (MA) - Mike Pedrini
U.S. Merchant Marine Academy (NY) - Joshua King
Washington U. in St. Louis (MO) - Andrew Whitaker
Wesleyan (CT) - Justin Johnson
Westminster (PA) - Ian Barr
Wheaton (IL) - Ryan Schwartz
Wisconsin Lutheran - Todd O'Dell Jr.
Wisconsin-Oshkosh - Jason Myrick
Wisconsin-Stout - Haydon Miller
Wisconsin-Whitewater - Ryan Wisniewski
Wooster (OH) - Angelo Petracci

**NAIA**
Dakota State (SD) - Marcus Vanden Bosch
Lindsey Wilson (KY) - Cameron Dukes
Montana Western - Kyle Schulte
Morningside (IA) - Reid Jurgensmeier
Ottawa (KS) - Colby Johnson
Peru State (NE) - Dylan Dittman
William Penn (IA) - Alex Crehan

# NFF PARTNERSHIP WITH THE NYAC

## HISTORIC NEW YORK ATHLETIC CLUB IS OFFICIAL HOME OF THE CAMPBELL TROPHY®

In December 2013, the New York Athletic Club (NYAC) became the exclusive home of the National Football Foundation's William V. Campbell Trophy®, college football's premier scholar-athlete award.

As part of the partnership between the NYAC and the NFF, the trophy occupies a prominent section of the NYAC Hall of Fame, featuring the names of each of the recipients of the Campbell Trophy® at the club's landmark building on Central Park in New York City.

"The New York Athletic Club provides the Campbell Trophy® a powerful and versatile venue for promoting the scholar-athlete ideal," said NFF President & CEO Steve Hatchell. "Making the NYAC the official home of the Campbell Trophy® provides an outstanding platform in one of the most important cities in the world. Our partnership with the NYAC helps us amplify the spotlight on the trophy and our goal of inspiring student-athletes to achieve excellence in all aspects of their lives."

The organizations work together each year to stage events at the NYAC with the trophy as the focal point. The events include a special annual celebration with the newest recipient of the Campbell Trophy®, which will take place on Dec. 13, the week after the NFF Annual Awards Dinner Presented by Las Vegas. The NYAC also funds a prestigious NFF National Scholar-Athlete Award.

This year, the NYAC will also host the Ivy League's press conference and reception to bestow the Asa S. Bushnell Cup to its Offensive and Defensive Players of the Year. The NFF has co-hosted the event with the Ivy League since 2010, and the event will also take place on Dec. 13.

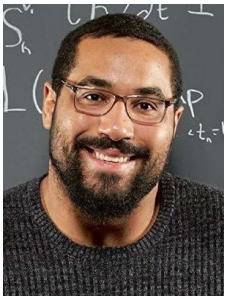
Founded in 1868, the NYAC boasts a unique history. The Club's founding premise was to bring structure to a sporting environment that was lacking in organization and uniformity of measurement. Quickly, the NYAC organized the first U.S. championships in boxing, swimming, wrestling and track & field. Today, the New York City clubhouse stands in tribute to an unmatched athletic history and the NYAC's ongoing commitment to the pursuit of sporting excellence, while also providing unmatched social opportunities for its members. Among its members have been some of the most accomplished individuals in the worlds of sport, business and the arts. Notably, Club athletes have won 271 Olympic medals.



Past Campbell Trophy® recipients **CHRIS HOWARD** (Air Force-1990), **JOHN URSCHEL** (Penn State-2013) and **THOMAS BURNS** (Virginia-1993) with the trophy's namesake, the late **BILL CAMPBELL**, at the NYAC in 2013.

# CAMPBELL Q&A WITH JOHN URSCHEL, PH.D.

## MATHEMATICIAN, AUTHOR & 2013 CAMPBELL TROPHY® RECIPIENT





The epitome of the scholar-athlete, John Urschel represents everything right about college football. A team captain and a key component to one of the Big Ten's most productive passing offenses, Urschel claimed Associated Press Third-Team All-America honors in 2013 while paving the way for three-straight 1,000-yard rushers. He garnered back-to-back First-Team Academic All-America honors in 2012 and 2013, and he earned a bachelor's in mathematics in May 2012, a master's in mathematics a year later and was working on a second master's degree in math education his final year at Penn State – all while maintaining a perfect 4.0 GPA. Urschel taught college-level courses and had several research papers published while still playing football for the Nittany Lions.

He played three seasons in the NFL for the Baltimore Ravens while at the same time beginning work on a Ph.D. in mathematics at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Urschel completed his Ph.D. in 2021 and is currently a member of the Institute for Advanced Study, one of the world's foremost centers for theoretical research and intellectual inquiry. He is also a noted speaker, sharing his passion for math in hope of inspiring future generations, and he authored a book in 2019 titled, "Mind and Matter: A Life in Math and Football," telling the story of a life balanced between two passions. Urschel remains involved with football as a member of the College Football Playoff selection committee.

**You are Penn State's first and only winner of the Campbell Trophy®. What did that recognition mean to you and to the school?**

Winning the Campbell Trophy® was one of the greatest honors I've ever received. College football is something special, and I was lucky enough to be in a place with a tradition of success both on the field and in the classroom. I don't view the award as a singular achievement, but as a representation of the culture in the Penn State football department.

**You earned a bachelor's degree and a master's degree during your time at Penn State. What was the secret to balancing your academic and athletic pursuits so successfully?**

I think the biggest secret is that there are no shortcuts and really no substitute for dedication and hard work. One piece of advice I do like to give is to make sure you love what you do. Football isn't easy, and math isn't much easier. If you don't love it, good luck trying to find the motivation to do a few more reps or try a few more exercises.

**It can be argued that a "White-Out" at Beaver Stadium is one of the toughest game-day atmospheres in all of college football. What makes those games so special and do you have a favorite memory from one of them?**

There's something special about going out on a Saturday and representing your university. White-Out games are an amazing experience where you get to the see the Penn State community come together in breathtaking fashion. Simply put, there's nothing like it. I'll never forget our 2013 White-Out win vs. Michigan. It was four overtimes!

**You currently serve on the College Football Playoff Selection Committee. How has the experience changed your perception of the rankings/polls, especially since your playing days?**

Serving on the College Football Playoff Selection Committee has been amazing. There's something special about being with people who love football so much and put in countless hours to watch games, evaluate teams and make tough decisions. I'm especially happy to be a member, because I love college football so much, and even though my career focus is mathematical research, I want to stay close to the game. I'm not sure what I'll do after my term is over, but I'll figure that out when I get there! The biggest change in my perception is an appreciation for just how much time the CFP members spend watching every game, and a better understanding of the process. Often outside people refer to the committee as a singular body with a singular mindset. This couldn't be farther from the truth. The committee has a diverse group of members, with different backgrounds and perspectives.

**Tell us more about working on your Ph.D. at MIT. Can we call you Dr. Urschel soon and what are your plans after graduation? (Note: We caught up with John in March 2021 prior to earning his Ph.D.)**

Being a Ph.D. student in the MIT math department has been a dream come true. There's something special about being around so many different brilliant and passionate mathematicians. It's an environment that brings out the best in me and constantly leaves me wanting to learn more. I'm graduating this year and, afterwards, I'm headed to the Institute for Advanced Study to focus on research for a year. Eventually, I plan to be a professor.

**Your love of chess is well documented. How did you start playing and is the ultimate goal to be a Grandmaster?**

I started playing in college when one of my good friends became interested in the game. We used to play weekly games at lunch. I wouldn't say that I have any aspirations of becoming a grandmaster (math and parenthood keep me busy enough!), but I enjoy looking at chess when I have the time and think eventually I might become a national master.

**Favorite musician?**

Fiona Apple

**Food or restaurant that you are embarrassed to admit you love?**

I'm an offensive lineman! I love all food, and I'm certainly not embarrassed about it!

**Favorite comedies (TV series or movies)?**

"Fleabag"

**Favorite ice cream flavor at the Penn State Creamery?**

Chocolate chip cookie dough

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# CAMPBELL Q&A WITH MATT STINCHCOMB

## HALL OF FAMER, INSURANCE EXECUTIVE, BROADCASTER AND 1998 CAMPBELL TROPHY® RECIPIENT



An exceedingly well-rounded individual with a near flawless 3.96 GPA, Matt Stinchcomb remains one of the most decorated players in Georgia history. In 2018, Stinchcomb became the third College Football Hall of Fame inductee to have also claimed the Campbell Trophy®. On the field, Stinchcomb twice earned First-Team All-America honors at offensive tackle, including consensus laurels in 1998. In the classroom, he twice claimed Academic All-America honors, including being named the Academic All-American of the Year in 1998.

After graduating magna cum laude with a business degree, Stinchcomb was selected 18th overall by the Oakland Raiders in the 1999 NFL Draft. The Lilburn, Georgia, native played five seasons for the franchise and added three more with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers. Following the NFL, Stinchcomb joined with his brother, Jon, and former teammate, David Greene, both NFF National Scholar-Athletes from Georgia, to form the Stinchcomb Family Foundation and the Countdown to Kickoff Charities, which focuses on raising money for children's healthcare. He currently serves as a partner at Sterling 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.



**What does being a Campbell Trophy® winner mean to you?**

School was the No. 1 priority in our house growing up. Most adults in our family were educators, teachers or principals, so it's no surprise. But, the reasoning was that, if you can have success academically then you can have access to the broadest menu of options; and, if you can achieve at a high level then you should achieve at a high level. To have that recognized in conjunction with athletics is special for me.

**You are one of only three former Campbell Trophy® recipients to have also been inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame. As someone who has achieved at the highest level in academics and athletics, what advice would you give to the next generation who would like to follow in your footsteps?**

Time is your most valuable resource and hard work is undefeated. If it requires your time, then it's worth your best effort. If you've given that, then you always win.

**Your younger brother Jon was also named an NFF National Scholar-Athlete. Were you two competitive growing up? If so, how do you think that helped you both become so successful on and off the field?**

Yes, but not in football or the classroom really. It was more in the driveway playing basketball or ping pong or Nintendo. Once he got bigger, I realized I really should've developed a jump shot.

**What was the best part about playing in the SEC? Was there a particular team and/or player that you really looked forward to lining up against?**

The enthusiasm for the sport at the collegiate level and around the games themselves. Football is the most popular sport in the country, but, in the SEC footprint, college football is king. Game days are amazing with the tailgating and huge hostile sold-out stadiums. And, that's virtually every week. People ask who our biggest rival was and I could pick four or five different teams. But, because a lot of my high school friends and my wife went to Auburn, that game held special importance to me.

**Did you have any pregame rituals (same food, music, etc.) or bizarre superstitions during your playing days?**

I had two in college. In the locker room pregame, I always put on my Mountain Park Athletic Association hat. It's where I first started playing football, loved those coaches and teammates. The other was I always wore a black wristband on my left arm. Chuck Mize was my head coach at Parkview High School, and he died spring of my sophomore year at Parkview. He always believed in me -- long before I believed in myself. I started wearing the wristband the next season in memory of him.

**You currently work for the SEC Network/ESPN. What drew you to the broadcasting industry? As a former player, what's the hardest part about watching and analyzing the games now?**

Well, it's ironic because I did not enjoy interacting with the media as a player. But, while we were still in the NFL, Jon and I had created a charitable foundation and became more involved in children's charities. We started some events to raise funding and awareness, and to promote the events. I would do sports radio or local sports segments and was told I was pretty good at it. At first, I was surprised at how much I enjoyed doing it, but it makes sense. Broadcasting is very much a team effort, and I have great teammates. So, it's fantastic to still get to be in that environment around the game.

**Childhood sports heroes?**

Larry Bird, Dale Murphy, Bo Jackson

**Favorite way to relax?**

Fishing

**Hobbies that may surprise people?**

Pickleball

**Are you a call or a text kinda guy?**

Text

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# FOOTBALL REMAINS STRONG

## 767 COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES OFFERING FOOTBALL

### SEVEN PROGRAMS KICKED OFF IN 2021

Football remains strong on campuses across the country, and the NFF salutes the seven football programs that began intercollegiate play this fall: Bluefield State College in Bluefield, West Virginia; Keystone College in La Plume, Pennsylvania; Judson University in Elgin, Illinois; Lincoln University in Oakland, California; Mount Marty College in Yankton, South Dakota; Post University in Waterbury, Connecticut; and the University of Fort Lauderdale in Lauderhill, Florida.

Adding the one additional university that will take the field in 2024, the number of four-year schools among all NCAA divisions, the NAIA and independents offering football currently stands at 767. There are also 125 junior college football programs, 15 collegiate sprint football teams and 15 NAIA women's flag football programs.

"No other sport contributes more to the vibrancy of a college campus than football, and we are very pleased to highlight those schools that have added our great game," said NFF President & CEO Steve Hatchell. "University and college presidents clearly see the value of having programs on their campuses, and we applaud them for understanding the role football can play in the educational experience of all their students."

The rationale for adding football varies at each institution. 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.

For the first time in more than 40 years, Bluefield State College (WV) is fielding a football team this fall as one of 12 new sports to its athletics department. Led by head coach Tony Coaxum, the Big Blue are competing as an NCAA Division II independent this season. Bluefield State President Robin Capehart told HBCU Gameday that he wants football to "be a financial benefit to the school" and "to help build the school's profile."

"I firmly believe you cannot build a college on athletics," Capehart said. "You have to have a strong academic core, a strong academic base where students want to come to get that education. But you can enhance your enrollment through athletics. Especially Division II athletics."

Keystone College (PA) had planned on kicking off its inaugural season in 2020, but the team was unable to take the field due to the pandemic. The NCAA Division III program led by coach Justin Higgins instead moved its inaugural season to this fall.

In October 2018, Judson University (IL) announced the addition of football as the school's 20th sport. Led by head coach Dan Paplaczyk, the Eagles kicked off their inaugural season this fall as a member of the NAIA's Mid-States Football Association.

Lincoln University (CA), a small private university founded in 1919, took the field for the first time this fall after announcing football as one of three sports that will be part of the university's first ever athletics program.

In April 2019, Mount Marty University (SD) joined the ranks of schools announcing future football programs. With just over 1,000 students enrolled, the college believes that football will bring more students to the "football-crazy town" that has been without a college team since the close of Yankton College in 1984. A member of the NAIA's Great Plains Athletic Conference, Mount Marty kicked off its inaugural season in September.

In December 2020, Post University in Waterbury, Connecticut, announced it was transitioning its Sprint Football team to the NCAA Division II level, and the Eagles began play as an independent this fall.

The University of Fort Lauderdale (FL) is a private non-denominational Christian university founded in 1995. The school began its athletics department with a club football program in 2016, and the department has since grown to include 14 sports. Heading into the fall of 2021, the university is a member of the National Christian College Athletic Association (NCCAA) Division I South Region and is playing a full 10-game schedule. Chris Chambers, a former Rose Bowl champion at Wisconsin and an NFL Pro Bowl wide receiver, was named the Eagles' head coach in April.

### FIVE PROGRAMS KICKED OFF DURING 2020-21 SEASON

The NFF also salutes the five programs that launched during the 2020-21 pandemic season for persevering and making the necessary adjustments to have their student-athletes safely and successfully take the field for their inaugural seasons.

Florida Memorial played three games in September 2020 while Barton (NC), Erskine (SC) and Madonna (MI) all played shortened seasons in spring 2021. Barton and Erskine opened their seasons against each other, with Erskine winning what was the first game for each college in more than 70 years. Both programs will join NCAA Division II's South Atlantic Conference as football-only members starting with the 2022 season. Roosevelt (IL), which added football after acquiring and integrating NAIA football playing university Robert Morris (IL), posted a stellar 6-1 record in its inaugural season played this spring.

### FUTURE PROGRAMS

In October 2019, Anderson University (SC), a private university with an

### PROGRAMS LAUNCHED IN 2020-21

Barton College (NC): NCAA Division II

Erskine College (SC): NCAA Division II

Florida Memorial University: NAIA

Madonna University (MI): NAIA

Roosevelt University (IL): NAIA

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enrollment around 3,000, announced plans to field a football team for the 2024 season. The Trojans expect to compete at the NCAA Division II level in the South Atlantic Conference. Upstate South Carolina philanthropist and friend of Anderson University, Dr. Melvin Younts, has provided $3 million as a challenge gift to raise an additional $3 million needed to field a team.

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.

The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley (UTRGV) in Edinburg, Texas, which boasts an enrollment of more than 26,000 students, continues to explore the possible addition of a football program. In September, UTRGV's Student Government Association unanimously approved a referendum that would increase the school's intercollegiate athletics fee, which would allow for the creation of a football program and marching band. The referendum will be voted on by the entire student body in November.

The recent push for football at UTRGV comes on the heels of the announcement that its conference, the Western Athletic Conference (WAC), is adding five new institutions and reinstating football at the FCS level. If the Vaqueros added football, they would compete against fellow Texas schools Abilene Christian, Lamar, Sam Houston, Stephen F. Austin and Tarleton in the expanded conference.

In May 2021, Talladega College, an HBCU in Talladega, Alabama, announced it was looking into the possibility of bringing back football after an 80-year hiatus, with a feasibility study recently approved by the school's Board of Trustees. Talladega was an HBCU football power in the early 1920s, winning a pair of Black College National Championships

"Given the success of our academic and athletic programs; the recent growth and transformation of the college; and the myriad benefits of having a football program, now may be the time to revive our team," Talladega College president Billy C. Hawkins told CBS42.

For years, the small, private school has been known as the HBCU with a marching band, but no football team. But the NAIA school is in the heart of football country and clearly, a football program could bring excitement to the campus and community.

### GROWTH IN SPRINT FOOTBALL AND WOMEN'S FLAG FOOTBALL

Football has also seen recent growth at the collegiate varsity level in two other areas: sprint football and women's flag football.

Sprint football is a full-contact sport for players weighing 178 pounds or less that has the same rules as regular college football. Since 1934, intercollegiate student-athletes on the East Coast have benefited from participation in the sport, which currently is organized under the direction of the nine-member Collegiate Sprint Football League (CSFL).

The addition of the separate Midwest Sprint Football League (MSFL) in fall 2022 will represent the largest single-year expansion of the sport in nearly 90 years. While NCAA and NAIA football emphasize strength and body weight, sprint football values speed and agility.

Six private colleges and universities in the Midwest and Upper South are the charter members of the MSFL: Bellarmine University (KY), Calumet College of St. Joseph (IN), Fontbonne University (MO), Midway University (KY), Quincy University (IL) and Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College (IN). Five of the six MSFL charter members do not currently sponsor varsity football in NCAA or NAIA competition. The sixth, Quincy University, plays varsity football in NCAA Division II and will sponsor both teams.

"Sprint football will be new to some fans in the Midwest and Upper South, but it won't take long for our part of the country to get excited about sprint football," said Dr. Nancy Blattner, President of Fontbonne University and founding Chair of the MSFL Board of Governors. "Sprint offers a distinctive and fast-paced approach to playing football at the highest level. Our six member institutions are working together to provide new opportunities to student-athletes, who will take football in our four-state region in a different and inspiring direction."

In 2020, the NAIA announced a partnership with NFL FLAG and Reigning Champs Experiences (RCX) to develop league infrastructure and operations for the first women's flag football competition governed by a collegiate athletics association. In its first season played in the spring of 2021, 13 NAIA schools established women's flag football programs. The NAIA's website now shows 15 schools offering the sport.

Ten teams competed in the inaugural NAIA Women's Flag Football Finals, which were held May 4-8 at Mercedes-Benz Stadium in Atlanta. Ottawa (KS) defeated Keiser (FL), 7-6, to win the inaugural NAIA National Championship behind the leadership of head coach Liz Sowers, who hopes to see women's flag football continue to grow.

"A lot of girls like myself played college basketball and never had the opportunity to play collegiate flag or tackle football," Sowers told the Ottawa Herald. "These girls are here because they truly love the game … I hope other colleges will realize how big it is and jump on board. I hope high schools start to realize these are opportunities that are available."

### PROGRAMS LAUNCHED IN FALL 2021

Bluefield State College (WV): NCAA Division II

Judson University (IL): NAIA

Keystone College (PA): NCAA Division III

Lincoln University (CA): Division TBD

Mount Marty University (SD): NAIA

Post University (CT): NCAA Division II

University of Fort Lauderdale (FL): National Christian College Athletic Association

# FOOTBALL LEADS TO DIPLOMAS

## 3,284 PLAYERS WITH UNDERGRADUATE DEGREES ON ROSTERS THIS FALL




Cincinnati's **DESMOND RIDDER**, Alabama's **CHRIS OWENS**, Florida State's **McKENZIE MILTON** and UCLA's **QUENTIN LAKE** are among the more than 3,000 student-athletes who have already earned their undergraduate degrees and are playing college football this fall.

Before the season, the National Football Foundation (NFF) & College Hall of Fame released a list of 3,284 student-athletes who have already earned their undergraduate degrees and are playing college football this fall while pursuing second diplomas. Click here to see the full list.

"The National Football Foundation takes great pride in its role as a leading voice in the promotion of the scholar-athlete," said NFF Chairman Archie Manning. "And highlighting the more than 3,000 student-athletes who have not only earned their undergraduate degrees but are now pursuing additional diplomas sends a powerful message about the doors that college football opens. This list allows us to showcase those individuals who have truly taken full advantage of the opportunities created by college football."

The NFF compiled the list with the help of sports information directors from all divisions of the NCAA and NAIA who identified the players on their 2021 fall rosters who have already earned their undergraduate degrees. A total of 279 schools responded, creating the list of 3,284 student-athletes who are slated to play this year while pursuing additional diplomas. An additional 17 schools responded that they had no graduated players on their rosters.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the NCAA granted an extra year of eligibility to all 2020 fall athletes. Many seniors have decided to take advantage of this, and are returning to the field in 2021, leading to an increased number of graduates this season.

The numbers include 1,922 players from 125 schools in the Football Bowl Subdivision (FBS), 922 players from 83 schools in the Football Championship Subdivision (FCS), 336 players from 35 schools in Division II, 84 players from 29 schools in Division III and 20 players from seven schools in the NAIA.

Illinois and Texas A&M-Commerce led all schools with 29 graduates on each of their rosters for the 2021 season.

Nearly every FBS school that responded reported a double-digit number of graduates, with the following schools joining Illinois with at least 20: Baylor (28), Western Kentucky (27), Arizona (26), Minnesota (26), Louisiana Tech (26), Pittsburgh (25), SMU (25), South Alabama (25), Ball State (24), Liberty (24), Arizona State (23), Auburn (23), Northwestern (23), Virginia (23), Memphis (22), Charlotte (21), Iowa State (21), Kent State (21), Louisville (21), Toledo (21), UCF (21), Boston College (20),Colorado State (20), Kansas State (20), Marshall (20), Nebraska (20), South Carolina (20), Southern Miss (20), Tulsa (20) and Utah State (20).

Northern Colorado and Towson lead all FCS schools that responded with 24 graduates on each of their rosters. Other FCS schools with at least 15 include Austin Peay (23), Chattanooga (23), Sacramento State (22), Youngstown State (22), James Madison (21), Montana (21), North Carolina Central (21), Portland State (20), William & Mary (20), Villanova (18), Alabama A&M (17), Sam Houston (17), Bethune-Cookman (16), Central Arkansas (16), UT Martin (16), Charleston Southern (15), Duquesne (15), Gardner-Webb (15), Missouri State (15), Murray State (15) and Northern Arizona (15).

The following Division II programs that responded joined overall co-leader Texas A&M-Commerce with at least 10 graduates on their fall rosters: New Haven [CT] (28), West Alabama (19), Shepherd [WV] (16), Wingate [NC] (15), Henderson State [AR] (14), North Greenville [SC] (14), Slippery Rock [PA] (13), Concordia-St. Paul [MN] (12), Colorado School of Mines (11), Fort Hays [KS] (11), Harding [AR] (11), West Florida (11), Ashland [OH] (10) and Ferris State [MI] (10).

Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (NY) topped all of the Division III programs that responded with 11 graduates on its football roster while Kansas Wesleyan's five topped the seven NAIA respondents.

"This list allows us to recognize a truly exceptional group of college football players," said NFF President & CEO Steve Hatchell. "And it expands our efforts to highlight the integral role that college football has played in the education of millions of student-athletes over the years. It is often said that college is not about the four years on campus but the next 40 years of your career. Clearly those on this list have made the most of their college experiences, and we are extremely pleased to shine a light on their accomplishments."

### GRADUATES PLAYING COLLEGE FOOTBALL SINCE 2017

| YEAR | GRADUATES | SCHOOLS |
|---|---|---|
| 2021 | 3,284 | 279 |
| 2019 | 1,452 | 251 |
| 2018 | 1,199 | 235 |
| 2017 | 971 | 213 |

*The table above showcases the number of graduates playing college football each season since 2017. (Note: The NFF did not tally the number of graduates during the 2020 season.)*

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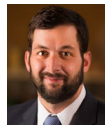
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# NFF HAMPSHIRE HONOR SOCIETY

## SOCIETY CELEBRATES ITS 15TH YEAR

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The NFF Hampshire Honor Society celebrated its 15th year in 2021, recognizing an elite group of 914 players from 259 schools.

"We are pleased to honor another impressive group of athletes as part of this year's Hampshire Honor Society," said NFF Chairman Archie Manning. "For more than a decade, it has served as a powerful vehicle for schools to recognize their college football players who have distinguished themselves both academically and athletically, and we congratulate the schools and each of these young men for their commitment to excellence."



**JON F. HANSON**
NFF Chairman Emeritus

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, 13,081 student-athletes have earned membership.

Division III program Case Western Reserve (OH) led all schools with 15 members in 2021. Northwestern led all FBS programs with 11 members while Bucknell led all FCS schools with 13 honorees. Stonehill (MA) was the Division II leader with eight members, Doane (NE) led the NAIA with nine honorees and the Army Sprint Football team topped the Collegiate Sprint Football League with seven. This year marked the first time the Hampshire Honor Society included players from the Collegiate Sprint Football League (CSFL), which was established in 1934. Sprint football is a full-contact varsity sport for players weighing 178 pounds or less.

Twenty-three schools had at least nine honorees in 2021, including Bucknell, Carnegie Mellon (PA), Case Western Reserve (OH), Catholic (DC), Chicago (IL), Davidson, Dayton, DePauw (IN), Doane (NE), Franklin and Marshall (PA), Gustavus Adolphus (MN), Hobart (NY), Ithaca (NY), Johns Hopkins (MD), Nebraska Wesleyan, Northwestern, Redlands (CA), Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology (IN), St. Thomas (MN), Wabash (IN), Washington Univ. in St. Louis (MO), Wesleyan (CT) and Worcester Polytechnic Institute (MA).

Twenty-seven colleges and universities have had at least one player in all 15 years of the NFF Hampshire Honor Society (2007-21), including Brigham Young, Brown, Bucknell, Columbia, Dayton, Huntingdon (AL), Iowa, Johns Hopkins (MD), Kentucky, Lafayette, Minnesota, Minnesota Duluth, North Dakota, North Dakota State, Northern Iowa, Penn State, Redlands (CA), Saint John's (MN), SMU, South Dakota State, Wartburg (IA), Washington Univ. in St. Louis (MO), Wayne State (MI), West Virginia, Wingate (NC), Yale and Youngstown State.

"It was my great privilege to endow the NFF Hampshire Honor Society, which has greatly increased the number of college student-athletes the NFF has been able to recognize during the past 15 years," said Hanson. "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. In 2005, the NFF honored him with its Gold Medal, the organization's highest honor.

## 2021 NFF HAMPSHIRE HONOR SOCIETY

An elite group of 914 players from 259 schools qualified for membership in the Society's 15th year, including:



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**BRADY CHRISTENSEN**
Brigham Young



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**BEN DeLUCA**
Charlotte



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**TARRON JACKSON**
Coastal Carolina



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**MAC JONES**
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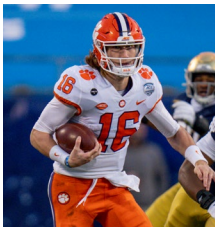


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**TREVOR LAWRENCE**
Clemson



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Stanford



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**QUINN MEINERZ**
Wisconsin-Whitewater



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Texas A&M



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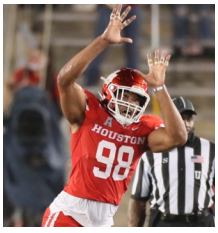


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**PAYTON TURNER**
Houston



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**JARED WYATT**
New Mexico State

### QUALIFICATIONS

- Completed their final year of playing eligibility in Fall 2020 or Spring 2021;
- 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.
- Attained a minimum undergraduate cumulative GPA of 3.2 (4.0 scale);
- Met all NCAA- or NAIA-mandated progress toward degree requirements; and
- Been starters or significant contributors throughout the 2020-21 season.

# NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AWARD

## 22 STATE HS COACHES ASSOCIATIONS TO TAKE PART IN NEW NFF INITIATIVE

In partnership with state high school coaches associations from 22 states, with Nebraska and Texas leading the initial effort, the National Football Foundation has announced plans for the creation of the NFF National High School Academic Excellence Award, the first nationwide recognition honoring individual high school football teams for excellence in the classroom.

"Academic and athletic success go hand-in-hand, and we are proud to partner with the high school coaches associations on this award" said NFF Chairman Archie Manning. "By honoring team achievement in the classroom, we hope to provide high school coaches nationwide a powerful new tool for instilling a culture on their teams that recognizes the chance of winning on the field significantly increases when student-athletes also excel in the classroom. We hope by inspiring teams to compete in the classroom with the same competitive spirit that it takes to win on the field we will better prepare high school football players for success later in life."

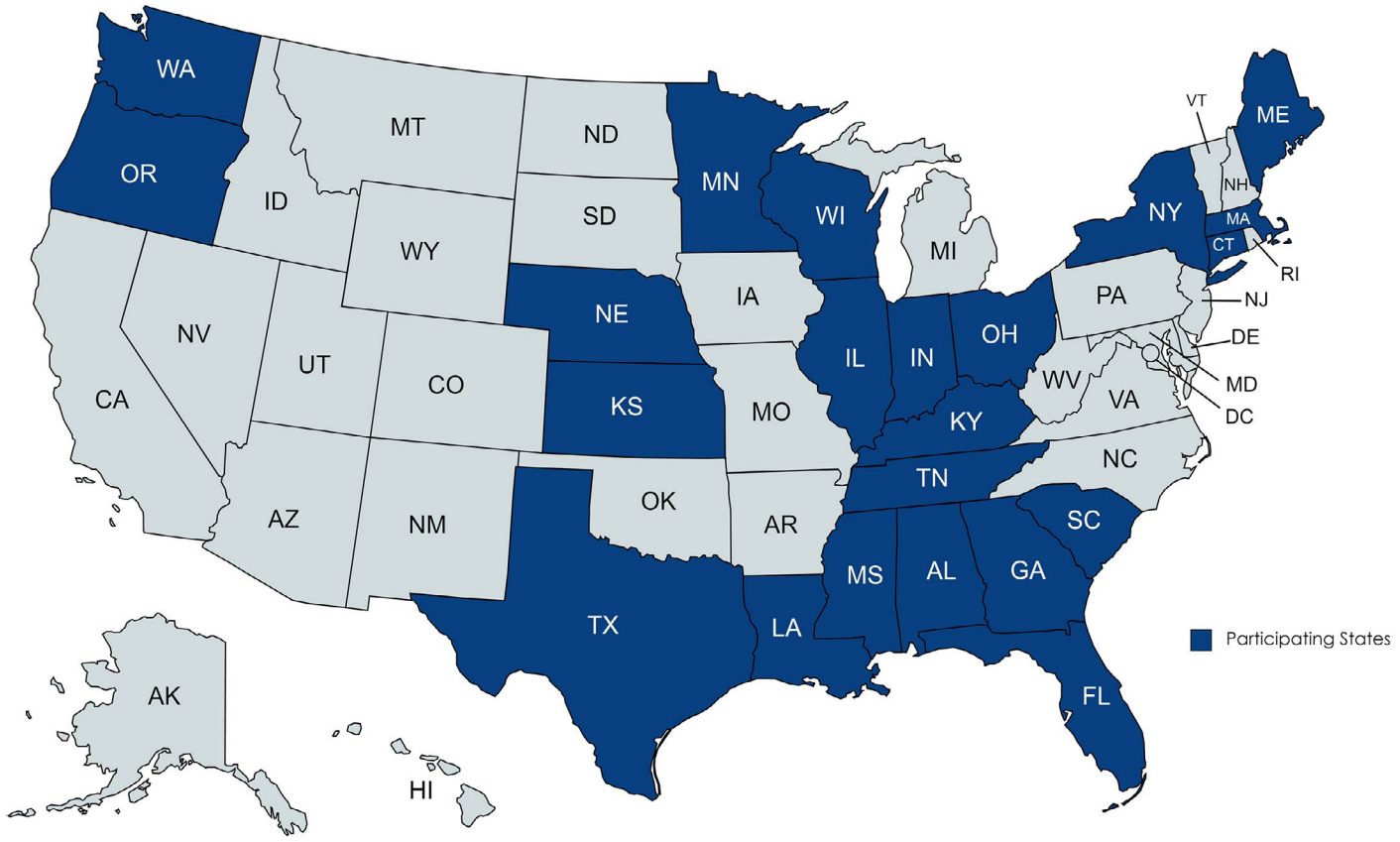
Launching this fall, the award currently has 22 high school coaches associations partnering with the NFF, and the expectation is for coaches associations from the rest of the country to also participate. The initiative will recognize team winners from each state as well as one overall national winner.

"We are excited to promote this award to all the high school football teams in the state of Texas," said Joe Martin, the Executive Director of the Texas High School Coaches Association. "We are also happy to join with other high school coaches' organizations across the nation in one cohesive collaboration to recognize high school football teams for excellence in the classroom. Academic success is as important as athletic success, as it can take student-athletes to the next step in their lives and on the paths to being successful citizens. This is a team-oriented award that promotes team-building traits, and we are proud to encourage participation in this award to all Texas teams."

"The Nebraska Coaches Association (NCA) is proud to partner with the National Football Foundation to recognize team distinction in the classroom," said Darin Boysen, the Executive Director of the NCA. "Football is an integral part of education-based athletics across America. The NCA looks forward to partnering with the NFF to showcase team excellence beyond 'Friday Night Lights' through the NFF National High School Academic Excellence Award."

The NFF and the 22 associations are currently compiling feedback from high school principals, administrators and guidance counselors to streamline and finalize the nomination and selection process. More information will be released this fall.

## PARTICIPATING STATE HIGH SCHOOL ASSOCIATIONS




*If you represent or are part of a state high school coaches association not shown in blue above and would like to learn more about participating, please contact the NFF at news@footballfoundation.com.*

# 2021 NFF TEAM OF DISTINCTION

## RECOGNIZING THE BEST AND BRIGHTEST FROM THE NFF CHAPTER NETWORK

From a pool of 3,500 scholar-athletes, the National Football Foundation & College Hall of Fame (NFF) recognized 65 members of the 2021 NFF Team of Distinction. As part of its mission to promote the scholar-athlete ideal, the initiative allows the NFF to honor the top high school scholar-athletes from around the country as the best and the brightest at the local level while highlighting the work of the NFF Chapter Network.

The members of the team all played their final high school football season during the 2020-21 school year. As part of the award, all of the honorees will be part of a permanent digital display at the Chick-fil-A College Football Hall of Fame in Atlanta.

Criteria to make the team include but are not limited to academic achievement, athletic accolades and community involvement. Each chapter is limited to one honoree, distinguishing them as the top scholar-athlete from all the high schools covered by the chapter.

"This initiative allows us to shine a national spotlight on some of the most deserving high school student-athletes honored at the local level by our expansive Chapter Network," said NFF Chairman Archie Manning. "This honor is one of the most prestigious national awards that a high school player can receive. We would like to congratulate all 65 honorees for their success on and off the field, especially with the challenges caused by the pandemic during their senior year."




**JOSHUA MARTINEZ** from Charter Oak High School in California was named the Pasadena/San Gabriel Chapter's top scholar-athlete.

### EAST REGION HONOREES

•**Nick Amoroso** – Montville Township H.S. in Montville, New Jersey. Submitted by the NFF Greater Morris County Chapter (NJ).

•**Matt Bugbee** – Nazareth Area H.S. in Nazareth, Pennsylvania. Submitted by the NFF Lehigh Valley Chapter (PA).

•**Eli Dawson** – Montclair H.S. in Montclair, New Jersey. Submitted by the NFF Essex County Chapter (NJ).

•**Jermaine Gilliam Jr.** – Mergenthaler Vocational-Technical H.S. in Baltimore, Maryland. Submitted by the NFF Greater Baltimore Chapter.

•**Philip La Rosa** – North Shore H.S. in Glen Head, New York. Submitted by the NFF Nassau County Chapter (NY).

•**TJ McCormack** – Lakeland Regional H.S. in Wanaque, New Jersey. Submitted by the NFF Passaic County Chapter (NJ).

•**Austin McHugh** – North Hunterdon H.S. in Annandale, New Jersey. Submitted by the NFF Delaware Valley Chapter (NJ).

•**Conrad Moore** – State College Area H.S. in State College, Pennsylvania. Submitted by the NFF Central Pennsylvania Chapter.

•**Patrick Smith** – Holy Spirit H.S. in Absecon, New Jersey. Submitted by the NFF South Jersey Chapter.

•**Darius Wilson** – Iona Preparatory in New Rochelle, New York. Submitted by the NFF Westchester Chapter (NY).

•**Zach Zebro** – East Brunswick H.S. in East Brunswick, New Jersey. Submitted by the NFF Bill Denny/Rutgers FB Letterwinners Chapter (NJ).

### MIDWEST REGION HONOREES

•**Conner Alford** – Reitz H.S. in Evansville, Indiana. Submitted by the NFF Southern Indiana Chapter.

•**Zachary Branam** – La Salle H.S. in Cincinnati, Ohio. Submitted by the NFF Greater Cincinnati Chapter.

•**Aidan Kingsbury** – Concordia Academy in Roseville, Minnesota. Submitted by the NFF Minnesota Chapter.

•**Christopher Kreh** – Marquette H.S. in Chesterfield, Missouri. Submitted by the NFF Tom Lombardo/St. Louis Chapter.

•**Ethan Kremer** – Mill Valley H.S. in Shawnee, Kansas. Submitted by the NFF Coach Bill Snyder Family/Sunflower Chapter (KS).

•**Jacob Langdon** – Cathedral H.S. in Indianapolis, Indiana. Submitted by the NFF Central Indiana Chapter.

•**Andrew Leingang** – Century H.S. in Bismarck, North Dakota. Submitted by the NFF Roughrider State Chapter (ND).

•**Cole Payton** – Westside H.S. in Omaha, Nebraska. Submitted by the NFF Nebraska Chapter.

•**Peter Pedrozo** – Westerville South H.S. in Westerville, Ohio. Submitted by the NFF Columbus Chapter (OH).

•**Luke Rasmussen** – Central Lyon H.S. in Rock Rapids, Iowa. Submitted by the NFF Iowa Chapter.

•**Owen Smith** – Clinton Central H.S. in Michigantown, Indiana. Submitted by the NFF Joe Tiller/Northwest Indiana Chapter.

•**Hunter Wohler** – Muskego H.S. in Muskego, Wisconsin. Submitted by the NFF Wisconsin Chapter.

•**Cade Zimmerly** – Perrysburg H.S. in Perrysburg, Ohio. Submitted by the NFF Toledo/Wistert Chapter (OH).

### 2021 NFF TEAM OF DISTINCTION NOTES

- **65** Honorees
- **33** States Represented
- **4.0** Average GPA
- **55** Team Captains
- **26** All-State Selections
- **7** Valedictorians
- **47** National Honor Society Members
- **5** National Merit Honorees

### NORTHEAST REGION HONOREES

•**Samuel Baddoo** – Classical H.S. in Providence, Rhode Island. Submitted by the NFF Emo DiNitto/Rhode Island Chapter.

•**Logan Broomhall** – Guilderland H.S. in Guilderland, New York. Submitted by the NFF Capital District Chapter (NY).

•**Kenneth Byrne** – Skaneateles H.S. in Skaneateles, New York. Submitted by the NFF Central New York Chapter.

•**Jacob Daignault** – Daniel Hand H.S. in Madison, Connecticut. Submitted by the NFF Casey-O'Brien/New Haven Chapter (CT).

•**Tyler Haick** – Bethel H.S. in Bethel, Connecticut. Submitted by the NFF DeSantis-McDougall/Fairfield County Chapter (CT).

•**Kevin Jourdain Jr.** – Holyoke H.S. in Holyoke, Massachusetts. Submitted by the NFF Western Massachusetts Chapter.

•**Kristian Larouche** – Lawrence H.S. in Fairfield, Maine. Submitted by the NFF State of Maine Chapter.

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•**Brendan Mathot** – Abby Kelley Foster Charter School in Worcester, Massachusetts. Submitted by the NFF Joe Mewhiney/Central Mass. Chapter.

•**Kyle Odoy** – Triton Regional H.S. in Byfield, Massachusetts. Submitted by the NFF Jack Grinold/Eastern Mass. Chapter.

•**Devon Simmons** – Timberlane Regional H.S. in Plaistow, New Hampshire. Submitted by the NFF Joe Yukica/New Hampshire Chapter.

### SOUTH REGION HONOREES

•**Jason Amsler** – Franklin H.S. in Franklin, Tennessee. Submitted by the NFF Middle Tennessee Chapter.

•**Brooks Bak** – H.B. Plant H.S. in Tampa, Florida. Submitted by the NFF Tampa Chapter.

•**Hunter Baker** – Community School of Naples in Naples, Florida. Submitted by the NFF Collier County Chapter (FL).

•**Ayden Bell** – Silsbee H.S. in Silsbee, Texas. Submitted by the NFF Golden Triangle Chapter (TX).

•**Alphonso Boyd** – Ayden-Grifton H.S. in Ayden, North Carolina. Submitted by the NFFCHOF Bill Dooley Chapter (NC).

•**Kevin Burkett** – Gatlinburg-Pittman H.S. in Gatlinburg, Tennessee. Submitted by the NFF East Tennessee Chapter.

•**Wyatt Coffey** – Archbishop Hannan H.S. in Covington, Louisiana. Submitted by the NFF Allstate Sugar Bowl Chapter (LA).

•**William Fang** – Cedar Shoals H.S. in Athens, Georgia. Submitted by the NFF University of Georgia Chapter.

•**Brandon Fornero** – Caney Creek H.S. in Conroe, Texas. Submitted by the NFF TD Club of Houston Chapter.

•**Lucas Mireur** – Westlake H.S. in Austin, Texas. Submitted by the NFF Greater Austin Chapter.

•**Peter Nearn** – Evangelical Christian School in Memphis, Tennessee. Submitted by the NFF Memphis Chapter.

•**Caden Prather** – Callaway H.S. in Hogansville, Georgia. Submitted by the TD Club of Atlanta-NFF Chapter.

•**Eli Preswood** – Cloudland H.S. in Roan Mountain, Tennessee. Submitted by the NFF Mountain Empire Chapter (TN).

•**Sawyer Robertson** – Coronado H.S. in Lubbock, Texas. Submitted by the NFF Texas Tech Chapter.

•**Jake St. Andre** – Haughton H.S. in Haughton, Louisiana. Submitted by the NFF S.M. McNaughton Chapter (LA).

•**Jackson Stokes** – Eastern Alamance H.S. in Mebane, North Carolina. Submitted by the NFF Corrigan/Faircloth Chapter (NC).

•**Jake Taylor** – Jesuit College Preparatory School of Dallas in Dallas, Texas. Submitted by the NFF Gridiron Club of Dallas Chapter.

•**Aiden Whitaker** – Cathedral School in Natchez, Mississippi. Submitted by the NFF Miss/Lou Chapter.




Longtime Casey-O'Brien/New Haven (CT) Chapter president **BILL O'BRIEN** presents the Team of Distinction certificate to his chapter's selection **JACOB DAIGNAULT**.



NFFCHOF Bill Dooley Chapter (NC) top scholar-athlete **ALPHONSO BOYD** (third from right) with college head coaches **MIKE HOUSTON** (East Carolina), **DAVID CUTCLIFFE** (Duke), **DAVE DOEREN** (NC State), **TREI OLIVER** (NC Central) and Hall of Famer **MACK BROWN** (North Carolina).

### WEST REGION HONOREES

•**Jonah Burton** – Simi Valley H.S. in Simi Valley, California. Submitted by the NFF San Fernando Valley Chapter (CA).

•**Ryan Enney** – Oak Ridge H.S. in El Dorado Hills, California. Submitted by the NFF Sacramento Valley Chapter (CA).

•**Nicholas Fryhoff** – Foothill H.S. in Santa Ana, California. Submitted by the NFF Orange County Chapter (CA).

•**Samuel Husarik** – Emerald Ridge H.S. in Puyallup, Washington. Submitted by the NFF Tacoma Pierce County Chapter (WA).

•**Andrew Johnson** – Central H.S. in Cheyenne, Wyoming. Submitted by the NFF Wyoming Chapter.

•**Mikey Keene** – Chandler H.S. in Chandler, Arizona. Submitted by the NFF Valley of the Sun Chapter (AZ).

•**Seth Krommenhoek** – Maple Mountain H.S. in Spanish Fork, Utah. Submitted by the NFF Utah Chapter.

•**Joshua Martinez** – Charter Oak H.S. in Covina, California. Submitted by the NFF Pasadena/San Gabriel Chapter (CA).

•**Liam O'Brien** – Fairview H.S. in Boulder, Colorado. Submitted by the NFF Colorado Chapter.

•**Mihalis Santorineos** – Rancho Cotate H.S. in Rohnert Park, California. Submitted by the NFF Northern California Chapter.

•**Jack Schlafer** – Bishop Kelly H.S. in Boise, Idaho. Submitted by the NFF Southern Idaho Chapter.

•**Diego Solis** – La Jolla H.S. in San Diego, California. Submitted by the NFF Walter J. Zable/San Diego Chapter.

•**Alex Steele** – Green Valley H.S. in Henderson, Nevada. Submitted by the NFF Bill Ireland/Las Vegas Chapter.

# NFF HIGH SCHOOL SHOWCASES EXHIBIT RESILIENCE

## FREE EVENTS REACHED MORE THAN 800 HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL PLAYERS IN 2021

The National Football Foundation (NFF) High School Showcases, launched in 2009, called an audible in 2021 with two of the five sites staging events and the other three preparing for a return in 2022. Events in Houston and South Florida reached a combined 800 high school seniors by following local COVID health protocols while organizers in Charlotte, Detroit and Southern California had to postpone their events until 2022 because of pandemic travel restrictions. A group in Columbus, Ohio, has also begun plans to host their inaugural event in February.

"The leaders in these 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 Chairman Archie Manning. "The Showcases provide a great path to college that previously did not exist. It's a huge difference maker, and we look forward to having the full slate of events again in 2022."

The NFF High School Showcases, which are absolutely free to both participants and college recruiters, provide academically eligible high school seniors an opportunity to go through a series of drills in front of college coaches from the NCAA Division II, NCAA Division III and the NAIA levels.

The highly successful events have firmly taken root in their communities as a path for high school seniors to earn academic and participation scholarships to play college football with 11,950 student-athletes participating since the program's inception.

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 an opportunity to evaluate a large number of qualified student-athletes in a short period while minimizing their travel costs.

The 13th Annual Greater Houston Senior Football Showcase took place Feb. 6 at the Houston Methodist Training Center with 578 seniors showing off their skills for recruiters from 53 colleges. All participants had to take a rapid-COVID test on site before entering, and attendance was limited to players, college coaches and individuals running the drills.

Coach Phil Camp, who joined forces with the NFF Touchdown Club of Houston Chapter and the coaches from the Houston Independent School District to stage the first Showcase 13 years ago, said 2021 was the best year ever because they were able to split the event into sessions, doubling the number of seniors who could attend.

"By dividing into two sessions, we did not break the COVID protocols and our insurance policy, which previously had limited us to 500 seniors at a time," said Camp. "I really believe there are going to be a lot of kids who are going to be on college campuses this fall because of our event this year."

The Fifth Annual Orange Bowl Florida High School Football Showcase presented by Tire Kingdom, which took place Feb. 13 at St. Thomas University in Miami Gardens, Florida, also followed local COVID protocols. More than 250 high school seniors participated with recruiters from 30 colleges on site to make additions to their fall rosters. The event has garnered more than $1 million in financial aid for participants every year.

### 2022 DATES

- **Houston – Feb. 5, 2022**
- **South Florida (Miami) – Feb. 12, 2022**
- **Ohio (Columbus) – Feb. 12, 2022**
- **Southern California (Orange County) – Feb. 12, 2022**
- **Carolinas (Charlotte) – TBD**
- **Detroit – TBD**



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"The Orange Bowl Florida High School Football Showcase presented by Tire Kingdom is a tremendous opportunity for college programs across the country to witness and meet directly with the incredibly talented and academically-qualified football players all over South Florida that may have been overlooked during the recruiting process," said Orange Bowl Committee President & Chair Jack Seiler. "Being able to hold the event this past February was especially important because many high school football players have not had the same amount of exposure as they normally would have. In organizing and hosting our Showcase, the Orange Bowl Committee is extremely excited for these scholar-athletes and their families as we provide this exciting opportunity to receive financial aid to attend college."

Organizers in Southern California, Detroit and Charlotte laid plans for 2021, but local COVID regulations prohibited them from staging their events. They all plan to return in 2022, eclipsing their collective high-water mark in 2020, which included recruiters from 145 colleges and 30 states, coupling them with more than 1,800 aspiring college players.

Launched by a group of Houston coaches in 2009, the concept expanded to Southern California in 2013 with Florida and North Carolina added in 2017 and Detroit in 2020. Collectively, the events reached 1,800 seniors in 2020 with an estimated one-in-four receiving some kind of financial aid to go to college.

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### REMEMBERING TERRY DONAHUE

Terry Donahue, the College Football Hall of Fame Coach from UCLA, sadly passed away on July 4 after a two-year battle with cancer at the age of 77. He leaves behind a legacy that touched the lives of many, including playing a seminal role in the expansion of the NFF Showcases.

"The NFF is deeply saddened by the passing of Coach Donahue," said NFF Chairman Archie Manning. "His passing is an immense loss for us all, and we are extremely grateful for his leadership role with the NFF Showcases, which have helped thousands of high school players chart a path to college and play at the divisional level. We will work hard to build on the amazing foundation he helped establish."

Coach Donahue immediately embraced the NFF Showcases after first learning about the program in 2011 and subsequently traveling to attend the Greater Houston Senior Showcase in 2012. He quickly resolved to launch the California Showcase with the inaugural event taking place in Orange County in 2013.

"He loved every bit of it," said Coach Phil Camp, who has headed the event in Houston since its inception in 2009. "His being involved was a tremendous help. Because of Coach Donahue, his name and reputation, we had a lot more colleges sign up, and most importantly we've had a lot more kids have the ability to go away to college, get an education and play football… We will miss his wisdom, his character and his enthusiasm."

Coach Donahue also brought his relationships into the mix, enlisting numerous former college and NFL coaches and players to assist at the California Showcases, including former UCLA players Charles Arbuckle, Mel Farr Jr. and Mike Farr, who subsequently launched events in Charlotte, North Carolina and Detroit, respectively.

"He knew he was helping kids go to college who he did not know, did not get recruited and did not have any other recourse," said Camp. "At the end of the event, they would come up to him and his wife, Andrea, to say thanks and because of you I am going to go to college. His face would light up."

The Southern California event was canceled last year because of COVID, but Coach Donahue still wanted to support the Houston event and despite being extremely sick and battling cancer, he got on the phone, calling small college coaches and encouraging them to attend the Houston event, which was able to take place by following local COVID protocols. The effort produced representatives from more than 60 schools.

"'Opportunity is a precious gift. How often we give it to others and how we respond when it is given to us can determine our lives,'" Pat Donahue recalled his brother often saying.

"No one did more with the opportunities presented to him and very few have provided such opportunity to so many others," said Pat, who helped run and support the California Showcase via his position as the CEO and Chairman of the Donahue Schriber Realty Group. "Over 1,000 kids have gone to college from Coach's work with the California Showcase. There will be thousands more as we carry on his legacy of providing opportunity."







# FWAA-NFF SUPER 16 POLL RETURNS IN 2021

## MEDIA AND HALL OF FAMERS AGAIN JOIN FORCES TO RANK THE TOP TEAMS

The FWAA-NFF Super 16 Poll, which was launched in 2014 and took a break last year because of the pandemic, has returned to rank the top 16 FBS teams every Sunday during the 2021 college football regular season.

Conducted by the Football Writers Association of America (FWAA) and the National Football Foundation (NFF), the poll engages a select-group of College Football Hall of Fame inductees and several of the top media members from across the country to create a geographically balanced pool of voters. Reaching tens of millions of fans every year, the poll creates a unique reference point for those who follow the game with the insights from some of the most credible and knowledgeable football minds in the nation.

"We are very excited to be back," said FWAA Executive Director Steve Richardson. "The poll provides a great platform for our members to express their opinions on who deserves to sit atop the college football rankings, and the FWAA members truly cherish the opportunity to vote. Last year, the pandemic created lots of chaos with the schedule, so we took a break. The 2021 season looks to be more normal, and all our voters are extremely happy to be back."

The Super 16 poll boasts a new logo, which was designed by PytchBlack, a Dallas-Fort Worth advertising and creative design firm. Melt, an Atlanta based full-service marketing firm, has also been secured as the official sponsorship agency of record for the Super 16 Poll.

"We are proud to partner with the FWAA for a seventh season of the Super 16 Poll," said NFF President & CEO Steve Hatchell. "Objectivity represents a core value for both our organizations, and we hope that by combining the credibility of both our organizations that we provide a fun and compelling reference point for fans to follow throughout the college football season."

The 2021 poll is tallying the votes of 52 individuals (40 from the FWAA and 12 Hall of Famers) on a weekly basis, ranking the top 16 teams in the NCAA Division I Football Bowl Subdivision. The names and affiliations of the 2021 voters are listed on the NFF and FWAA websites, and their individual rankings are distributed to the public each week during the season alongside the overall rankings.

During the season, the weekly results will be announced by 12:30 p.m. ET each Sunday with the exception of the first poll, which was released on Tuesday, Sept. 7, to account for the Labor Day games. The last poll will be released Sunday, Dec. 5, the day after the conference championship games. There is no final poll after the bowl games, but the NFF will award its historic MacArthur Bowl National Championship Trophy to the winner of the College Football Playoff National Championship.

Longtime partners since the formation of the two organizations in the 1940s, the FWAA and NFF announced the decision to conduct the poll in February 2014 at the conclusion of the 2013 season and the end of the Bowl Championship Series (BCS) era. The 2021 season marks the seventh year of the poll.




### 2021 FWAA-NFF SUPER 16 POLL RELEASE SCHEDULE

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| Preseason Poll | Aug. 18 |
| Week 1 | Sept. 7 |
| Week 2 | Sept. 12 |
| Week 3 | Sept. 19 |
| Week 4 | Sept. 26 |
| Week 5 | Oct. 3 |
| Week 6 | Oct. 10 |
| Week 7 | Oct. 17 |
| Week 8 | Oct. 24 |
| Week 9 | Oct. 31 |
| Week 10 | Nov. 7 |
| Week 11 | Nov. 14 |
| Week 12 | Nov. 21 |
| Week 13 | Nov. 28 |
| Week 14 | Dec. 5 |