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SHEPHERD'S TYSON BAGENT AND FERRIS STATE'S CALEB MURPHY HEADLINE THE 2022 AFCA DIVISION II COACHES' ALL-AMERICA TEAMS

WACO, TEXAS — Shepherd (W.Va.) quarterback Tyson Bagent and Ferris State (Mich.) defensive lineman Caleb Murphy headline the 2022 AFCA Division II Coaches' All-America Teams announced today by the American Football Coaches Association.

The AFCA has selected an All-America team since 1945 and currently selects teams in all five of its divisions. What makes these teams so special is that they are the only ones chosen exclusively by the men who know the players the best — the coaches themselves.

Bagent, a Harlon Hill Trophy finalist, earned his second straight AFCA First-Team All-America honor by leading the Rams to NCAA Division II semifinals with a 13-2 record. The Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference Offensive Player of the Year set the NCAA all-division record of career touchdown passes at 159 in Shepherd's quarterfinal win over Indiana (Pa.) on Dec. 3.

Murphy, the only non-NCAA Division I player remaining as a top five finalist for the Ted Hendricks Award, set an all-divisions NCAA single-season record with 25.5 sacks in 2022. He leads the nation in tackles for loss with 37.5 and has added three forced fumbles. Murphy was named the 2022 Gene Upshaw Division II Lineman of the Year.

2022 AFCA Division II Coaches' All-America - First Team

Offense

Pos	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	School	Coach	Hometown (High School)
QB	*Tyson Bagent	6-3	210	Sr.	Shepherd (W.Va.)	Ernie McCook	Martinsburg, W.Va. (Martinsburg)
RB	Jada Byers	5-7	180	So.	Virginia Union	Alvin Parker	Hammonton, N.J. (St. Joseph's)
RB	*TJ Cole	6-0	185	Sr.	Ouachita Baptist (Ark.)	Todd Knight	Texarkana, Tex. (Pleasant Grove)
WR	Jarod Bowie	5-9	160	Jr.	Concord (W.Va.)	Dave Walker	Martinsburg, W.Va. (Martinsburg)
WR	Marquis Gray	5-9	165	Jr.	Southeastern Oklahoma St.	Tyler Fenwick	Tyler, Tex. (Lee)
TE	Ty Snelson	6-2	250	Sr.	Mars Hill (N.C.)	Tim Clifton	Hot Springs, N.C. (Madison County)
OL	Gottlieb Ayedze	6-5	300	Jr.	Frostburg St. (Md.)	Eric Wagoner	Germantown, Md. (Northwest)
OL	Quinton Barrow	6-6	331	Sr.	Grand Valley St. (Mich.)	Matt Mitchell	Romulus, Mich. (Romulus)
OL	Trase Jeffries	6-4	268	R-Jr.	Pittsburg St. (Kan.)	Brian Wright	Broken Arrow, Okla. (Broken Arrow)
OL	Matt Armendariz	6-2	305	R-Sr.	Colorado School of Mines	Brandon Moore	Austin, Tex. (Lake Travis)
OL	*Brent Laing	6-4	294	Gr.	Minnesota-Duluth	Curt Wiese	Lakeville, Minn. (North)

Defense

Pos	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	School	Coach	Hometown (High School)
DL	Caleb Murphy	6-4	245	Sr.	Ferris St. (Mich.)	Tony Annese	Dowagiac, Mich. (Dowagiac)
DL	Loobert Denelus	6-0	255	Jr.	Benedict (S.C.)	Chennis Berry	Naples, Fla. (Naples)
DL	Trey Botts	6-3	281	Sr.	Colorado St.-Pueblo	John Wristen	Aurora, Colo. (Lutheran)
DL	Ian Marshall	6-1	270	Gr.	Northern St. (S.D.)	Mike Schmidt	Springfield, Mo. (Glendale)
LB	Daron Allman	6-1	230	Jr.	Angelo St. (Tex.)	Jeff Girsch	Killeen, Tex. (Shoemaker)
LB	Michael Ayers	6-2	220	Sr.	Ashland (Ohio)	Lee Owens	Columbus, Ohio (Walnut Ridge)
LB	Jaylin Parnell	6-0	215	Sr.	Western Oregon	Arne Ferguson	Medford, Ore. (South Medford)
LB	Michael Anderson	6-0	206	Gr.	West Alabama	Brett Gilliland	Chatom, Ala. (Washington County)
DB	Nick Whiteside	6-1	200	Sr.	Saginaw Valley St. (Mich.)	Ryan Brady	Auburn Hills, Mich. (Avondale)
DB	Patrick Rogers	5-11	190	R-Jr.	Central Washington	Chris Fisk	Tacoma, Wash. (Lincoln)
DB	Amos Coleman	5-11	185	R-Jr.	Texas A&M-Kingsville	Mike Salinas	New Orleans, La. (Alief Elsick)

Specialists

Pos	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	School	Coach	Hometown (High School)
PK	Nick Herber	5-7	175	So.	Delta St. (Miss.)	Todd Cooley	Naples, Fla. (Naples)
P	Reed Martin	5-10	180	So.	Edinboro (Pa.)	Jake Nulph	Plum, Pa. (Plum Senior)
AP	David Durden	6-2	200	Sr.	West Florida	Pete Shinnick	Midville, Ga. (Emanuel County Institute)

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Pos	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	School	Coach	Hometown (High School)
QB	*TJ Davis	6-3	180	R-Sr.	Nebraska-Kearney	Josh Lynn	Colorado Springs, Colo. (Widefield)
RB	Emanuel Wilson	6-1	220	R-Jr.	Fort Valley St. (Ga.)	Shawn Gibbs	Charlotte, N.C. (North Meck)
RB	Thuro Reisdorfer	6-1	215	Gr.	Sioux Falls (S.D.)	Jon Anderson	Sioux Falls, S.D. (Washington)
WR	Duane Brown	6-0	190	R-Sr.	Indiana (Pa.)	Paul Tortorella	Spring Church, Pa. (Apollo-Ridge)
WR	Brendan Beaulieu	6-3	215	Sr.	Bemidji St. (Minn.)	Brent Bolte	Cottage Grove, Minn. (Park)
TE	*Kyle Morlock	6-7	245	So.	Shorter (Ga.)	Zach Morrison	Blairsville, Ga. (Union County)
OL	Jacob Long	6-3	322	R-Fr.	Angelo St. (Tex.)	Jeff Girsch	Waco, Tex. (Midway)
OL	Nicolas Melsop	6-8	325	Gr.	Delta St. (Miss.)	Todd Cooley	Columbus, Ohio (Olentangy Orange)
OL	Xavier Cason	6-6	311	Sr.	Emporia St. (Kan.)	Garin Higgins	Junction City, Kan. (Junction City)
OL	*Joey Fisher	6-5	322	Sr.	Shepherd (W.Va.)	Ernie McCook	Hagerstown, Md. (Clear Spring)
OL	Adam Sieler	6-5	336	Sr.	Ferris St. (Mich.)	Tony Annese	Pinckney, Mich. (Pinckney)

Defense

Pos	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	School	Coach	Hometown (High School)
DL	Hunter O'Connor	6-3	255	So.	Chadron St. (Neb.)	Jay Long	Broomfield, Colo. (Legacy)
DL	Elijah Green	5-11	263	Sr.	Northwest Missouri St.	Rich Wright	Maryville, Mo. (Maryville)
DL	Andre Jefferson	6-2	275	So.	Lenoir-Rhyne (N.C.)	Mike Jacobs	Calume Park, Ill. (Richards)
DL	Grayson Diepenbrock	6-2	230	Sr.	Augustana (S.D.)	Jerry Olszewski	Parker, Tex. (Plano East)
LB	Maalik Hall	6-2	235	Sr.	Southeastern Oklahoma St.	Tyler Fenwick	Athens, Tex. (Athens)
LB	Abe Swanson	6-1	222	Jr.	Grand Valley St. (Mich.)	Matt Mitchell	St. Charles, Ill. (East)
LB	P.J. Sarwinski	6-1	207	Gr.	Pittsburg St. (Kan.)	Brian Wright	Galena, Kan. (Galena)
LB	Jackson Taylor	6-1	240	Jr.	West Chester (Pa.)	Bill Zwaan	Glenside, Pa. (Abington)
DB	Eli Weber	6-1	205	Sr.	Augustana (S.D.)	Jerry Olszewski	Dawson, Minn. (Boyd)
DB	Knylen Miller-Levi	6-1	170	Sr.	Minot St. (N.D.)	Mike Aldrich	Las Vegas, Nev. (Canyon Springs)
DB	Tre Morrison	6-2	185	R-Jr.	Wingate (N.C.)	Joe Reich	Moncks Corner, S.C. (Berkeley)

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Pos	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	School	Coach	Hometown (High School)
PK	Devin Bartholomew	5-8	170	R-Jr.	East Stroudsburg (Pa.)	Jimmy Terwilliger	Schnecksville, Pa. (Parkland)
P	Myles Prosser	6-4	195	Gr.	North Greenville (S.C.)	Jeff Farrington	York, S.C. (Comprehensive)
AP	Terrell Ford	6-0	200	Gr.	New Haven (Conn.)	Chris Pincince	Tonawanda, N.Y. (Kenmore West)

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Team Background: The five teams now chosen for each AFCA division evolved from a single 11-player squad in 1945. From 1945 until 1967, only one team was chosen. From 1967 through 1971, two teams – University Division and College Division – were selected. In 1972, the College Division was split into College I and College II. In 1979, the University Division was split into two teams – FBS and FCS. In 1996, the College I and College II teams were renamed Division II and Division III, respectively. In 2006, the AFCA started selecting an NAIA-only team.

From 1965-81, a 22-player (11 offensive, 11 defensive) team was chosen. In 1982, a punter and placekicker were added to the team. In 1997, a return specialist was added, giving us the current 25-player team. The return specialist position was replaced by an all-purpose player in 2006. In 2016, the AFCA added a second team All-America.

Selection Process: The AFCA's Division II All-America Selection Committee is made up of three head coaches from each of the AFCA's seven districts, one of whom serves as a district chairman, along with another head coach who serves as the chairman of the selection committee. The coaches in each district are responsible for ranking the top players in their respective districts prior to a conference call between the district chairmen and the committee chairman on which the teams are chosen.

The Award: Members of the AFCA Coaches' All-America First Team will receive a plaque commemorating their selection to the team, while members of the Second Team will receive a certificate.

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