

2025 *Don Hansen* NCAA Division II All-America Team Announced

**Curtis Allen Offensive POY, Kenyon Garner Defensive POY,
Manaki Watanabe Special Teams POY, Paul Simmons Coach of the Year**

BROOKFIELD, Ill. — The Don Hansen Football Committee has released the 2025 *Don Hansen* NCAA Division II All-America team.

The *Don Hansen* team carries out the legacy of long-time small college football advocate Don Hansen, who passed away at age 75 on Aug. 29, 2010. Hansen, from Brookfield, Ill., started and published *Don Hansen's National Weekly Football Gazette* for three decades, selecting NCAA Division II All-America teams for the first time in 1988.

Offensive Player of the Year: Curtis Allen, SR, RB, Virginia Union

Defensive Player of the Year: Kenyon Garner, SO, DL, Livingstone

Special Teams Player of the Year: Manaki Watanabe, R-FR, PK, Ashland

Coach of the Year: Paul Simmons, Harding

First Team Offense

POS	NAME	HT	WT	YR	SCHOOL	HOMETOWN
QB	Gavin Sukup	6-1	188	Sr.	UIndy	Seward, Neb.
RB	Curtis Allen	6-2	215	Sr.	Virginia Union	Petersburg, Va.
RB	Andrew Miller	6-1	225	Jr.	Harding	Searcy, Ark.
OL	Tim Anderson	6-6	305	Sr.	Ferris State	Rochester, Mich.
OL	Joe Cooper	6-7	320	R-Sr.	Slippery Rock	East Berlin, Pa.
OL	Jamari Mason	6-1	310	Jr.	Johnson C. Smith	Carrollton, Ga.
OL	Ryan Schernekce	6-8	330	R-Sr.	Kutztown	Hatboro, Pa.
OL	Avery Swinton	6-2	285	Sr.	Catawba	Jacksonville, Fla.
TE	Luke Dehnicke	6-3	205	R-Fr.	Minnesota Duluth	Andover, Minn.
WR	TJ Chukwurah	5-11	190	R-Jr.	Black Hills State	Arlington, Texas
WR	Hogan Wasson	5-10	180	R-So.	Central Missouri	Colleyville, Texas
WR	Reggie Retzlaff	6-3	215	R-Sr.	CSU Pueblo	Corona, Calif.
AP	JayJay Jordan	5-11	180	Jr.	Slippery Rock	Reading, Pa.
PK	Manaki Watanabe	6-0	182	R-Fr.	Ashland	Novi, Mich.

First Team Defense

POS	NAME	HT	WT	YR	SCHOOL	HOMETOWN
DL	Kailib Davis	6-3	300	Sr.	Ferris State	Grand Rapids, Mich.
DL	Kenyon Garner	6-4	230	So.	Livingstone	Okeechobee, Fla.
DL	Israel Nwokocha	6-2	250	Gr.	Benedict	Atlanta, Ga.
DL	Michael Shimek	6-1	246	Sr.	Ashland	North Canton, Ohio
LB	Landon Boss	6-1	230	Jr.	Emporia State	Osage City, Kan.
LB	Ja'Kobe Clinton	6-2	230	R-Sr.	West Florida	Sanford, Fla.
LB	Logan O'Brien	6-4	225	R-Sr.	Chadron State	Kearney, Neb.
DB	Rance Conner	5-11	190	Sr.	Valdosta State	Miami, Fla.
DB	Justin Payoute	5-7	170	Sr.	Ferris State	Miami Gardens, Fla.
DB	Jordan Rogers	5-10	188	R-Sr.	Pittsburg State	Bellmead, Texas
DB	Darnell Stephens	6-1	186	Gr.	Fort Valley State	Conyers, Ga.
RS	Tye Roberson	5-8	185	Sr.	Lenoir-Rhyne	Laurens, S.C.
P	Lucas LeSieur	5-11	190	R-Fr.	Colorado Mines	Walnut Creek, Calif.

Second Team Offense

POS	NAME	HT	WT	YR	SCHOOL	HOMETOWN
QB	Jack Strand	6-5	240	Sr.	MSU Moorhead	Bloomer, Wis.
RB	Braden Jay	5-9	190	Sr.	Harding	Cabot, Ark.
RB	Jeffrey Jones	5-9	175	Fr.	New Mexico Highlands	St. Petersburg, Fla.
OL	Slade Edwards	6-2	290	R-Sr.	Central Washington	Yelm, Wash.
OL	Montriel Lee	6-2	285	Sr.	Central Oklahoma	Del City, Okla.
OL	Kaleb McCullough	6-2	282	So.	Northwest Missouri	Humboldt, Iowa
OL	Jake Mitchell	6-2	270	Sr.	Harding	Greenhill, Ala.
OL	Davion Pyles	6-2	320	Sr.	Newberry	Irmo, S.C.
TE	Cam Woods	6-3	225	Sr.	Northeastern State	Las Vegas, Nev.
WR	Gage Florence	5-10	185	Sr.	MSU Moorhead	Sawyer, N.D.
WR	Jaylen Himes	5-9	177	Fr.	Wingate	Statesville, N.C.
WR	Tommy Thomas	6-2	190	R-Sr.	Chadron State	Fort Collins, Colo.
AP	Drew Nash	6-2	215	R-Sr.	Western Colorado	Torrance, Calif.
PK	Connor Fournier	6-0	200	So.	Minnesota State	Maple Grove, Minn.

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POS	NAME	HT	WT	YR	SCHOOL	HOMETOWN
DL	Tindell Frick	6-3	260	Sr.	Assumption	Duxbury, Mass.
DL	Tyler King	6-5	250	R-So.	Central Washington	Happy Valley, Ore.
DL	Clayton Power	6-2	283	Sr.	Northwest Missouri	Stilwell, Kan.
DL	Ean Rhea	6-2	235	Jr.	Emory & Henry	Glade Spring, Va.
LB	Domonique Davis II	5-11	204	Sr.	Central State	Atlanta, Ga.
LB	Tristan Exline	6-1	215	Jr.	UT Permian Basin	China Spring, Texas
LB	Clark Griffin	5-9	185	Sr.	Harding	Mountain Brook, Ala.
DB	Klayten Batten	5-10	185	Gr.	Shepherd	Waldorf, Md.
DB	Jason Hardy	6-1	185	Jr.	Grand Valley State	Detroit, Mich.
DB	Marvelous Owens	5-11	195	Sr.	Northeastern State	Chino, Calif.
DB	Xavier Walton	5-10	200	Jr.	Angelo State	San Antonio, Texas
P	Daishaun Alexander	6-3	245	Jr.	Shepherd	Greensburg, Pa.

Honorable Mention Selections, Alphabetical By School

Allen: Fabian Duncan, RB; **Amarie Fleming,** DL; **Angelo State:** Owen Seaver, DL; **Albany State:** Derrick Drayton, DL; Luke Rose, DB; **Ashland:** Nico Traczyk, OL; **Assumption:** Jack Driscoll, OL; **Augustana:** Jake Pecina, P; **Barton:** Keno Jones, LB; **Bemidji State:** Isaac Hagstrom, OL; **Benedict:** Jaxon Williams, RS; **Bentley:** Pat Damon, TE; Henry Schouten, LB; **Bloomsburg:** Jerry Griffen-Batchler, WR; **Bowie State:** Jamal Jones, DL; Elijah McKenzie, DB; **California (Pa.):** Harry Radcliffe, PK; Deontae Williams, RS; **Central Oklahoma:** Ashton Schumann, WR; **Central Washington:** Kennedy McGill, AP; **Chadron State:** Brodie Eisenbraun, P; Wilson Yee, PK; **Charleston (W. Va.):** Aden Miller, LB; **Clarion:** Griffin Buzzell, LB; Andrew Kurtas, PK; **Clark Atlanta:** Armone Harris, WR; **CSU Pueblo:** Roman Fuller, QB; Domingo Prince II, OL; Jackson Smith, PK; **Davenport:** Cephus Harris, RB; **Delta State:** William Carter, LB; Curtis Reardon, WR; **Emory & Henry:** Shawn Collins, DB; **Fairmont State:** Leonard Farrow, RB; **Ferris State:** Taarik Brett, AP; Carson Gulker, ATH; Ahlston Ware, DB; Jarvis Windom, OL; **Findlay:** Sam Weihrauch, LB; **Fort Hays State:** Gaven Haselhorst, DL; John Johnson, LB; **Fort Lewis:** Jacob Penney, LB; **Franklin Pierce:** Geno Facchetti, LB; Damir Stone, DB; **Frostburg State:** Owen Doyle, RB; Wylan Harich, DB; Douglas Pruim II, OL; **Gannon:** James Faulkner, TE; **Grand Valley State:** Trace Hrgich, P; **Harding:** Ty Dugger, DB; Mike Ericson, OL; Cobe Williams, OL; **Henderson State:** Cayden Davis, TE; **Hillsdale:** Shea Ruddy, AP; **Indiana (Pa.):** Kalen Frazier, DB; Devin Whitlock, WR; **UIndy:** Ryan Buttz, OL; Anthony Crowell, RS; **Johnson C. Smith:** Isaiah Perry, RS; **Kentucky State:** Matt Bolanos, P; Navy Curry, DB; **Kutztown:** Billy Everitt, OL; Brandon Hile, LB; Judd Novak, QB; Freddie Retter, DL; **Lenoir-Rhyne:** Desmond Greene, DB; **Mary:** Luke Bodine, TE; **Minnesota State:** Nathan Gribble, OL; **MSU Moorhead:** Brady Perryman, WR; **New Mexico Highlands:** Trevor Romaldo, DB; **Nebraska-Kearney:** Ife Current, DB; **Newberry:** Mikey Blandin, LB; Keith Desaussure, WR; Reed Charpia, QB; **UNC Pembroke:** Isi Etute, DL; **North Greenville:** Cillian Bonner, PK; **Northeastern State:** Mo Foketi, P; **Northern Michigan:** Noah Dobert, RB; Jax Hartel, LB; **Northern State:** Jake Adams, LB; Daniel Porisch, OL; **Northwest Missouri:** Carter Edwards, LB; Wes Merriman, OL; **Northwood:** Cole Simpson, DB; **Pittsburg State:** Austin Schmitt, PK; Jeremy Sharp, DL; Carter Stanchfield, OL; **Quincy:** Jaylin Vaughn, DL; **Saginaw Valley State:** Mason McKenzie, AP; **Slippery Rock:** Kayne Thompson, DB; **Southwest Baptist:** Kamau Ransom, WR; Caleb Saner, DL; **SW Minnesota State:** Parker Knutson, DB; **UT Permian Basin:** Jalani Jefferson, DB; **Tiffin:** Khris Walton, DL; **Truman State:** Gerard Grewe, TE; **Upper Iowa:** Eddie Burgess, TE; Mante

Morrow, WR; **Valdosta State:** Kenley-Mary Asse, OL; Dallas Robinson, DB; **Virginia Union:** Joe Rounds, OL; Zyaire Tart, RS; **Wayne State (Neb.):** Dawson Forgy, AP; Jes Krcil, LB; **West Alabama:** Elijah Guyton, PK; Austin McCready, P; **West Chester:** Connor Noble, LB; **West Florida:** Chester Fearon, DB; Corey Scott, WR; Marcus Stokes, QB; **West Liberty:** Hunter Patterson, RB; **West Texas A&M:** RJ Martinez, QB; **Western Colorado:** Zach Brumfield, OL; Ricky Freymond, DL; **Western Oregon:** Emilio Castaneda, OL; **Wheeling:** Leonard Sherrod III, DB; **Wingate:** Mandjou Berte, DL; Ryan Green, LB; Will Hart, OL; Xavier Pugh, RB.