



Football Award Winners

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All-America Honors

Roy White	1923		John Knight	1961	
William Karr	1936		Garry Puetz	1971	AFCA
Don Findling	1947		Garry Puetz	1972	AFCA
Joe Pahr	1950		John Belskis	1976	AFCA
Arol Amling	1951		Ken Karczewski	1979	
Bob Grobengeiser	1951		Dan Bogar	1983	
Gene Holtrey	1951		Tony Bauer	1984	Associated Press Honorable Mention Little
Joe Pahr	1951	Associated Press	Dan Bogar	1984	Associated Press Honorable Mention Little
Carl Woodward	1951		Kevin Mackey	1984	Associated Press Honorable Mention Little
Gerry Raasch	1954		Mike Healey	1985	AFCA and Football News
Fuzzy Thurston	1954		Eric Kenesie	1998	
Gordon Helms	1955		Eric Kenesie	1999	AFCA
Fuzzy Thurston	1955		Rob Giancola	2003	
Jerry Goeglein	1961				
Bob Gusse	1961	Honorable Mention Little			

AFCA - American Football Coaches' Association

Indiana Collegiate Conference Honors

First Team All-Conference

Arol Amling, 1951
Jerry Karstens, 1951
Robert Kuska, 1951
Joe Pahr, 1951
Royce Rowedder, 1951
Jerry Karstens, 1952
Don Kelly, 1952
Robert Kerns, 1952
Richard Schalou, 1952
Dennis Tuomi, 1952
Charles Lembke, 1953
Gerry Raasch, 1953
Ralph Starenko, 1953
Chuck Dhooge, 1954
Gordon Helms, 1954
Rod Poppe, 1954
Gerry Raasch, 1954
Fuzzy Thurston, 1954
Chuck Dhooge, 1955
Dick Jung, 1955
Chuck O'Brien, 1955
Fuzzy Thurston, 1955
Chuck Dhooge, 1956
Ken Schreiber, 1956
Noel Schlegelmilch, 1959
Joe Sever, 1959
Ray Zubeck, 1959
Don Martis, 1960
Fred Morgner, 1960
Jerry Goeglein, 1961
Bob Gusse, 1961
John Knight, 1961
Tyrone Smith, 1961

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Dave Lass, 1963
Dick Pohlman, 1963
Bill Schade, 1963
Dave Lass, 1964
Bert Bleke, 1965
Bert Bleke, 1966
Tom Dohrman, 1966
Bill Kohn, 1968
Ken Manning, 1968
Jack Sukup, 1968
Ken Weiss, 1968
John Whetsel, 1968
Fred Donath, 1969
John Rusert, 1969
Jeff Freitag, 1970
Tim Hartner, 1970
John Knudson, 1970
Neil Palmer, 1970
Garry Puetz, 1970
John Rusert, 1970
Joe Conn, 1971
Jeff Freitag, 1971
Mike Hall, 1971
Dave Hansing, 1971
Tim Hartner, 1971
John Knudson, 1971
Neil Palmer, 1971
Garry Puetz, 1971
Garry Puetz, 1972
Tom Seggerman, 1972
Faust DeLazzer, 1973
Bill Monahan, 1974
Jim Russler, 1974

John Belskis, 1975
Chris Knutsen, 1975
Mike Lightbourn, 1975
John Belskis, 1976
Chris Knutsen, 1976

Coach of the Year

Emory Bauer, 1954
Emory Bauer and Walt Reiner, 1961
Norm Aundsen, 1968

Players of the Year

Joe Pahr, 1951,
Most Valuable Back
Dennis Tuomi, 1952,
Most Valuable Lineman
Charles Lembke, 1953,
Most Valuable Lineman
Fuzzy Thurston, 1955,
Most Valuable Lineman
John Knight, 1961,
Most Valuable Back
Dave Lass, 1963,
Most Valuable Back
Tim Hartner, 1971,
Most Valuable Defensive Back
Mike Lightbourn, 1975,
Most Valuable Defensive Back



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Midwest Intercollegiate Football Conference Honors

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Gil Gutierrez, 1991

Heartland Collegiate Conference Honors

First Team All-Conference

John Belskis, 1977
Michael Dodds, 1977
Frederick Harris, 1977
David Newman, 1977
Rich Anderson, 1978
Mike Dodds, 1978
Jim Prochaska, 1978
Ron Risco, 1978
Scott Swanson, 1978
Cortie Wilson, 1978
Ken Biel, 1979
Jeff Heintzelman, 1979
Ken Karczewski, 1979
Steve Leonhard, 1979
Randy Riese, 1979
Mitch Sivertson, 1979

Warren Frey, 1980
Kyle Lupo, 1980
Randy Riese, 1980
Jimmy Harris, 1982
Dan Bogar, 1983
Tony Bauer, 1984
Dan Bogar, 1984
Mike Healey, 1985
Scott Lange, 1985
Kevin Mackey, 1985
Tony Maselli, 1985
Jim Bettinardi, 1986
Rick Danowsky, 1987
Tyler Mason, 1987
Tim Eloe, 1989

Players of the Year

John Belskis, 1977,
Most Valuable Defensive Back
Dave Newnam, 1977,
Most Valuable Offensive Back
Cortie Wilson, 1978,
Most Valuable Player
Cortie Wilson, 1978,
Most Valuable Offensive Back
Ken Karczewski, 1979,
Most Valuable Offensive Lineman
Mike Healey, 1985,
Most Valuable Player
Mike Healey, 1985,
Most Valuable Offensive Back
Tyler Mason, 1987,
Offensive Lineman of the Year

Pioneer Football League Honors

First Team All-Conference

John Lyon, 1993
Scott Petcu, 1993
Shayne Snider, 1993
Josh Berning, 1994
Doug Holok, 1994
Jeff Seymour, 1994
Evan Fitzgerald, 1995
Scott Hinrichs, 1995
Matt Kulp, 1995
Ozzie Young, 1995
John Harrington, 1996
Ronnie Sazone, 1996
Michael Tolbert, 1996
Ike Anigbo, 1997
Ron Brown, 1998
Ray Cirks, 1998
Ray Hiller, 1998
Eric Rodbro, 1998
Eric Zodrow, 1998
Ric Edgcomb, 1999
Steve Gresh, 1999
Franco Francese, 1999
Brian Vladika, 1999
Ray Hiller, 1999
Eric Kenesie, 1999
Ric Edgcomb, 2000
Jason Lougheed, 2000
Matt Maher, 2000

Jim Schroeder, 2000
John Schulte, 2000
Josh Skidmore, 2000
Adam Wakefield, 2000
Tom Byrne, 2001
Ric Edgcomb, 2001
Terrance Shelton, 2001
Tom Byrne, 2002
Chris Daniels, 2003
Rob Giancola, 2003
Andrew McCawley, 2003
Chris Daniels, 2004
Bill Marshall, 2004
Brad Smeja, 2004
Joe Blahowicz, 2005
Jeff Horton, 2005
Mike Jones, 2005
Andrew McCawley, 2005
Ryan Palonka, 2005
Ryan Kozey, 2007
Ryan Kozey, 2008
Greg Wood, 2010
Greg Wood, 2012
Alex Green, 2015
Drew Snouffer, 2018
Robert Washington, Spring 2021
Jaxon Peifer, Spring 2021
Ben Niesner, Spring 2021
Brian Bartholomew, Spring 2021

Keyon Turner, Spring 2021
Robert Washington, Fall 2021
Ben Niesner, Fall 2021
Brian Bartholomew, Fall 2021
Aaron Byrd, 2022
Solomon Davis, 2022
Aaron Dawson, 2022
Ben Hines, 2022
Solomon Davis, 2023
Sam Hafner, 2023
Evan Matthes, 2023
Sam Johnson, 2024

Coach of the Year

Tom Horne, 1999
Tom Horne, 2003
Dave Cecchini, 2017

Offensive Player of the Year

Robert Washington, Spring 2021

Special Teams Player of the Year

Ben Niesner, Spring 2021 (co-)
Sam Johnson, 2024

Offensive Freshman of the Year

Jake Hutson, 2012

Scholar Athlete of the Year

Evan Annis, 2023



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Academic Honors

First Team Academic All-America

Kevin Knutson	2004	Wide Receiver
Adam Rundh	2009	Defensive Line

Second Team Academic All-America

Scott Hinrichs	1995	Wide Receiver
Nick Bamber	2001	Defensive Back
Adam Rundh	2008	Defensive Line

Richard P. Koenig Award

Valparaiso University award that exemplifying moral character, academic, and athletic achievement.

Year	Recipient	1996	Ronnie Sazone	2005	Andrew McCawley
1989	Tim Eloe	1997	Bob Cracknell	2006	Brandon Bogenschutz
1990	Tim Eloe	1998	Joe Nowak	2007	Matt Watkins
1991	Steve Moseley	1999	Matt Rochner	2008	Ryan Koepke
1992	Mike Spicer	2000	Ron Brogle	2009	Adam Rundh
1993	Trevor Bell	2001	Bill Stanton	2010	Eli Crawford
1994	Trevor Bell	2002	Adam DaSilva	2011	Nate Blair
1995	Scott Hinrichs	2003	Jeffrey Vlk	2012	Mike Gerton
		2004	Kevin Knutson		

Joe Sever Trophy

Valparaiso University award that honors the lineman who exemplifies excellent work ethic and high-quality performance.

Year	Recipient	1999	Steve Gresh	2006	Seungyeup Ro
1993	Evan Fitzgerald	2000	Jim Schroeder	2007	Ben Faulkner
1994	Evan Fitzgerald	2001	Scott Tyrcha	2008	Trey Clark
1995	Evan Fitzgerald	2002	Tom Byrne	2009	Nate Blair
1996	Jacob Adames	2003	Kyle Padgett	2010	Alex Soller
1997	Chad Schroll	2004	Brandon Sturman	2011	Grant Bushong
1998	Ron Brown	2005	Ryan Palonka	2012	Chris Howard