

JOHN MACKEY AWARD

BEST COLLEGIATE TIGHT END

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2016 JOHN MACKEY AWARD PRESEASON WATCH LIST RELEASED

New York, N.Y. (July 6, 2016) – The Friends of John Mackey have released the 2016 John Mackey Award Preseason Watch List. Given annually to the most outstanding collegiate tight end, the award recipient is selected by vote of the John Mackey Award Selection Committee and the 2016 Mackey Award recipient will be announced on December 7, 2016 and then presented live on December 8, 2016 at The Home Depot College Football Awards Red Carpet Show on ESPNU. All future announcements can be found at www.johnmackeyaward.com.

NFL Hall of Fame member John Mackey is considered to be the best to have played the tight end position. A tight end by whom all others are measured, Mackey was a role model on and off the field as demonstrated by his Super Bowl Championship, his commitment to community and his place in history as the first President of the NFLPA.

The John Mackey Award presented since 2000, recognizes fourteen alumni that have played in the NFL: two-time Super Bowl Champion Daniel Graham ('01), 2006 Super Bowl Champion Dallas Clark ('02), Kellen Winslow II ('03), two-time Super Bowl Champion Heath Miller ('04), Mercedes Lewis ('05) of the Jacksonville Jaguars, 2008 Super Bowl Champion Matt Spaeth ('06) of the Pittsburgh Steelers, Fred Davis ('07), Chase Coffman ('08), D.J. Williams ('10), Dwayne Allen ('11) of the Indianapolis Colts, Tyler Eifert ('12) of the Cincinnati Bengals, Austin Seferian-Jenkins ('13) of the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, Nick O'Leary ('14) of the Buffalo Bills and 2015 John Mackey Award recipient Hunter Henry of the San Diego Chargers.

2016 John Mackey Award Preseason Watch List

(in alphabetical order)

First Name	Last Name	School	Year
Jeb	Blazevich	Georgia	Jr
Pharaoh	Brown	Oregon	Sr
Barrett	Burns	Appalachian St	Sr
Jake	Butt	Michigan	Sr
Cethan	Carter	Nebraska	Sr
Connor	Cella	Rice	Sr
CJ	Conrad	Kentucky	So
Buck	Cowan	Idaho	Sr
Darrell	Daniels	Washington	Sr

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Elkanah	Dillon	USF	So
DJ	Dowdy	Cincinnati	Sr
Evan	Ingram	Ole Miss	Sr
Gerald	Everett	South Alabama	Sr
Billy	Freeman	San Jose St	Sr
Mike	Gesicki	Penn St	Jr
Jarred	Gipson	Nevada	Sr
DeAndre	Goolsby	Florida	Jr
Cole	Hikutini	Louisville	Sr
Bucky	Hodges	Virginia Tech	Jr
Wyatt	Houston	Utah St	Sr
OJ	Howard	Alabama	Sr
Ryan	Izzo	Florida St	So
Blake	Jarwin	Oklahoma St	Sr
Ben	Johnson	Kansas	Jr
Alize	Jones	Notre Dame	So
George	Kittle	Iowa	Sr
Kody	Kohl	Arizona St	Sr
Jordan	Leggett	Clemson	Sr
Brandon	Lingen	Minnesota	Jr
Troy	Mangen	Ohio	Jr
Hayden	Plinke	UTEP	Sr
Josiah	Price	Michigan St	Sr
Michael	Roberts	Toledo	Sr
Jake	Roh	Boise St	Jr
Keith	Rucker	Georgia St	Sr
Mason	Schreck	Buffalo	Sr
Dalton	Schultz	Stanford	So
Cam	Serigne	Wake Forest	Jr
Jonnu	Smith	FIU	Sr
Jeremy	Sprinkle	Arkansas	Sr
Todd	Stafford	Massachusetts	Jr
Colin	Thompson	Temple	Sr
Cody	Tuttle	Eastern Michigan	Jr
Ethan	Wolf	Tennessee	Jr
Ryan	Yurachek	Marshall	Jr

The John Mackey Award is a member of the National College Football Awards Association (NCFAA) which encompasses the most prestigious awards in college football. The 22 awards boast over 722 years of tradition-selection excellence. Visit www.NCFAA.org to learn more about our story.



The members of the NCFAA are unveiling their preseason watch lists over a 12-day period this month. Seventeen of the association's 22 awards select a preseason watch list and the NCFAA has spearheaded a coordinated effort to promote each award's preseason candidates.

Following is the complete 2016 preseason watch list calendar:

Tues., July 5: Bednarik Award / Maxwell Award

Wed., July 6: Mackey Award / Rimington Trophy

Thurs., July 7: Lou Groza Award / Ray Guy Award

Fri., July 8: Bronko Nagurski Trophy / Outland Trophy

Mon., July 11: Jim Thorpe Award

Tues., July 12: Butkus Award / Rotary Lombardi Award

Wed., July 13: Biletnikoff Award / Wuerffel Trophy

Thurs, July 14: Davey O'Brien Award / Doak Walker Award

Fri., July 15: Walter Camp Award / Paul Hornung Award

The Friends of John Mackey are responsible for the administration of the John Mackey Award & the John Mackey Award Selection Committee. Please visit <http://www.johnmackeyaward.com> for more information.

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