

JOHN MACKEY AWARD

OUTSTANDING COLLEGIATE TIGHT END

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T.J. HOCKENSON OF IOWA NAMED 2018 JOHN MACKEY AWARD RECIPIENT

New York, N.Y. (December 5, 2018) – T.J. Hockenson of Iowa has been named the 2018 recipient of the prestigious John Mackey Award. The Mackey Award trophy will be presented to Hockenson on December 6th, live on ESPNU, at 6:00 pm EST on The Red Carpet Special at The Home Depot College Football Awards.

Most Mackey Award recipient write-ups include extensive career histories of the recipient but this year is a rare case. T.J. Hockenson finds himself making history in 2018 becoming the first underclassman to win the John Mackey Award in the nineteen years that it has been presented. Hockenson, a sophomore, shined in 2018 as an outstanding leader and gifted student athlete. Reputed for his outstanding grit and determination, Hockenson really burst on the scene in 2018 and showed to be both an outstanding receiver and blocker. Hockenson becomes the second player from Iowa to win the John Mackey Award (Dallas Clark, '02), which also makes history as Iowa joins Arkansas as the only two schools in college football history to take home two Mackey trophies.

Hockenson was also named the Kwalick-Clark Tight End of the Year in the Big Ten and took home Academic All-Big Ten for the second straight year and First Team All-Big Ten by league media. His outstanding season statistics include 46 receptions for 717 yards and six touchdowns. In his two-year career with Iowa, he has amassed 70 receptions for 1,037 yards and nine touchdowns. His 1,037 receiving yards rank 38th in career receiving yards for Iowa which is amazing considering that he is only a sophomore. Hockenson will be leading his team to the 2019 Outback Bowl on January 1st against Mississippi State, live on ESPN2.

The John Mackey Award is given to the collegiate tight end who best exemplifies the play, sportsmanship, academics, and community values of NFL Hall of Fame tight end John Mackey. The 2018 John Mackey Award recipient was determined by confidential balloting of the John Mackey Selection Committee.

The John Mackey Award presented since 2000, recognizes sixteen 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), Marcedes Lewis ('05) of the Green Bay Packers, 2008 Super Bowl Champion Matt Spaeth ('06), Fred Davis ('07), Chase Coffman ('08), D.J. Williams ('10), Dwayne Allen ('11) of the New England Patriots, Tyler Eifert ('12) of the Cincinnati Bengals, Austin Seferian-Jenkins ('13) of the Jacksonville Jaguars, Nick O'Leary ('14) of the Miami Dolphins, Hunter Henry ('15) of the Los Angeles Chargers, Jake Butt ('16) of the Denver Broncos and Mark Andrews ('17) of the Baltimore Ravens.

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