JOHN MACKEY AWARD

BEST COLLEGIATE TIGHT END

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2015 JOHN MACKEY AWARD PRESEASON WATCH LIST RELEASED

New York, N.Y. (July 8, 2015) – The John Mackey Award has released the 2015 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 2015 John Mackey recipient will be announced on December 9, 2015 and then presented live on December 10, 2015 at The Home Depot College Football Awards Red Carpet Show on ESPNU. Other key dates include the announcement of the 2015 Mackey Midseason Watch List on October 12, 2015, the 2015 Mackey Semi-finalists on November 16, 2015 and the 2015 Mackey Finalists on November 24, 2015. 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 thirteen 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) of the Pittsburgh Steelers, Marcedes Lewis (‘05) of the Jacksonville Jaguars, 2008 Super Bowl Champion Matt Spaeth (‘06) of the of the Pittsburgh Steelers, Fred Davis (‘07), Chase Coffman (‘08) of the Tennessee Titans, 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 and 2014 John Mackey Award recipient Nick O'Leary of the Buffalo Bills.

2015 John Mackey Award Preseason Watch List

(in alphabetical order)

First Name	Last Name	Year	School
Jerell	Adams	Sr	South Carolina
Jake	Butt	Jr	Michigan
Kyle	Carter	Sr	Penn St
Kivon	Cartwright	Sr	Colorado St
Jalen	Cope-Fitzpatrick	Jr	USC
Alan	Cross	Sr	Memphis
Braxton	Deaver	Sr	Duke
Jake	Duzey	Sr	Iowa
Evan	Engram	Jr	Ole Miss

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Billy	Freeman	Jr	San Jose St.
Jarred	Gipson	Jr	Nevada
David	Grinnage	Jr	NC State
Darion	Griswold	Sr	Arkansas St
Hunter	Henry	Jr	Arkansas
Tyler	Higbee	Sr	WKU
Bucky	Hodges	So	Virginia Tech
J.P.	Holtz	Sr	Pittsburgh
Austin	Hooper	So	Stanford
O.J.	Howard	Jr	Alabama
Jordan	Leggett	Jr	Clemson
Ryan	Malleck	Sr	Virginia Tech
Jake	McGee	Sr	Florida
Johnny	Mundt	Jr	Oregon
Joshua	Perkins	Sr	Washington
Jake	Phillips	Sr	UNLV
Josiah	Price	Jr	Michigan St
Sean	Price	Sr	USF
Joel	Ruiz	Sr	Georgia State
Steven	Scheu	Sr	Vanderbilt
Cam	Serigne	So	Wake Forest
Jonnu	Smith	Jr	FIU
Nick	Vannett	Sr	Ohio St
Steven	Walker	Sr	Colorado St
Bryce	Williams	Sr	East Carolina

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 700 years of tradition-selection excellence. Visit www.NCFAA.org to learn more about our story.

Beginning in 2015, The Home Depot College Football Awards will have a new home at the College Football Hall of Fame and Chick-fil-A Fan Experience in downtown Atlanta. Airing live on ESPN on December 10, 2015, college football's brightest stars will be honored for their performance on and off the field.

The members of the NCFAA are unveiling their preseason watch lists over a 12-day period this month. Sixteen 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 2015 preseason watch list calendar:

Tues., July 7:	Bednarik Award / Maxwell Award
Wed., July 8:	Mackey Award / Rimington Trophy
Thurs., July 9:	Lou Groza Award / Ray Guy Award
Fri., July 10:	BronkoNagurski Trophy / Outland Trophy
Mon., July 13:	Jim Thorpe Award
Tues., July 14:	Butkus Award / Rotary Lombardi Award
Wed., July 15:	Biletnikoff Award / Wuerffel Trophy
Thurs, July 16:	Davey O'Brien Award / Doak Walker Award
Fri., July 17:	Walter Camp Award

The Friends of John Mackey are responsible for the administration of the John Mackey Award and the John Mackey Award Selection Committee. Please visit http://www.johnmackeyaward.com to check out our new and improved website for all John Mackey Award related information.

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