

# **JOHN MACKEY AWARD**

**OUTSTANDING COLLEGIATE TIGHT END**

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## **HUNTER HENRY OF ARKANSAS NAMED 2015 JOHN MACKEY AWARD RECIPIENT**

New York, N.Y. (December 9, 2015) – The Friends of John Mackey have announced Hunter Henry of Arkansas as the 2015 John Mackey Award recipient. The John Mackey Award trophy will be presented to Henry on December 10<sup>th</sup>, live on ESPNU, at 6:00 pm EST on The Red Carpet Special at The Home Depot College Football Awards.

In his three years playing at Arkansas, Henry has established a reputation for his elite blocking ability and strong receiving prowess and 2015 was another outstanding year for him. The junior recorded 46 receptions for 647 yards and 3 touchdowns & led all SEC Tight Ends in receptions, receiving yards and first downs. His outstanding blocking has been on display all season as Henry hasn't allowed a sack or even a quarterback hurry this year. Henry, who hasn't dropped a pass this season, will now lead his team to the AutoZone Liberty Bowl against Kansas State.

Henry has totaled 111 receptions, 1,569 receiving yards and 9 touchdowns in his college career & his Mackey win makes history as Arkansas now becomes the only school in the 16 year history of the John Mackey Award to have multiple award winners. D.J. Williams was the first Arkansas Tight End to win the Mackey in 2010.

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 2015 John Mackey Award recipient was determined by confidential balloting of the John Mackey Selection Committee.

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, Mercedes 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.

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](http://www.NCFAA.org) to learn more about our story.

The Friends of John Mackey are responsible for the administration of the John Mackey Award and the Mackey Selection Committee. Visit [www.johnmackeyaward.com](http://www.johnmackeyaward.com) for all Mackey Award information.

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