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The John Mackey Award Announces 2025 Preseason Watchlist

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The John Mackey Award is pleased to announce, the preseason watchlist for the 2025 college football season. This award is presented annually to the best tight end in college football, honoring the legacy of NFL Hall of Fame Tight End, John Mackey. The John Mackey Award was established in 2000 by the Nassau County Sports Commission. The recipient of the award will be presented at the Home Depot College Football Awards Show, Friday, Dec. 12th at 7pm on ESPN.

For more information about the John Mackey Award visit johnmackeyaward.com.

<u>First Name</u>	<u>Last Name</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>First Name</u>	<u>Last Name</u>	<u>School</u>
Benji	Gosnell	Virginia Tech	Tanner	Arkin	Illinois
Hayden	Hansen	Florida	Blake	Bosma	Western Michigan
Luke	Hasz	Ole Miss	Gabe	Burkle	Iowa State
River	Helms	Georgia Southern	Keyan	Burnett	Arizona
Matthew	Hibner	SMU	Josh	Cuevas	Alabama
Justin	Joly	NC State	Decker	DeGraaf	Washington
Miles	Kitselman	Tennessee	Oscar	Delp	Georgia
Max	Klare	Ohio State	Khalil	Dinkins	Penn State
Marlin	Klein	Michigan	Jack	Endries	Texas
Tanner	Koziol	Houston	Eli	Finley	Louisiana Tech
Matt	Lauter	Boise State	Dorian	Fleming	Maryland
Elija	Lofton	Miami	Kenny	Fletcher	Rutgers
Lawson	Luckie	Georgia	Jeremiah	Franklin	Boston College
RJ	Maryland	SMU	Jameson	Geers	Minnesota

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Lake	McCree	USC
Chamon	Metayer	Arizona State
John Michael	Gyllenborg	Wyoming
Brett	Norfleet	Missouri
Garrett	Oakley	Kansas State
Zach	Ortwerth	Iowa
Randy	Pittman	Florida State
Sam	Roush	Stanford
Joe	Royer	Cincinnati
Kenyon	Sadiq	Oregon
Bauer	Sharp	LSU
Eli	Stowers	Vanderbilt
Landen	Thomas	Florida State
Houston	Thomas	UTSA
Michael	Trigg	Baylor
Jack	Veiling	Michigan State
Mason	Williams	Ohio
Daequan	Wright	Ole Miss

John Mackey Award Announcement Dates

Preseason Watch List – Friday, August 8th, 2025

Semifinalist Announcement (8) – Thursday, October 30th, 2025

Finalist Announcement (3) – Wednesday, November 26th, 2025

Winner Announcement – Friday, December 12th, 2025 (ESPN)

*The winner will be announced on the ESPN live presentation of The Home Depot College Football Awards show. Other recognized National College Football Awards Association (NCFAA) awards to also be announced include the Bednarik Award, Maxwell Award, Rimington Trophy, Lou Groza Award, Ray Guy Award, Bronko Nagurski Award, Outland Trophy, Butkas Award, Lombardi Award, Biletnikoff Award, Davey O'Brien Award, Doak Walker Award, Walter Camp Award and others.

The John Mackey Award is a proud member of the NCFAA which encompasses 25 of the most prestigious awards in college football, dating back to 1935, honoring more than 950 recipients. Sixteen NCFAA members are unveiling preseason watch lists over a 15-day period. Visit [NCFAA.org](https://www.ncfaa.org) to learn more.

NCFAA 2025 Preseason Watchlist Calendar

Mon., July 28: Maxwell Award

Tue., July 29: Outland Trophy/Bronko Nagurski Trophy

Wed., July 30: Paycom Jim Thorpe Award/Butkus Award

Thu., July 31: Paul Hornung Award/Allstate Wuerffel Trophy

Fri., Aug. 1: Lou Groza Award/Ray Guy Award

Mon., Aug. 4: Walter Camp Award

Tue., Aug. 5: Doak Walker Award

Wed., Aug. 6: Biletnikoff Award

Thu., Aug. 7: Davey O'Brien Award

Fri., Aug. 8: Mackey Award/Rimington Trophy

Mon., Aug. 11: Bednarik Award

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