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The John Mackey Award Announces 2025 Semifinalist

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The John Mackey Award is proud to announce, the eight semifinalists 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 on ESPN.

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

2025 John Mackey Award Semifinalists

- **#1 Michael Trigg – Baylor Bears**
 - 6'4" 240 lbs = 40 Rec 607 Yds 6 TD
- **#9 Eli Stowers – #15 Vanderbilt Commodores**
 - 6'4" 235 lbs = 39 Rec 547 Yds 4 TD
- **#9 Tanner Koziol – Houston Cougars**
 - 6'7" 240 lbs = 48 Rec 504 Yds 5 TD
- **#7 Justin Joly – NC State Wolfpack**
 - 6'3" 251 lbs = 36 Rec 365 Yds 5 TD
- **#8 Dae'Quan Wright – #7 Ole Miss Rebels**
 - 6'4" 255 lbs = 24 Rec 436 Yds 4 TD
- **#18 Kenyon Sadiq - #6 Oregon Ducks**
 - 6'3" 245 lbs = 22 Rec 311 Yds 5 TD
- **#88 Dallen Bentley - #17 Utah Utes**
 - 6'4" 264 lbs = 32 Rec 383 Yds 3 TD
- **#18 Benjamin Brahmer – Iowa State Cyclones**
 - 6'7" 255 lbs = 32 Rec 365 Yds 4 TD

John Mackey Award Announcement Dates

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

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

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.

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