JOHN MACKEY AWARD

BEST COLLEGIATE TIGHT END

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2009 JOHN MACKEY AWARD MIDSEASON WATCH LIST RELEASED

Manhasset, N.Y. (October 19, 2009) – The 2009 John Mackey Award midseason watch list has been released by the Nassau County Sports Commission. Given annually to the best collegiate tight end, the award recipient is selected by vote of the John Mackey Award Selection Committee and the 2009 John Mackey winner will be announced on December 10, 2009. Other key dates include the announcement of the 2009 Mackey semi-finalists on November 16, 2009 and the announcement of the 2009 Mackey finalists on November 23, 2009. All future announcements can be found at www.johnmackeyaward.org.

The John Mackey Award midseason watch list is an update from the preseason watch list. This list is meant to draw attention to tight ends in contention for the annual award based on their performance in the first half of the active season.

The John Mackey Award presented since 2000, lists eight NFL players as alumni: Dallas Clark ('01) of the 2006 Super Bowl Champion Indianapolis Colts, two-time Super Bowl Champion Daniel Graham ('02) of the Denver Broncos, Kellen Winslow II ('03) of the Tampa Bay Bucaneers, two-time Super Bowl Champion Heath Miller ('04) of the Pittsburgh Steelers, Marcedes Lewis ('05) of the Jacksonville Jaguars, Matt Spaeth ('06) of the of the 2008 Super Bowl Champion Pittsburgh Steelers, Fred Davis ('07) of the Washington Redskins and the 2008 John Mackey Award recipient Chase Coffman of the Cincinnati Bengals.

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PLAYER	YR	SCHOOL	PLAYER	YR	SCHOOL
George Bryan	SO	NC State	Kavario Middleton	SO	Washington
Dorin Dickerson	SR	Pittsburgh	Tony Moeaki	SR	Iowa
Ed Dickson	SR	Oregon	Colin Peek	SR	Alabama
Charlie Gantt	JR	Mich St	Dennis Pitta	SR	BYU
Riar Geer	SR	Colorado	Andrew Quarless	JR	Penn St
Garrett Graham	SR	Wisconsin	Jesse Rack	SR	Buffalo
Ladarius Green	SO	Louisiana	Kyle Rudolph	SO	Notre Dame
Aaron Hernandez	JR	Florida	Weslye Saunders	JR	South Carolina
Jeron Mastrud	SR	Kansas St	Cody Slate	SR	Marshall
Anthony McCoy	SR	USC	Luke Stocker	JR	Tennessee
Mike McNeil	JR	Nebraska	DJ Williams	JR	Arkansas

The Nassau County Sports Commission, a non-profit, 501(c)(3) organization created to enhance the quality of life through sports is responsible for the administration of the John Mackey Award and the John Mackey Award Selection Committee. For more information, please visit www.nassausports.org.

The John Mackey Award is a member of the National College Football Awards Association (NCFAA). The NCFAA was founded in 1997 as a coalition of the major collegiate football awards to protect, preserve and enhance the integrity, influence and prestige of the game's predominant awards. The NCFAA encourages professionalism and the highest standards for the administration of its member awards and the selection of their candidates and recipients. For more information, visit the association's official website, www.ncfaa.org.

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