



JOHN MACKEY AWARD BEST COLLEGIATE TIGHT END



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2009 JOHN MACKEY AWARD FINALISTS ANNOUNCED

DORIN DICKERSON OF PITTSBURGH

AARON HERNANDEZ OF FLORIDA

DENNIS PITTA OF BYU

Manhasset, N.Y. (November 23, 2009) – The Nassau County Sports Commission (NCSC) has announced three finalists for the 2009 John Mackey Award. Listed alphabetically, they are Dorin Dickerson (SR, Pittsburgh), Aaron Hernandez (JR, Florida) and Dennis Pitta (SR, BYU).

The three finalists were determined by confidential balloting of the John Mackey Selection Committee. The 2009 recipient of "The Mackey" will be announced at the Home Depot ESPNU College Football Awards Show live December 10, 2009 on ESPN. Please visit www.johnmackeyaward.org for all Mackey Award related information including the John Mackey Selection Committee, the selection process and award criteria, information on all past award recipients and a high resolution image of the award trophy available for download.

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