



The Biletnikoff Award

created and sponsored by the Tallahassee Quarterback Club Foundation, Inc.

Dede Westbrook of Oklahoma Wins the 2016 Biletnikoff Award, Which Recognizes the College Football Season's Outstanding Receiver Regardless of Position

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2016 Biletnikoff Award winner Dede Westbrook, pictured here with the Biletnikoff Award trophy, the most beautiful in college sports. Although not the case with Westbrook, three winners of the award in its long history have each won by a margin of only one vote, making the award one of the most closely contested in college football.

Tallahassee, FL. The Tallahassee Quarterback Club (TQC) Foundation, Inc., the Florida based creator and sponsor of the Biletnikoff Award, tonight announces that the University of Oklahoma's Dede Westbrook is the 2016 winner of the Biletnikoff Award. The secure and confidential electronic voting by the 530 distinguished members of the Biletnikoff Award National Selection Committee was conducted from December 1st through December 4th. The voting and results were verified and certified by a prominent CPA firm.

The Biletnikoff Award annually recognizes the outstanding receiver in college football. **Any player, regardless of position (tight end, slot receiver and back, inside**

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Important Dates

July 13, 2016:
Pre-Season Watch List announcement

Nov. 7-13, 2016:
Vote by the Biletnikoff Award National Selection Committee to determine 10 Semifinalists

Nov. 14, 2016:
10 Semifinalists announcement

Nov. 15-20, 2016:
Vote to determine 3 Finalists

Nov. 21, 2016:
3 Finalists announcement

Dec. 1-4, 2016:
Final vote to determine Biletnikoff Award Winner

Dec. 8, 2016:
Biletnikoff Award Winner announced on The Home Depot College Football Awards Show

Biletnikoff Award Banquet
Honoring the 2016 Biletnikoff Award Winner on Saturday, February 18, 2017 University Center Club at Doak Campbell Stadium Tallahassee, Florida

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receiver, wide receiver, split end, and running back) who catches a pass is eligible for the award. As such, the Biletnikoff Award recognizes the outstanding receiver, not merely the outstanding wide receiver. Receiver for many years has been the deepest position in college football in terms of the number of talented players. The Biletnikoff Award is a season, not career, award.



The 2016 Biletnikoff Award Winner: Dede Westbrook of the University of Oklahoma

Biletnikoff Award National Selection Committee

The semifinalists, finalists, and award recipient annually are selected by the highly distinguished Biletnikoff Award National Selection Committee, a group of prominent college football journalists, commentators, and former receivers. Foundation trustees do not vote and have never voted. Members of the national selection committee are allowed to write in non watch list receivers on the semifinalists and finalists ballots. See:
<http://biletnikoffaward.com/voters>

Candidate Eligibility and Voting Criteria

The transparently detailed and explicit criteria for candidate eligibility and voting appear at:

<http://biletnikoffaward.com/criteria>

The Home Depot College Football Awards Show

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Dede Westbrook as the 2016 Biletnikoff Award winner was announced live by 1991 Heisman Trophy winner, Biletnikoff Award voter, and former receiver Desmond Howard earlier tonight, December 8, 2016, on ESPN's The Home Depot College Football Awards Show. Desmond Howard is one of only 5 ends or receivers who has won the Heisman Trophy, joining Larry Kelley, Leon Hart, Johnny Rodgers, and Tim Brown.

The correlation between Biletnikoff Award winners and stardom in the National Football League is uncannily predictable. Past Biletnikoff Award winners include Calvin Johnson, Randy Moss, Michael Crabtree, Amari Cooper, and Larry Fitzgerald.

Biletnikoff Award Banquet

Dede Westbrook will be presented the Biletnikoff Award trophy before 550 patrons at the Biletnikoff Award Banquet, a black tie event, at the University Center Club at Doak Campbell Stadium in Tallahassee on Saturday, February 18, 2017. The banquet was hailed by 2014 keynote speaker Dick Vermeil, as well as by 2013 keynoter Larry Csonka, as "the best banquet in college sports." The banquet has featured distinguished keynote speakers of profound character and accomplishments including Bart Starr, Dick Vermeil, Larry Csonka, Steve Largent, Mike Ditka, Don Shula, Dan Reeves, Archie Manning, Ron Jaworski, Gene Stallings, Bill Curry, Jim Kelly, Jerry Kramer, Joe Theismann, and Dan Fouts.

Also recognized at the banquet are the Foundation's scholarship recipients who will be offered by the Foundation over \$800,000 in college and vocational scholarships and related benefits in 2017 alone, as in 2015 and 2016. The Foundation's charitable mission is the provision of college and vocational scholarships to North Florida high school seniors who have overcome significant barriers to achieve at the highest academic and extracurricular levels. The scholarships are merit, not need, based.

Fred Biletnikoff

The name Biletnikoff is synonymous with the term receiver. Fred Biletnikoff, a member of the pro and college football halls of fame, was an All America receiver at Florida State University, and an All Pro receiver for the Oakland Raiders. He caught 589 passes for 8,974 yards and 76 touchdowns in his 14-year Raiders career from 1965 through 1978. Fred was the Most Valuable Player of Super Bowl XI. The Tallahassee Quarterback Club Foundation (TQC), Inc., created the Biletnikoff Award in 1994.

The Biletnikoff Award



The Biletnikoff Award is presented annually to the season's **outstanding college football receiver regardless of position** (the award defines receiver as any player who catches a pass, hence tight ends, slot receivers and backs, inside receivers, wide receivers, split ends, and running backs are eligible)

(http://biletnikoffaward.com/about_award)

by the Tallahassee Quarterback Club Foundation, Inc., (TQCF).

The TQC Foundation, Inc., is an independent, charitable organization that was founded in 1994. Past Chairman and Founding Trustee Professor Walter W. Manley II, Founding Trustee L. Thomas Cox, Jr., Founding Trustee Rocky Bevis, and Founding Trustee Bob Teel established the award and the TQC Foundation, Inc., that sponsors it. Many more trustees have contributed to its development as one of the most prominent awards in college football. The TQC Foundation, Inc., joined the idea of a college receiver's award to the organization's vision and created the outstanding award and dynamic organization.

The trophy, presented to each winner, is the most beautiful in college football - it has won several national awards for design excellence and aesthetic appeal.

Likewise, the website and printed banquet program have been cited nationally for excellence in design.



The Tallahassee Quarterback Club Foundation, Inc., a 501(c)(3) organization, is the creator and sponsor of

the Biletnikoff Award. The Foundation administers the Biletnikoff Award, its charitable activities, and the distinguished Biletnikoff Award National Selection Committee. Foundation Trustees are prohibited from serving on the National Selection Committee. For a full recounting of the Foundation's activities, please consult www.BiletnikoffAward.com



National College Football Awards Association

The Biletnikoff Award is a member of the National College Football Awards Association (NCFAA), which includes the most prestigious awards in college football. The 22 awards boast 692 years of tradition-selection excellence.

Visit www.NCFAA.org to learn more about the NCAAF history.

In 2015, The Home Depot College Football Awards moved to a new venue at the College Football Hall of Fame and Chick-fil-A Fan Experience in downtown Atlanta. Airing live on ESPN on December 8, 2016, The Home Depot College Football Awards will honor the college football's brightest stars for their performances on and off the field.

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