



The Biletnikoff Award

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

The Tallahassee Quarterback Club Foundation, Creator and Sponsor of the Biletnikoff Award, Announces the 2017 Biletnikoff Award Pre-Season Watch List

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Important Dates



July 18, 2017:
Pre-Season Watch List announcement

Nov. 6-12, 2017:
Vote by the Biletnikoff Award National Selection Committee to determine 10 Semifinalists

Nov. 13, 2017:
10 Semifinalists announcement

Nov. 14-19, 2017:
Vote to determine 3 Finalists

Nov. 21, 2017:
3 Finalists announcement

Nov. 30-Dec. 4, 2017:
Final vote to determine Biletnikoff Award Winner

Dec. 7, 2017:
Biletnikoff Award Winner announced on The Home Depot College Football Awards Show

2017 Biletnikoff Award Banquet keynote speaker Bobby Bowden and 2016 Biletnikoff Award winner Dede Westbrook.

Biletnikoff Award Banquet
Honoring the 2017 Biletnikoff Award Winner on Saturday, February 10, 2018
University Center Club at
Doak Cambell Stadium
Tallahassee, Florida

Tallahassee, FL - The Tallahassee Quarterback Club (TQC) Foundation, Inc., the Florida-based creator and sponsor of the Biletnikoff Award, has released the 2017 Biletnikoff Award Pre-Season Watch List. The Biletnikoff Award annually recognizes the outstanding receiver in college football. **Any player, regardless of position (wide receiver, tight end, slot back, 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. The award recipient is

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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. BiletnikoffAward.com/voters

Receivers are periodically added to the watch list as their season performances dictate. Actual, not potential, performance is the basis for inclusion on the Biletnikoff Award Watch List.

The transparently detailed and explicit criteria for candidate eligibility, watch list inclusion, and voting appear at: BiletnikoffAward.com/criteria

The 2017 Biletnikoff Award winner will be presented live on December 7, 2017, on The Home Depot College Football Awards Show to be broadcast 7:00 - 9:00pm (EST) on ESPN. College Football Hall of Famer, Heisman Trophy winner, and Biletnikoff Award voter Desmond Howard will present the 2017 Biletnikoff Award winner on the show. Howard is one of only 5 ends or receivers who has won the Heisman Trophy, joining Larry Kelley, Leon Hart, Johnny Rodgers, and Biletnikoff Award voter 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.

The 2017 Biletnikoff Award winner will be presented the Biletnikoff Award trophy by college and pro football hall of famers Fred Biletnikoff and keynoter Floyd Little before 550 patrons at the Biletnikoff Award Banquet at the University Center Club at Doak Campbell Stadium in Tallahassee on Saturday, February 10, 2018. 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 keynoters 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, Bob Griese, Bill Curry, Bobby Bowden, Jim Kelly, Jerry Kramer, Joe Theismann, and Dan Fouts.

The banquet also recognizes the Foundation's scholarship recipients who will be offered by the Foundation over \$800,000 in college and vocational scholarships and related benefits in 2018 alone, as in 2016 and 2017. The

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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 extra-curricular levels.

The Tallahassee Quarterback Club Foundation, Inc., will announce the ten Biletnikoff Award semifinalists on November 13, 2017, following the vote by the members of the Biletnikoff Award National Selection Committee. Likewise, the three finalists will be declared, following another vote, on November 21, 2017. For complete details and updates of interest, together with weekly statistics and timely, important news of the Biletnikoff Award candidates, as well as a fan vote and discussion board, please consult the Foundation's highly informative website at BiletnikoffAward.com.

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 2017 Biletnikoff Award Pre-Season Watch List

(Other receivers will be added as their season performances dictate)

NAME	SCHOOL
Sergio Bailey II	Eastern Michigan
Linell Bonner	Houston
Adam Breneman	Massachusetts
Ventell Bryant	Temple
Deon Cain	Clemson
Keke Coutee	Texas Tech
Deondre Douglas	Troy
Jonathan Duhart	Old Dominion
Shay Fields	Colorado

Michael Gallup	Colorado State
James Gardner	Miami (Ohio)
Devin Gray	Cincinnati
Andy Isabella	Massachusetts
Richie James	Middle Tennessee
KeeSean Johnson	Fresno State
Jon'Vea Johnson	Toledo
Christian Kirk	Texas A&M
Allen Lazard	Iowa State
Tavares Martin Jr.	Washington State
Jalen McCleskey	Oklahoma State
Anthony Miller	Memphis
Scott Miller	Bowling Green
J'Mon Moore	Missouri
Dante Pettis	Washington
Ervin Phillips	Syracuse
Cam Phillips	Virginia Tech
T.J. Rahming	Duke
Ahmon Richards	Miami
Calvin Ridley	Alabama
Demetris Robertson	California
Devin Ross	Colorado
Deebo Samuel	South Carolina
Steven Sims Jr.	Kansas
Tre'Quan Smith	UCF
Equanimeous St. Brown	Notre Dame
Allenzae Stagers	Southern Miss
Courtland Sutton	SMU

Cody Thompson	Toledo
Emanuel Thompson	Troy
James Washington	Oklahoma State
Jester Weah	Pitt
Nick Westbrook	Indiana
Jimmy Williams	East Carolina
Corey Willis	Central Michigan
Cedrick Wilson	Boise State

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)**

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

The TQC Foundation, Inc., is an independent, charitable organization that was founded in 1994. Past Chairman & Chairman-elect 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 BiletnikoffAward.com.



National College Football Awards Association

The Biletnikoff Award is a member of the National College Football Awards Association (NCFAA), which includes college football's most prestigious awards. Founded in 1997, the NCFAA and its 23 awards boast 800 recipients, dating to 1935. Visit NCFAA.org to learn more about the NCFAA.

The members of the NCFAA are unveiling their preseason watch lists over a two-week period this month. Sixteen of the association's 23 awards select a preseason watch list and the NCFAA has spearheaded a coordinated effort to promote each award's preseason candidates. Following is the complete 2017 preseason watch list calendar:

Date	Award
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Mon., July 10	Bednarik Award/Maxwell Award
Tues., July 11	Mackey Award/Rimington Trophy
Wed., July 12	Lou Groza Award/Ray Guy Award
Thurs., July 13	Bronko Nagurski Trophy/Outland Trophy
Fri., July 14	Jim Thorpe Award
Mon., July 17	Butkus Award/Paul Hornung Award
Tues., July 18	Biletnikoff Award/Wuerffel Trophy
Wed., July 19	Davey O'Brien Award
Thurs., July 20	Doak Walker Award
Fri., July 21	Walter Camp Award

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