



The Biletnikoff Award

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

The Tallahassee Quarterback Club Foundation, the Creator and Sponsor of the Biletnikoff Award, Recognizing the College Football Season's Outstanding FBS Receiver Regardless of Position, Announces the 2020 Preseason Biletnikoff Award Watch List


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Hall of Famer and 2020 Biletnikoff Award Banquet keynote speaker Lou Holtz, Founding Trustee & Past Chairman of the Biletnikoff Award Walter Manley II, 2019-20 Chairman of the Biletnikoff Award Steve Dobson III, and 2019 Biletnikoff Award Winner Ja'Marr Chase

Tallahassee, FL - The Tallahassee Quarterback Club (TQC) Foundation, Inc., the Florida-based creator and sponsor of the prestigious Biletnikoff Award, has

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Important Dates

July 16, 2020:

Preseason Watch List announcement

September 22, 2020:

FanVote opens

November 9-15, 2020:

Vote by the Biletnikoff Award National Selection Committee to determine Semifinalists

November 16, 2020:

Semifinalists announcement

November 17 - November 22, 2020:

Vote to determine 3 Finalists

November 23, 2020:

3 Finalists announcement

November 30 - December 6, 2020:

Final vote to determine Biletnikoff Award Winner

December 10, 2020:

Biletnikoff Award Winner announced on The Home Depot College Football Awards presented by Gildan

The Home Depot College Football Awards airs live on ESPN December 10,

released the 2020 Biletnikoff Award Preseason Watch List.

The Biletnikoff Award annually recognizes the college football season's outstanding FBS receiver. **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 college football's outstanding receiver, not merely college football's outstanding *wide* receiver.

The semifinalists, finalists, and award recipient are selected by the highly distinguished Biletnikoff Award National Selection Committee, a group of prominent college football journalists, commentators, announcers, Biletnikoff Award winners, and other former receivers. Foundation trustees do not vote and have never voted. For a list of voters, please see BiletnikoffAward.com/voters.

Receivers are frequently 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 Biletnikoff Award candidate eligibility and voting criteria, transparently explicit and detailed, are available for review at BiletnikoffAward.com/criteria.

2020, 7 - 9pm (EST)

The Biletnikoff Award Banquet

honors the 2020 Biletnikoff Award Winner on Saturday, March 6, 2021
University Center Club at
Doak Campbell Stadium, Tallahassee,
Florida

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2019 Biletnikoff Award winner Ja'Marr Chase

The correlation between Biletnikoff Award winners and stardom in the National Football League is nearly uniformly consistent. Past Biletnikoff Award winners include Calvin Johnson, Randy Moss, Michael Crabtree, Amari Cooper, the late Terry Glenn, and Larry Fitzgerald.

The 2020 Biletnikoff Award winner will be presented the Biletnikoff Award trophy by TQC Foundation Chairman George Avant, Jr., keynoter and college hall of famer Chad Hennings, and college and pro football hall of famer Fred Biletnikoff before 550 patrons at the Biletnikoff Award Banquet at the University Center Club at Doak Campbell Stadium in Tallahassee on Saturday, March 6, 2021. 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."



2019 Biletnikoff Award finalists: Ja'Marr Chase, CeeDee Lamb, and Michael Pittman, Jr.

The banquet has featured distinguished keynoters of profound character and accomplishments including the late Bart Starr, Dick Vermeil, Floyd Little, Larry Csonka, Steve Largent, Mike Ditka, the late Don Shula, Dan Reeves, Archie Manning, Ron Jaworski, Gene Stallings, Bob Griese, Bill Curry, Bobby Bowden, Jim Kelly, Jerry Kramer, Joe Theismann, Dan Fouts, Lou Holtz, and Aaron Taylor.



**2021 Biletnikoff Award Banquet
keynote speaker and college hall
of famer Chad Hennings**



2020-21 Foundation Chairman George Avant, Jr.

The TQC 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. Participation in sports is not a requirement. The Foundation has provided many millions of dollars for several hundreds of scholarships and related benefits through 2020.



2020 Scholarship Recipients



2019 Scholarship Recipients

The name *Biletnikoff* is synonymous with the term *receiver*. Fred Biletnikoff, a member of the pro and college football halls of fame, was a consensus 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 2020 Biletnikoff Award Preseason Watch List

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

PLAYER	SCHOOL
Jonathan Adams Jr.	Arkansas State
Tutu Atwell	Louisville
Jhamon Ausbon	Texas A&M
Rashod Bateman	Minnesota
David Bell	Purdue
Jadan Blue	Temple
Max Borghi	Washington State
Dyami Brown	North Carolina
Ja'Marr Chase	LSU
Nico Collins	Michigan
Elijah Cooks	Nevada
Damonte Coxie	Memphis
Frank Darby	Arizona State
Jaelon Darden	North Texas

Pat Freiermuth	Penn State
Kaylon Geiger	Troy
Kylen Granson	SMU
Warren Jackson	Colorado State
C.J. Johnson	East Carolina
Johnny Johnson III	Oregon
Tim Jones	Southern Miss
Charlie Kolar	Iowa State
Terrace Marshall Jr.	LSU
Elijah Moore	Ole Miss
Rondale Moore	Purdue
Skye Moore	Western Michigan
Dazz Newsome	North Carolina
Tre Nixon	UCF
Chris Olave	Ohio State
Andrew Parchment	Kansas
Whop Philyor	Indiana
George Pickens	Georgia
Kalil Pimpleton	Central Michigan
Kyle Pitts	Florida
Charleston Rambo	Oklahoma
Reggie Roberson Jr.	SMU
Bradley Rozner	Rice
Khalil Shakir	Boise State
Jared Smart	Hawaii
DeVonta Smith	Alabama
Ihmir Smith-Marsette	Iowa
Amon-Ra St. Brown	USC
Marquez Stevenson	Houston
Keylon Stokes	Tulsa
Sage Surratt	Wake Forest
Tamorrion Terry	Florida State
Tyquan Thornton	Baylor

Victor Tucker	Charlotte
Tyler Vaughns	USC
Jaylen Waddle	Alabama
Tre Walker	San José State
Tylan Wallace	Oklahoma State
Austin Watkins	UAB
Seth Williams	Auburn
Michael Wilson	Stanford

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)** (BiletnikoffAward.com/about_award)

The TQC Foundation, Inc., is an independent, charitable organization that was founded in 1994. Past Chairman & 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, juried competitions 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 encompasses the most prestigious awards in college football. Founded in 1997, the NCFAA and its 25 awards now boast over 800 recipients, dating to 1935. Visit ncfaa.org to learn more about the association.

The members of the NCFAA are unveiling their preseason watch lists over a 10-day period this month. Fourteen of the association's 25 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 2020 preseason watch list calendar:

DATE	AWARD
July 13	Bednarik Award
July 14	Davey O'Brien Award
July 15	Doak Walker Award
July 16	Biletnikoff Award
July 17	John Mackey Award

July 20	Butkus Award & Paycom Jim Thorpe Award
July 21	Bronko Nagurski Trophy & Outland Trophy
July 22	Lou Groza Award & Ray Guy Award
July 23	Paul Hornung Award & Wuerffel Trophy
July 24	Maxwell Award

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