



# JOHN MACKEY AWARD

BEST COLLEGIATE TIGHT END

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## 2010 JOHN MACKEY AWARD PRESEASON WATCH LIST RELEASED

**Manhasset, N.Y. (August 16, 2010)** – The 2010 John Mackey Award preseason 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 2010 John Mackey winner will be announced on December 9, 2010.

NFL Hall of Fame member John Mackey is considered to be the best to have played the tight end position. A tight end by whom all others are measured, Mackey was a role model on and off the field as demonstrated by his Super Bowl Championship, his commitment to community and his place in history as the first President of the NFLPA.

The John Mackey Award presented since 2000, lists nine 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 Buccaneers, two-time Super Bowl Champion Heath Miller ('04) of the Pittsburgh Steelers, Mercedes 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, Chase Coffman ('08) of the Cincinnati Bengals and the 2009 John Mackey Award recipient Aaron Hernandez of the New England Patriots.

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| <u>PLAYER</u>    | <u>YR</u> | <u>SCHOOL</u>  | <u>PLAYER</u>   | <u>YR</u> | <u>SCHOOL</u>  |
|------------------|-----------|----------------|-----------------|-----------|----------------|
| Dwayne Allen     | SO        | Clemson        | DC Jefferson    | SO        | Rutgers        |
| Jeffery Anderson | SR        | UAB            | Andrew Jones    | JR        | Missouri       |
| Tim Biere        | JR        | Kansas         | Lance Kendricks | SR        | Wisconsin      |
| George Bryan     | JR        | NC State       | Kevin Koger     | JR        | Michigan       |
| Ryan Deehan      | JR        | Colorado       | Brian Linthicum | JR        | Michigan St    |
| Drake Dunsmore   | SR        | Northwestern   | Anthony Miller  | JR        | California     |
| Charlie Gantt    | SR        | Michigan St    | Kyle Rudolph    | JR        | Notre Dame     |
| Cameron Graham   | SR        | Louisville     | Eric Peitz      | SR        | Colorado St    |
| Ladarius Green   | JR        | Louisiana      | Zach Pianalto   | SR        | North Carolina |
| Marcus Green     | JR        | Mississippi St | Konrad Reuland  | SR        | Stanford       |
| Virgil Green     | SR        | Nevada         | Weslye Saunders | SR        | South Carolina |
| Ryan Griffin     | SO        | Connecticut    | Lee Smith       | SR        | Marshall       |
| Ben Guidugli     | SR        | Cincinnati     | Luke Stocker    | SR        | Tennessee      |
| Joe Halahuni     | JR        | Oregon St      | Aron White      | JR        | Georgia        |
| Blake Hammond    | SO        | W. Michigan    | DJ Williams     | SR        | Arkansas       |
| Brett Huffman    | SR        | Duke           | Alston Umuolo   | SR        | San Diego St   |

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](http://www.nassausports.org) or [www.johnmackeyaward.org](http://www.johnmackeyaward.org).

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