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NFF'S JUNE EVENT TO INCLUDE GOLF SCRAMBLE, SILENT AUCTION RECEPTION, HONORS DINNER

DREW BRES TO PARTICIPATE FOR 5TH STRAIGHT YEAR

Save the date and order your tickets. The Joe Tiller Chapter of the National Football Foundation has a full slate of events planned for Tuesday, June 23rd.

The fifth annual "Celebrating Our Legends" will begin with a Golf Scramble this year for a limited number of NFF members at 11:00 a.m. at the Birk Boilermaker Golf Complex. A catered lunch will be available in the Voinoff Pavilion, leading up to a noon tee-time on the Ackerman Hills course. Prizes for the scramble will be awarded later that night at the Honors Dinner. The golf scramble will be co-sponsored by the Tiller Chapter and Purdue's Trademark Licensing Office in conjunction with its announcements about the 12th Boiler Program, benefitting scholarships.

The NFF Honors Dinner, co-sponsored by Purdue's Gimlet Leadership Honorary, will begin with the Silent Auction Reception at 5:00 p.m. in the Purdue Memorial Union Ballrooms. This reception is open to the public, featuring the silent auction and autograph opportunities. It will include a cash bar, free punch and dry snacks.

The Dinner Buffet and Program portion of the night will begin at 6:45. Advance payment is required for that. Special guests for the night will include: 2009 Purdue Hall of Fame Inductee Drew Brees, former head coach Joe Tiller and current head coach Danny Hope. Levi Riggs will provide music during the evening.

The night will include awards presentations to 17 high school football



Above: Drew Brees poses with last year's High School Scholar Athlete of the Year Award winner -- Griffin Richeson of Lafayette Central Catholic High School

players who were nominated as candidates for the Scholar Athlete of the Year Award. They are Bradley Andrews (Lafayette Central Catholic H.S.), Jonathan Beale (Clinton Prairie H.S.), Cody Binkley (Knox H.S.), Aaron Connell (Twin Lakes H.S.), Mitchell Daily (Northwestern H.S.), Terry Howard (North Judson-San Pierre H.S.), Chandler Keown (Carroll H.S.), Chad Kingsolver (Clinton Central H.S.), Andrew Koning

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Above: Current Purdue Football Head Coach Danny Hope does his best Joe Tiller impression at the Joe Tiller Roast and Toast event.

TILLER ROAST A GREAT SUCCESS

The "Joe Tiller Roast & Toast," sponsored by this chapter in conjunction with the John Purdue Club, on January 24 was a successful and memorable event.

A total of 459 people attended the event at the University Plaza Hotel to honor (and have fun with) Joe and Arnette Tiller just prior to their move to Wyoming.

Total revenue for the event, including ticket sales, sponsorships, donations, silent auction, and sales to date for DVD's and photos, is currently at \$20,316 -- with \$365 still due -- and our total expenses ended up at \$18,867, leaving us with a current "profit" of \$1,449, which will go toward scholarships in the John Purdue Club and NFF.

The event was edited down to a "mere" three hours, including all the video messages. DVD or VHS copies are available for \$20 each and may be ordered by using the form on page three of this newsletter.

The bottom line is that after all the bills are paid and final checks deposited the chapter will come out of this event in good shape financially.

ALL NFF MEMBERS:

THE TILLER CHAPTER IS TRYING TO UPDATE ITS CURRENT EMAIL LIST. PLEASE SEND YOUR NAME AND CURRENT EMAIL ADDRESS TO

JGANDOLF@PURDUE.EDU OR JVRUGGINK@PURDUE.EDU TO ENSURE THAT WE HAVE THE PROPER CONTACT INFORMATION FOR ALL OF OUR MEMBERS. YOUR COOPERATION IS GREATLY APPRECIATED.

THANKS!



THE JOE TILLER CHAPTER OF NORTHWEST INDIANA

2009 HONORS DINNER AWARDS

HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLAR-ATHLETE AWARD

This annual award is intended to provide recognition to a graduating high school senior football player who exemplifies excellence as a student, an athlete and a citizen. Scholarship money from the National Football Foundation is provided to the winner as long as he is not receiving full athletic aid to attend the college of his choice. He is not required to continue his career as a football player.

Selection process: Nominations are accepted in late winter or early spring from high school coaches and/or administrators in the counties covered by this NFF chapter. Nominations are evaluated by the Scholar-Athlete Committee, which recommends at least one recipient per year. This recommendation must be ratified by the Board of Directors and the presentation should be made at the annual Honors Dinner. Other nominees will also be recognized at the Honors Dinner.

2005 Honoree: William Bowman of Lafayette Jefferson High School
2006 Honoree: Brett Courtney of West Lafayette Harrison High School
2007 Honoree: James Wodicka of West Lafayette High School
2008 Honoree: Griffin Richeson of Lafayette Central Catholic High School
2009 Honoree: Announced June 23rd

OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION TO AMATEUR FOOTBALL AWARD

This annual award is intended to provide recognition to an individual whose efforts and activities support the goals of the National Football Foundation on the local level. The award identifies an individual who works tirelessly out of love for football and a desire to help children play the game. The award winner can be a league organizer, administrator, fundraiser, coach, doctor, athletic trainer, game official or anyone who excels in representing and supporting the foundation's fundamental creed.

Selection process: Nominations are accepted throughout the year from NFF chapter members and considered by the Awards Committee, which recommends no more than one recipient per year. This recommendation must be ratified by the Board of Directors and the presentation should be made at the annual Honors Dinner.

2005 Honoree: Kay Hunt of West Lafayette Little Gridiron Football League
2006 Honoree: John Robinson of Lafayette 56ers Youth Football League
2007 Honoree: Dr. Robert Hagen of Lafayette Orthopaedic Clinic/Unity Sportsmedicine
2008 Honoree: Brad Smith of Attica, Indiana Football Coaches Association
2009 Honoree: Tom Kubat of Lafayette Journal & Courier

DREW BREES COLLEGE OR PRO MENTAL TOUGHNESS AWARD

This annual award is intended to provide recognition to a college or professional athlete who exemplified exceptional mental attitude or toughness while competing within the counties covered by this NFF chapter. Exceptional mental attitude includes displays of high academic achievement, superior leadership, dogged determination, tenacity, moral character, bravery, humility and concern for others, in addition to remarkable athletic accomplishments.

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2005 Honoree: Drew Brees of the San Diego Chargers
2006 Honoree: Rob Ninkovich of Purdue University
2007 Honoree: Rosevelt Colvin of the New England Patriots
2008 Honoree: Nick Hardwick of the San Diego Chargers
2009 Honoree: To be determined

DISTINGUISHED AMERICAN AWARD

This annual award is intended to provide recognition to a citizen who has maintained a lifetime of interest in the game of football and who has exhibited enviable leadership qualities and patriotism while making a significant contribution to the betterment of amateur football or sports in general in the United States while bringing recognition to the local area covered by this NFF chapter.

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2005 Honoree: Gene Keady, emeritus basketball coach of Purdue University
2006 Honoree: Bob DeMoss, former football coach/administrator at Purdue University
2007 Honoree: Henry Rosenthal, former play-by-play announcer/owner of WASK Radio
2008 Honoree: Bernie Flowers, former All-American, salesman extraordinaire
2009 Honoree: Joe Tiller, emeritus football coach of Purdue University

NOMINATION FORM

(Submit by January 31, 2010 to Jim Vrugink via phone at 765-494-2086, fax at 765-496-6260, email at jvruggink@purdue.edu or mail at 320 Dehart St., West Lafayette, IN 47906)

Name of nominee _____
For which award? _____
Phone/address of nominee _____

Reasons for nomination _____

Your name _____
Phone or email _____

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JUNE EVENT TICKET SALES BEGIN

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(Lafayette Jefferson H.S.), Matt Lancaster (West Lafayette H.S.), Dan Lehe (Tri-County H.S.), Adam Middlesworth (Oak Hill H.S.), Patrick Neary (Frontier H.S.), Taylor Schoen (Benton Central H.S.), Kyle Stuard (Frankfort H.S.), Alex Yaggie (West Central H.S.), and Ethan Zartman (Caston H.S.).

During the dinner the field will be narrowed to three finalists, one of whom will be named Northwest Indiana's Scholar Athlete of the Year. Nearly \$68,000 in scholarships and honorariums have been awarded at the first four NFF Honors Dinners sponsored by this chapter.

The Chapter will present the Outstanding Contribution to Amateur Football Award to Tom Kubat, retired sports writer of the Lafayette Journal & Courier, and the Drew Brees Mental Toughness Award to a recipient still to chosen.

Prices for the day's activities vary. There are multiple options:

- For \$135 you can purchase lunch, entry in the golf scramble, and dinner
- NFF members' dinner will cost \$35 for adults and \$30 for students of members
- General public dinners will cost \$45 for adults and \$35 for general students
- Tables of eight will be sold to groups of students for \$240 each, to NFF members for \$280, and to the general public for \$360 each

NFF ORDER FORM

Annual Honors Dinner "Celebrating Our Legends V"

Tuesday, June 23, at Purdue Memorial Union Ballrooms with Silent Auction and Reception beginning at 5 p.m., Buffet Dinner at 6:45 p.m., and Awards Program at 7:45 p.m.

Non-NFF members: _____ X \$45 ea. = \$ _____

NFF members*/non-member student: _____ X \$35 ea. = \$ _____

NFF member students#: _____ X \$30 ea. = \$ _____

Tables of eight*#: _____ X \$360 ea. = \$ _____
(or \$280 each for members or \$240 each for students)

Autograph football: _____ X \$50 ea. = \$ _____

One-year NFF membership: _____ X \$40 = \$ _____

Three-year NFF membership: _____ X \$99 = \$ _____

TOTAL = \$ _____

*NFF members get price break & priority seating; #Student rate applies thru college age. These items will not be sent.

Indicate here if you are interested in playing in the June 23 "NFF/12th Boiler" Golf Scramble for \$135 (includes one ticket to Honors Dinner that evening) ... limited availabilities. Yes, I'm interested _____

Indicate here if you are interested in a ticket as part of a chapter table for the July 18 College Football Hall of Fame Enshrinement Dinner in South Bend. Last year's price was \$175 each. Yes, I'm interested _____

Indicate here if you are interested in helping to sponsor a scholarship. Yes, I'm interested _____

"Joe Tiller Roast & Toast" - DVD

DVD copy of all the comments, jokes and sentiments expressed during this January 2009 event attended by former and current players, coaches, and supporters in honor of Joe Tiller. Roasters and toasters include Joe Paterno, Barry Alvarez, Gene Keady, Danny Hope, Bill Doba, Rosevelt Colvin, Drew Brees, Matt Light, Brock Spack, Jim Chaney and others.

"Chicago Reunion" - Photo

An 8X10 photo of Joe Tiller with his two most famous quarterbacks, Drew Brees and Kyle Orton, at Soldier Field moments after Orton's former team defeated Brees' Saints in December 2008.

"Levi Riggs" - CD

Chapter member Levi Riggs is donating a portion of the proceeds from his first compact disk release (entitled "Levi Riggs"). He is a former prep football standout, former soloist with the Purdue Glee Club and now a country singer, who will perform during the annual NFF Honors Dinner.

Support the chapter by purchasing any of these items, please complete this form and return it as soon as possible to the address below. For tax purposes, the NFF local chapter's ID# is 20-2151811 and the National Football Foundation's ID# is 221-50-8812.

All proceeds go to scholarships.

"Tiller Roast & Toast" DVD: _____ X \$20 each = \$ _____

Tiller/Brees/Orton color photo: _____ X \$15 each = \$ _____

Levi Riggs CD: _____ X \$15 each = \$ _____

Prices include shipping and handling TOTAL = \$ _____

GRAND TOTAL FROM BOTH LISTS (Pay with one check)\$ _____

Name: _____ Company Name: _____ Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____ Email Address: _____

Phone: _____

Contact Jim Vrugink by email (jvruggink@purdue.edu) or phone (765-494-2086) with questions. (Please make check or money order payable to National Football Foundation. Tickets will NOT be mailed.)



Above: Kyle Orton signs an autograph and poses for a picture at last year's Honors Dinner.

CHAPTER CONTINUES INCENTIVES FOR MEMBERS

Members of the Joe Tiller Chapter of Northwest Indiana will continue to have the opportunity to “earn” or “offset the costs” of their NFF memberships and tickets to NFF events.

The executive board of the chapter has agreed to allow each dues-paying member a 10 percent credit of new memberships and sponsorships that he or she raises in support of the chapter.

In other words, when any other member signs up a new member for the \$40-per-year for \$99-for-three years, the current member gets 10 percent of that credited toward his/her next dues payment or NFF event ticket. All existing members also have the opportunity to “sell” sponsorships ranging from \$100 each to \$10,000 each for advertising and scholarships for the annual Honors Dinner each June.

“I hope this incentive program will encourage many of our members to seek new members,” says executive director Jim Vrugink. “I hope they will also approach businesses and companies with whom they are familiar to assist us with our worthy goals of providing grass-roots support for football in our area, including scholarships for college-bound student-athletes.”

Sponsorship information is available on the chapter’s website (www.nfftillerchapter.org). To receive credit, a member simply needs to print his or her name at the bottom of the completed form and send it to Vrugink, who will keep a spreadsheet and forward the member’s dues to the national office or “reduce” their price/offset for tickets.

Upcoming Events

June 23: NFF Golf Scramble, Birck Boilermaker Golf Complex, West Lafayette, IN

June 23: NFF Honors Dinner, Purdue Memorial Union, West Lafayette, IN

July 18: College Football Hall of Fame Enshrinement Dinner, South Bend, IN

August 7-9: Pro Football Hall of Fame Induction, Canton, OH

ROD WOODSON TO BE INDUCTED INTO PRO FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME

Former Purdue All-American Rod Woodson will be inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame in Canton, Ohio, during the weekend of August 7-9. The chapter would like to encourage members to support Woodson and attend the ceremony.

Chapter member Dwayne Greer has provided the URL for those interested in doing some research on the Festival Packages:

URL: <http://www.profootballhof.com/festival-packages/index.jsp>

“There are many different packages,” says Greer. “Some include hotel and shuttle with three-day, four-night options plus Friday, Saturday and Sunday events ... Others just Saturday or Sunday. Some include all events without hotel included or just Saturday or Sunday. Most packages are priced from one to four people with a group of four being cheaper than an individual. Also group rates are available for 20 or more but you have to call for pricing.”