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DREW BREES TO HIGHLIGHT JUNE 13 HONORS DINNER: 23 PREP ATHLETES TO RECEIVE SCHOLARSHIPS

TICKETS NOW ON SALE

Former Purdue quarterback Drew Brees will be back in the Lafayette area on June 13 to help the National Football Foundation's Joe Tiller Chapter of Northwest Indiana stage its annual NFF Honors Dinner, "Celebrating Our Legends IV," at the Purdue Memorial Union Ballrooms.

The event, which is taking on a strong quarterback flavor, is scheduled to begin at 5:00 p.m. with a silent auction reception that also serves as an autograph session, featuring Head Coach Joe Tiller, award winners Nick Hardwick (a former center) and Bernie Flowers (a former receiver), and past quarterback greats Mark Herrmann, Kyle Orton and Brees, along with current QB Curtis Painter. A mini concert by The Overtones starts at 6:40 p.m. while the buffet dinner and program gets under way around 7:00 p.m.

Ticket orders are now being received. Prices are \$30 each for NFF members and students (\$240 for a table of eight), and \$45 per person for non-NFF member adults (\$360 for a table of eight for non-members).

In addition to signing autographs, Brees, who now quarterbacks the New Orleans Saints, will discuss his most recent season and life in New Orleans before presenting the chapter's Drew Brees Mental Toughness Award to former Boilermaker and current San Diego center Nick Hardwick.

Flowers, a Boilermaker All-American pass catcher in the early 1950's, will receive the chapter's Distinguished American Award in recognition of his military service, his family values, his successful career, loyalty to his country and alma mater, and his tireless efforts of membership-raising and fund-raising for this NFF chapter.

Meanwhile, retired Attica High School football coach Brad Smith, who now assists WLFI-TV with its coverage of Friday night football during the prep season, will be the recipient of the chapter's Outstanding Contribution to Amateur Football Award. He will be recognized for his long career as a football coach in the region and his past leadership roles with the Indiana Football Coaches Association.

A total of 23 high school football players from the 15-county region that encompasses the Joe Tiller Chapter of Northwest Indiana, will receive scholarship help for their first year of college. Three of the young men will be singled out as finalists for the Scholar Athlete of the Year Award, with the winner being announced at the Honors Dinner. Prior to this year, the chapter has awarded approximately \$44,000 worth of scholarships, honorariums and grants in its first three years.

The scholar athletes, nominated by 23 different high schools, are: Zeb Bickett (Tri-County H.S.), Kyle Butler (West Lafayette H.S.), Kyle Catron (Frankfort H.S.), Matt DeGolyer (Lafayette McCutcheon H.S.),

Shane Evans (Delphi Community H.S.), John Farrer (Pioneer H.S.), Timmy Fogarty (Lafayette Jefferson H.S.), Joe Grant (North Miami H.S.), Joseph Haddock (Seeger H.S.), Matthew Leighty (Clinton Central H.S.), Rory Mannering (Lewis Cass H.S.), Sam Mitchel (Peru H.S.), Cole Oliver (Twin Lakes H.S.), Ryan O'Shea (Attica H.S.), Mike Pratt (Eastern H.S.), Ian Reed (South Newton H.S.), Griffin Richeson (Lafayette Central Catholic H.S.), Kyle Rodibaugh (Rensselaer Central H.S.), Heath Sommers (Caston H.S.), Sam Starbuck (Logansport H.S.), Coty Wagner (Knox Community H.S.), Eli Whaley (Benton Central H.S.), and Paul Yerkes (Carroll H.S.).

The chapter is seeking sponsors for scholarship packages, which are tax-deductible. Interested parties should call the number below.



From left to right: Joe Tiller, John Friend, Danny Hope

CHAPTER TAKES NEXT GROWTH STEP

Expanding the Northwest Indiana Chapter to the shores of Lake Michigan is one of the goals of this chapter.

To that end, Purdue Head Coach Joe Tiller, future head coach Danny Hope, and assistants Brock Spack, Mark Hagen, John McDonell and Don Collier traveled to Teibel's Restaurant in Schererville on April 15 along with chapter president, Bart Burrell, and executive director, Jim Vrugink, to meet with 45-50 high school coaches and business leaders. Advisory Board Member John Friend organized the meeting.

Discussions centered on expanding the chapter into Lake, Porter and LaPorte counties within the next year, or as soon as those three counties produce 50 new members for the chapter and generate enough financial supports to expand the scholarship program into as many as 39 more high schools. This would virtually double the chapter's commitment for scholarships based on the current award procedures.

The mission of the NFF is to advance amateur football at the local, state and national levels, providing grassroots support in a variety of ways. The tax-deductible membership dues are \$40 per year or \$99 for three years, payable to the National Football Foundation.

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2008 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: To Be Announced on June 13

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. Bob Hagen of Lafayette Sportsmedicine/Unity Health Care

2008 Honoree: Brad Smith of Attica, Indiana Football Coaches Association

DREW BRES 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: Roosevelt Colvin of the New England Patriots

2008 Honoree: Nick Hardwick of the San Diego Chargers

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

NOMINATION FORM

(Submit by March 31, 2009 to Jim Vrugink via phone at 765-494-2086, fax at 765-496-2970, 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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JOE TILLER CHAPTER OF NORTHWEST INDIANA



CHAPTER MEMBERS CAN "EARN" INCENTIVES

Members of the Joe Tiller Indiana Chapter have the opportunity to "earn" or "offset the costs" of their NFF memberships and tickets to NFF events.

Each dues-paying member is allowed a 10 percent credit of new memberships and sponsorships that he or she raises in support of the chapter.

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

"As the chapter expands and takes on a larger portion of Northwest Indiana, our sponsorship totals must increase proportionally," says executive director Jim Vrugink. "This is a volunteer organization, so we can't pay people to help us, but we can help to offset expenses for our members.

"I hope this incentive program will encourage many of our members to seek new members and to 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 located on the last page of this newsletter. To receive credit, members need to print their name at the bottom of the completed form and send it in. We will keep a record and forward

the member's dues to the national office or "reduce" their price/offset for tickets.

If anyone has questions about this, they should contact Vrugink directly at 765-494-2086 or via email at jvruggink@purdue.edu.



The two greatest runners in Purdue football history, Mike Alstott (second from left) (1993-96) and Leroy Keyes (second from right) (1967-69), shared an embrace and several handshakes in South Bend, Ind., while visiting with Jim Vrugink, Executive Director of the Joe Tiller Chapter of Northwest Indiana (far left), and Chris Kearney, Executive Director of the Chicago Metro Chapter (far right). The four gathered prior to the College Football Hall of Fame's monthly luncheon on April 30. Alstott, who retired recently after 12 years with the Tampa Bay Bucs during which he distinguished himself as one of most popular Bucs in history and as one of the greatest fullbacks in NFL history, was the featured guest at the luncheon. Keyes, a member of the Hall of Fame, attended the luncheon in support of Alstott, as did Vrugink and Kearney.

ORDER FORM

NFF HONORS DINNER & COLLEGE FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME ENSHRINEMENT DINNER

June 13 Honors Dinner tickets for non-NFF members:	_____ X \$45 each = \$ _____
June 13 Honors Dinner tickets for NFF members/students#:	_____ X \$30 each = \$ _____
June 13 Honors Dinner autograph football:	_____ X \$50 each = \$ _____
June 13 Honors Dinner tables of eight*: (\$360 each for non-members)	_____ X \$240 each = \$ _____
July 19 Hall of Fame Enshrinement tickets	_____ X \$175 each = \$ _____
One-year NFF Membership	= \$40.00
Three-year NFF Membership	= \$99.00
TOTALS:	_____ = \$ _____

*NFF members get price break & priority seating; #Student rate applies thru college age. (Please make checks and money orders payable to **National Football Foundation** and respond by May 31 to receive priority seating.)

Name _____ Company Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Email Address _____ Phone _____

If you have questions or can help with sponsorship, advertising sales, or by providing items for the silent auction, please contact Jim Vrugink by email (jvruggink@purdue.edu) or phone (765-494-2086).



Drew Brees presents former teammate Roosevelt Colvin with last year's Mental Toughness Award. This year, Nick Hardwick will receive the award.

RETURN TO: NFF Dinners
320 Dehart Street
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JOE TILLER CHAPTER OF NORTHWEST INDIANA



SPONSORSHIP/PARTNERSHIP/MEMBERSHIP PACKAGES

for Joe Tiller Chapter of Northwest Indiana, National Football Foundation & College Football Hall of Fame

AVAILABLE INVENTORY

(Deadlines: Printed Program – May 27; Others- June 12)

HONORS DINNER SCHOLARSHIP PARTNER - \$1000+ (Many to sell)

Naming rights for \$800 scholarship to be awarded next year
Three-quarters-page (5" w X 6" h) ad in Honors Dinner program
Mention on scholar-athlete poster and Web site
Two tickets for dinner at table of a coach or dinner honoree
Option to purchase up to four additional tickets @ \$30 each

SCHOLAR-ATHLETE TABLE SPONSOR - \$300 (Several to sell)

\$150 – cash stipend for books and study supplies
\$120 – toward four dinners for nominee, head coach and parents
Quarter-page (5" w X 2" h) ad in Honors Dinner program
Mention on scholar-athlete poster and Web site
Option to purchase up to four additional tickets @ \$30 each to be seated at same table

YOUTH/HIGH SCHOOL COACHES TABLE SPONSOR - \$150 (Many to sell)

\$150 – toward dinners for five additional area coaches
Quarter-page (5" w X 2" h) ad in Honors Dinner program
Mention on poster and Web site
Option to purchase up to three additional tickets @ \$30 each to be seated at same tables

SPECIAL MUSICAL SPONSOR - \$125 (Four to sell)

\$95 – for honorarium for musical group
\$30 – toward dinner for one member of group
One-line courtesy mention in Honors Dinner program
Mention on scholar-athlete poster and Web site
Option to purchase up to six additional tickets @ \$30 each to be seated at same table

ADVERTISING ONLY PACKAGE - (Many to sell)

\$400 -- Full-page (5" w X 8" h) ad in Honors Dinner program, plus mention on poster, or
\$200 -- Half-page (5" w X 4" h) ad in Honors Dinner program, plus mention on poster, or
\$100 -- Quarter-page (5" w X 2" h) ad in Honors Dinner program, plus mention on poster
Option to purchase up to four tickets for Honors Dinner @ \$30 each

NFF MEMBERSHIP- \$40 for one year/ \$99 for three years (Many to sell; can be added to package)

Fee is tax deductible; goes to national office but some is returned in form of scholarships
Supports youth football at all levels, including scholarships and stipends for scholar athletes
Voting privileges in selection process for College Football Hall of Fame
Free admission to College Football Hall of Fame in South Bend
Invitations and special seating/pricing for chapter events
Join Joe Tiller's mission to make Northwest Indiana Chapter largest in nation

HONORS DINNER – JUNE 13, 2008

SPONSORSHIP/PARTNERSHIP/ADVERTISING CONTRACT

for Joe Tiller Chapter of Northwest Indiana, National Football Foundation & College Football Hall of Fame
(Questions? Call 765-494-2086)

THE FOLLOWING CONSTITUTES AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE JOE TILLER CHAPTER OF NORTHWEST INDIANA OF THE NATIONAL FOOTBALL FOUNDATION AND THE PATRON (BUSINESS, ORGANIZATION OR INDIVIDUAL) LISTED HERE TO PROVIDE THE SERVICES, PRODUCTS OR PRIVILEGES AS DESCRIBED. A RECEIPT FOR TAX-EXEMPTION WILL BE PROVIDED.

BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION/INDIVIDUAL _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

BUSINESS CONTACT PERSON _____ PHONE _____ EMAIL _____ FAX _____

PACKAGE OF CHOICE _____ VALUE IN CASH OR SERVICE OR SILENT AUCTION ITEM _____

NFF CHAPTER TO PROVIDE:

PRIMARY FEATURE _____ SIZE OF AD IN HONORS DINNER PROGRAM _____

MENTION ON SCHOLAR-ATHLETE POSTER _____

OPTION TO PURCHASE HONORS DINNER TICKETS @ \$30 ea ... # DESIRED ___ = _____

ADDITIONAL TICKETS AVAILABLE @ \$45 ea. ... # DESIRED ___ = _____

OPTION TO PAY FOR MEMBERSHIP IN N.F.F. @ \$40 for 1 year/\$99 for 3 years = _____

Please enclose check payable to National Football Foundation

AGREED UPON BY:

FOR PATRON _____ DATE _____ FOR NFF CHAPTER _____ DATE _____

RETURN TO: NFF CHAPTER, c/o 320 DEHART ST., WEST LAFAYETTE, IN 47906, OR
IF ONLY SIGNING UP NEW MEMBERS, CALL JIM VRUGGINK AT 765.494.2086.