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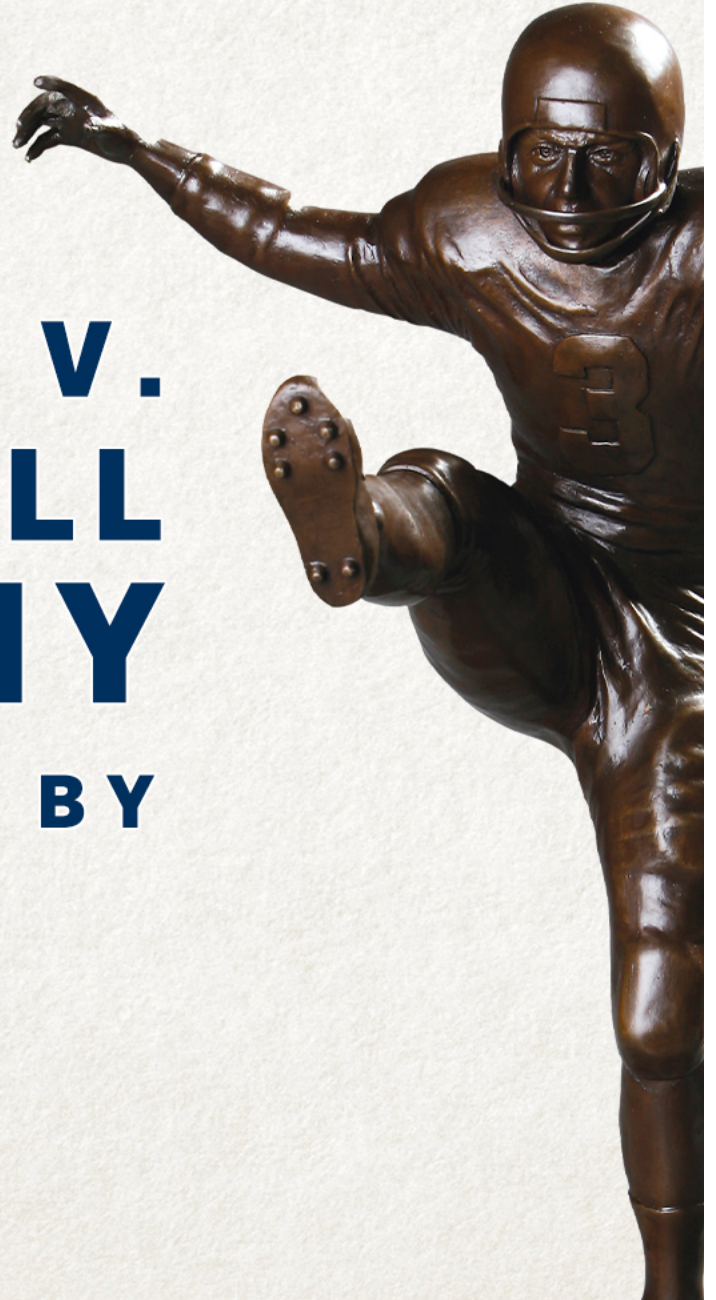


# WILLIAM V. CAMPBELL TROPHY

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NFF Announces Impressive List of 185 Semifinalists for 2019 William V. Campbell Trophy® Presented by Mazda

Celebrating its 30th year as college football's premier scholar-athlete award, the NFF will select 12-14 finalists, who will each receive an \$18,000 postgraduate scholarship.

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**IRVING, Texas (Sept. 25, 2019)** – Once again recognizing another impressive group of scholar-athletes, The National Football Foundation & College Hall of Fame (NFF) proudly announced today the **185 semifinalists for the 2019 William V. Campbell Trophy® Presented by Mazda**. Celebrating its 30th year in 2019, the award recognizes an individual as the absolute best football scholar-athlete in the nation for his combined academic success, football performance and exemplary leadership.

The NFF will announce 12-14 finalists on Oct. 30, and each of them will receive an \$18,000 postgraduate scholarship as a member of the 2019 NFF National Scholar-Athlete Class presented by Fidelity Investments. The finalists will travel to New York City for the 62nd NFF Annual Awards Dinner on Dec. 10, where their accomplishments will be highlighted in front of one of the most powerful audiences in all of sports. Live during the event, one member of the class will be declared as the winner of the 30th Campbell Trophy® Presented by Mazda and have his postgraduate scholarship increased to \$25,000.

Nominated by their schools, which are limited to one nominee each, candidates for the awards must **be a senior or graduate student** in their **final year of playing eligibility**, have a **GPA of at least 3.2** on a 4.0 scale, have **outstanding football ability** as a first team player or significant contributor and have demonstrated **strong leadership and citizenship**. The class is selected each year by the NFF Awards Committee, which is comprised of a nationally recognized group of media, College Football Hall of Famers and athletics administrators.

"These 185 impressive candidates truly represent the scholar-athlete ideal," said NFF Chairman **Archie Manning**, whose sons **Peyton** (Campbell Trophy® winner) and **Eli** were named NFF National Scholar-Athletes in 1997 and 2003, respectively. "For more than 60 years, the NFF National Scholar-Athlete program has showcased more than 800 college football players who have been successful on the football field, in the classroom and as leaders in the community. And we are excited to celebrate the 30th year of the William V. Campbell Trophy® Presented by Mazda, which honors the best of the best. This year's semifinalists further illustrate the power of our great sport in developing the next generation of influential leaders."

Named in honor of the late **Bill Campbell**, former chairman of Intuit, former player and head coach at Columbia University and the 2004 recipient of the NFF's Gold Medal, the Campbell Trophy® Presented by Mazda is a 25-pound bronze trophy and increases the amount of the recipient's grant by \$7,000 for a total postgraduate scholarship of \$25,000. This year's postgraduate scholarships will push the program's all-time distribution to more than \$11.7 million.

Last week, Mazda [announced](#) a three-year partnership to sponsor the Campbell Trophy®, kicking off the automaker's [Power of Potential Platform](#).

"The NFF would like to personally congratulate each of the nominees as well as their schools and coaches on their tremendous accomplishments," said NFF President & CEO **Steve Hatchell**. "We are extremely proud to highlight each semifinalist's achievements, showcasing their ability to balance academics and athletics at the highest level. The NFF Awards Committee will have an incredibly difficult task in selecting the finalists from this outstanding group of candidates."

### **2019 WILLIAM V. CAMPBELL TROPHY® PRESENTED BY MAZDA SEMIFINALISTS NOTES**

- **30th** year of the William V. Campbell Trophy® Presented by Mazda
- **61st** year of the NFF National Scholar-Athlete Awards presented by Fidelity Investments
- **185** Nominations
- **3.69** Average GPA
- **8** Nominees with a perfect 4.0 GPA
- **59** Nominees with a 3.8 GPA or better
- **81** Nominees with a 3.7 GPA or Better
- **24** Academic All-America Selections
- **108** Captains
- **87** All-Conference Picks
- **18** All-Americans
- **71** Nominees from the NCAA Football Bowl Subdivision (FBS)
- **39** Nominees from the NCAA Football Championship Subdivision (FCS)
- **19** Nominees from NCAA Division II
- **49** Nominees from NCAA Division III
- **7** Nominees from the NAIA
- **89** Offensive Players
- **76** Defensive Players
- **20** Special Teams Players

Launched in 1959, the NFF National Scholar-Athlete Awards presented by Fidelity Investments celebrate their 61st year in 2019. The awards were the first initiative in history to grant postgraduate scholarships based on both a player's academic and athletic accomplishments, and the NFF has recognized 854 outstanding individuals since their inception. The Campbell Trophy® Presented by Mazda was first awarded in 1990 and is celebrating its 30th year in 2019. The trophy adds to the program's prestige, having previously honored two Rhodes Scholars, a Rhodes Scholar finalist, two Heisman Trophy winners and six first-round NFL draft picks.

Fidelity Investments, a leading provider of workplace savings plans in higher education, serves as the presenting sponsor of the NFF National Scholar-Athlete Awards. Since 2013, the Campbell Trophy® has been prominently displayed inside its official home at the New York Athletic Club.

The past recipients of the Campbell Trophy® Presented by Mazda, include:

- 1990 – [Chris Howard](#) (Air Force)
- 1991 – [Brad Culpepper](#) (Florida)
- 1992 – [Jim Hansen](#) (Colorado)
- 1993 – [Thomas Burns](#) (Virginia)
- 1994 – [Rob Zatechka](#) (Nebraska)
- 1995 – [Bobby Hoying](#) (Ohio State)
- 1996 – [Danny Wuerffel](#) (Florida)
- 1997 – [Peyton Manning](#) (Tennessee)
- 1998 – [Matt Stinchcomb](#) (Georgia)
- 1999 – [Chad Pennington](#) (Marshall)
- 2000 – [Kyle Vanden Bosch](#) (Nebraska)
- 2001 – [Joaquin Gonzalez](#) (Miami [FL])
- 2002 – [Brandon Roberts](#) (Washington U. in St. Louis [MO])
- 2003 – [Craig Krenzel](#) (Ohio State)
- 2004 – [Michael Munoz](#) (Tennessee)
- 2005 – [Rudy Niswanger](#) (LSU)
- 2006 – [Brian Leonard](#) (Rutgers)
- 2007 – [Dallas Griffin](#) (Texas)
- 2008 – [Alex Mack](#) (California)
- 2009 – [Tim Tebow](#) (Florida);

- 2010 – [Sam Acho](#) (Texas)  
 2011 – [Andrew Rodriguez](#) (Army West Point)  
 2012 – [Barrett Jones](#) (Alabama)  
 2013 – [John Urschel](#) (Penn State)  
 2014 – [David Helton](#) (Duke)  
 2015 – [Ty Darlington](#) (Oklahoma)  
 2016 – [Zach Terrell](#) (Western Michigan)  
 2017 – [Micah Kiser](#) (Virginia)  
 2018 – [Christian Wilkins](#) (Clemson)

**2019 SEMIFINALISTS FOR THE  
 WILLIAM V. CAMPBELL TROPHY® PRESENTED BY MAZDA**

**Football Bowl Subdivision (FBS)**

<b>SCHOOL</b>	<b>NAME</b>
Air Force	Isaiah Sanders
Akron	John Lako
Appalachian State	Jordan Fehr
Arizona	Cody Creason
Arizona State	Kyle Williams
Arkansas State	Cody Grace
Auburn	Jack Driscoll
Ball State	Riley Miller
Baylor	Marques Jones
Boise State	Matt Locher
Brigham Young	Talon Shumway
Buffalo	Matt Otwinowski
California	Steven Coutts
Central Michigan	Clay Walderzak
Charlotte	Tyriq Harris
Clemson	Sean Pollard
Colorado	Lucas Cooper
Duke	Quentin Harris
East Carolina	Alex Turner
Eastern Michigan	Brody Hoying
Florida International	James Morgan
Georgia	Rodrigo Blankenship
Georgia Southern	Tyler Bass
Georgia State	Terry Thomas
Illinois	Dre Brown
Indiana	Nick Westbrook
Iowa State	Ray Lima
Kansas State	Adam Holtorf
LSU	Blake Ferguson
Memphis	Dustin Woodard
Miami (FL)	K.J. Osborn
Michigan	Jordan Glasgow
Michigan State	Cole Chewins
Navy	Travis Brannan
Nevada	Quinton Conaway
New Mexico State	Dylan Brown
Northern Illinois	Jordan Steckler
Northwestern	Jared Thomas
Notre Dame	Christopher Finke
Ohio State	Jordan Fuller
Oklahoma	Connor McGinnis
Oklahoma State	Matt Ammendola
Oregon	Justin Herbert
Oregon State	Andrzej Hughes-Murray
Penn State	Blake Gillikin
Pittsburgh	Jim Medure
Purdue	Markus Bailey
Rice	Myles Adams
San Diego State	Parker Houston
San Jose State	Josh Love
South Carolina	Jake Bentley

South Florida	Kirk Livingstone
Stanford	Casey Toohill
Temple	Zack Mesday
Texas	Zach Shackelford
Texas A&M	Braden Mann
Texas at San Antonio	Andrew Martel
Texas State	Hutch White
Texas Tech	Travis Bruffy
Toledo	Reggie Gilliam
Tulane	Christian Montano
UCF	Jordan Johnson
Utah State	Jacoby Wildman
Vanderbilt	Cody Markel
Virginia	Jordan Mack
Wake Forest	Cade Carney
Washington	Nick Harris
Washington State	Gage Gubrud
West Virginia	Reese Donahue
Western Michigan	Jon Wassink
Wyoming	Cooper Rothe

**Football Championship Subdivision (FCS)**

<b>SCHOOL</b>	<b>NAME</b>
Austin Peay State	Pat Walker
Brown	Nicholas Allsop
Bucknell	Alex Pechin
Butler	Brad Sznajder
Campbell	Michael Wooten
Colgate	Chris Puzzi
Columbia	Arman Samouk
Cornell	Jelani Taylor
Dartmouth	Jack Traynor
Davidson	Ethan Steinbacher
Dayton	Tim Simon
Eastern Illinois	Joe Caputo
Eastern Kentucky	Samuel Hayworth
Eastern Washington	Spencer Blackburn
Florida A&M	Elijah Richardson
Harvard	Brogan McPartland
Holy Cross	Derek Mountain
Illinois State	Ty DeForest
Jackson State	CJ Anderson
Marist	Andrew McElroy
Mercer	Dorian Kithcart
Montana	Dante Olson
Montana State	Jered Padmos
Morgan State	Ian McBorrough
Nicholls State	Dontrell Taylor
Norfolk State	Ricky Thomas Jr.
North Dakota State	Ben Ellefson
Northwestern State	Chris Zirkle
Pennsylvania	Greg Begnoche
Princeton	Andrew Griffin
Sacramento State	Nick Bianco
Sacred Heart	Jordan Meachum
South Dakota State	Christian Rozeboom
Stetson	Gaven DeFilippo
Tennessee Tech	Seth Huner
Villanova	Simon Bingelis
William & Mary	Nate Atkins
Yale	Sterling Strother
Youngstown State	Kyle Hegedus

**Division II**

<b>SCHOOL</b>	<b>NAME</b>
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Ashland (OH)	Clay Shreve
Bentley (MA)	Ryan McCarthy
Colorado State-Pueblo	Dan List
East Stroudsburg (PA)	Levi Murphy
Ferris State (MI)	Travis Russell
Frostburg State (MD)	Vincent Persichetti
Harding (AR)	Taylor Streeter
Minnesota State Mankato	Alex Goettl
Newberry (SC)	Tyler Lindsay
Northern State (SD)	Zach Mohs
Northwest Missouri State	Ryan Spelhaug
Oklahoma Baptist	Hayden Ashley
Ouachita Baptist (AR)	Brockton Brown
Sioux Falls (SD)	Gabriel Watson
Southern Arkansas	SirCharles Perkins
Stonehill (MA)	Matthew Haite
Tarleton State (TX)	Brant Bailey
Wayne State (MI)	Ryan Smith
Wingate (NC)	Connor Baroniunas

**Division III**

<b>SCHOOL</b>	<b>NAME</b>
Allegheny (PA)	Kyle McGee
Amherst (MA)	Henry Atkeson
Augustana (IL)	Luke Sawicki
Berry (GA)	Hayden Murphy
Birmingham-Southern (AL)	Austin Lewter
Bowdoin (ME)	Joe Gowetski
Carnegie Mellon (PA)	Michael Lohmeier
Case Western Reserve (OH)	Isaac Withrow
Central (IA)	Jon Alberts
Centre (KY)	Cal Lewellyn
DePauw (IN)	Connor Perkins
East Texas Baptist	Brian Baca
Franklin and Marshall (PA)	Matthew Hamby
Gallaudet (DC)	Matthew Cracraft
Grinnell (IA)	David Taylor
Hardin-Simmons (TX)	Blake Johnston
Hobart (NY)	Collin Hudgins
Illinois College	Michael Koos
Ithaca (NY)	John Hadac
Johns Hopkins (MD)	David Tammaro
Juniata (PA)	Austin Montgomery
Lycoming (PA)	Cody Botts
Macalester (MN)	Ethan Levin
MacMurray (IL)	Trevor Schubert
Maine Maritime	Spencer Baron
Manchester (IN)	Alex Downard
Massachusetts Institute of Technology	AJ Iversen
Middlebury (VT)	Marty Williams
Monmouth (IL)	Clark Gaden
Moravian (PA)	Sal Pagano
Mount Union (OH)	Frazier Daniel
Ohio Wesleyan	Jax Harville
Redlands (CA)	Blake Roy
Rhodes (TN)	Monroe McKay
Saint John's (MN)	Jackson Erdmann
Springfield (MA)	Nick Bainter
St. Thomas (MN)	Elijah Rice
Susquehanna (PA)	Mitch Carsley
Thiel (PA)	Matt Crawford
Tufts (MA)	Frank Roche
U.S. Merchant Marine Academy (NY)	Joe Vitelli
Washington Univ. in St. Louis (MO)	Johnny Davidson
Wesleyan (CT)	Will Kearney
Wheaton (IL)	Corey Kennedy
Williams (MA)	Jeremy Subjinski

Wisconsin-Oshkosh	Alex Wipperfurth
Wisconsin-Stout	Aaron Wisecup
Wisconsin-Whitewater	Matt Anderson
Wooster (OH)	Adam Clark

### NAIA

SCHOOL	NAME
Dakota State (SD)	John Trout
Dakota Wesleyan (SD)	Tyler Wagner
Doane (NE)	Bryce Cooney
Montana Western	Jason Ferris
Morningside (IA)	Joel Katzer
Northwestern (IA)	Sean Powell
Peru State (NE)	Noah Kasbohm

#### **About The National Football Foundation & College Hall of Fame**

Founded in 1947 with early leadership from General Douglas MacArthur, legendary Army coach Earl "Red" Blaik and immortal journalist Grantland Rice, The National Football Foundation & College Hall of Fame is a non-profit educational organization that runs programs designed to use the power of amateur football in developing scholarship, citizenship and athletic achievement in young people. With 120 chapters and 12,000 members nationwide, NFF programs include Football Matters®, the Chick-fil-A College Football Hall of Fame in Atlanta, The William V. Campbell Trophy® Presented by Mazda, annual scholarships of more than \$1.3 million and a series of initiatives to honor the legends of the past and inspire the leaders of the future. NFF corporate partners include Delta Air Lines, Fidelity Investments, Goodyear, Herff Jones, Mazda, New York Athletic Club, the Pasadena Tournament of Roses, the Sports Business Journal, SportsManias, Under Armour and VICIS. Learn more at [footballfoundation.org](http://footballfoundation.org) and follow us on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter @NFFNetwork.

#### **About The National College Football Awards Association**

The William V. Campbell Trophy® Presented by Mazda, 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](http://ncfaa.org) to learn more about the association.

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