



DREW BREES AGAIN OFFERS GAME TICKETS TO BENEFIT TILLER ENDOWMENT FUND



Drew Brees at last year's "Meet & Greet" with NFF member Rex Trautman.

Former Purdue quarterback Drew Brees is again offering tickets for his NFL road trip appearance in the Midwest this fall to generate additional donations for the Joe Tiller Endowment.

After a wonderfully-successful event last fall for a bus-load of 32 Purdue/Drew Brees fans for a New Orleans Saints game in Cincinnati, Brees will provide the same opportunity for the Saints-Bears game in Chicago's Soldier Field on Sunday, Oct. 20.

Drew is providing on-field sideline passes along with tickets to the 3:25 p.m. CT game and a post-game "Meet & Greet" photo session. The round-trip will include bus transportation, snacks and tailgate food, tickets and passes.

Drew confirmed this offer after to his Sept. 15 injury in Los Angeles, so his status for that trip is uncertain. Although, as all Purdue fans know, if the doctors say he'll miss six weeks, Drew will try to be back in five! We will continue to solicit bids (see directions below) and bidders will have the option to withdraw, as the circumstances change.

This great opportunity will go to the highest bidders in three categories, with maximum participation still to be determined by Drew.

The field passes will be for pre-game warmups only and the seats will be the typical visiting team

cheering section high in the end zone at Soldier Field. Perceived value – and starting points for the bidding -- of each of three category opportunity are:

- Package A – Bid to include fan bus trip, tailgate food, game ticket, brief pre-game on-field opportunity and post-game "Meet & Greet" – Starting bids at \$1,000 per person.
- Package B – Same as above except fan acquires his/her own ticket in the stands – Starting bids at \$900 per person.
- Package C – Fan acquires his/her own tickets and transportation, but still participates in brief on-field opportunity and post-game "Meet & Greet" – Starting bids at \$800 each.

For more information between now and Sept. 21, call Jim Vrugink at 765-427-3303. After that, call Kelly Kitchel at 765-412-7215.

Please provide info below and submit to Kelly Kitchel (kellykitchel@yahoo.com) by midnight Oct. 6. Updates regarding the top bids will be emailed later that week.

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 Email address _____
 Phone number _____
 Your Bid _____ for _____ (# of) people
 For Which Package (A, B or C*) – _____

ON-LINE AUCTION THIS FALL FEATURES MORE MEMORABILIA ITEMS

If you were a fan of Joe Tiller while he was accumulating a record of 87 victories as the head football coach at Purdue, then you might be interested in bidding on some of the remaining memorabilia items donated by Arnette Tiller (Joe's wife) to the Joe Tiller Chapter of the National Football Foundation.

Different items are available each week for online bidding that will culminate at the end of the 2019 season with the sale of the Tiller's RV. Hundreds of items were first made available for viewing and sale during the Tiller Memorabilia Sale on July 27 in the Feature Gym at the Cordova Recreational Sports Center at Purdue. That event netted about \$11,000 for the Tiller Endowment.

The online portion of the Tiller Memorabilia Sale continues today at eBay as a "Buy it Now" or "Best Offer" purchase. New items can be viewed at ebay.com/usr/nfftiller. Winning bidders will be notified each week and delivery will be arranged or can be picked up locally in the Lafayette area.

Among the valuable items donated for auction by Arnette is the recreational vehicle the Tillers purchased, following Joe's retirement from Purdue. Pictures are on page six of this newsletter as well as on our website.

The vehicle is a 2013 Winnebago Vista Rally 26H featuring low mileage (about 9,000 miles). It is 26 feet long, built on a Ford truck chassis, and it runs on regular gasoline.

The RV is among the items delivered to West Lafayette by former Tiller player and current NFF Chapter President Kelly Kitchel, following a late

spring trip to Buffalo, Wyo., with his family to pick up the items assembled from Joe's illustrious Purdue career. Most of the items were sold on July 27 but a few select items were held back for the on-line auction later.

Proceeds from these sales are Arnette's donation to the Tiller Chapter Endowment, which was started last December following the fund-raising auction of NFL tickets donated by Drew Brees, quarterback of

the New Orleans Saints and former Boilermaker star under Tiller.

The endowment should surpass the \$50,000 plateau by the end of this year on its way to a goal of \$500,000. It lives at the Community Foundation of Greater Lafayette, where the annual interest will be used to help support the chapter's ongoing commitments long into the future.



Chapter President Kelly Kitchel (tallest) with his family and cutout of Joe Tiller displaying Purdue Rose Bowl flag that actually flew above the stadium and is part of online auction.



NFF Honors Dinner awards presentations included Matt Painter giving Larry Clisby the Legends Award (left), Tony and Kelly Trent giving Sean English the Tyler Trent Courage and Resilience Award (center) and Tavion Woodward, captain of West Lafayette H.S.'s 2018 team for winning the 3A State Championship (right).



NFF CELEBRATES ACHIEVEMENTS OF 60 HONOREES

A record number of 60 people were recognized for their achievements at the 2019 edition of the National Football Foundation's Honors Dinner on June 9 at the Purdue Memorial Union Ballrooms in West Lafayette.

This year's NFF Honors Dinner was a mix of individuals who left their mark at the high school and collegiate levels of multiple sports in Northwest Indiana.

The event celebrated the induction of two Indiana high school football legends into the Indiana Football Hall of Fame - Dustin Keller as a player and Brian Moore as a coach - as well as several other deserving award winners from our chapter's area at the "Celebrating Our Legends XV" Dinner.

The chapter awards were:

- NFF Scholar-Athlete of the Year Award – Jack Kiser.
- J&C Student-Athletes of the Year – Kc Clapper (female) and Dawson Jacoby (male)
- Patrick Mackey Courage Award - Cody Payne (with Drew DeBoer)
- Citizenship Award - Aaron Lai
- Tyler Trent Courage and Resilience Award - Sean English
- Bernie Flowers Contribution to Amateur Sports Award – Tracy Brown
- Todd Clark Outstanding Game Official Award - Todd Ransom
- Legends Award - Larry Clisby
- Drew Brees Mental Toughness Award - David Blough
- Impact Award - Rondale Moore
- Indiana Football Hall of Fame Inductees - Dustin Keller and Brian Moore
- State Championship Trophies for Pioneer and West Lafayette high schools - This was the first year of what is hoped will be an annual feature of our NFF event ... honoring state championship high school football teams from Northwest Indiana.

SCHOLAR-ATHLETES

For the 15th straight year, the top football scholar-athletes of Northwest Indiana, who were nominated by their schools for the NFF's scholarships, were featured during this marquee event.

These 17 scholar-athletes were all high school seniors who are headed to college this fall. Academically, it was an outstanding group with a collective 3.91 grade point average. Seven of them had 4.0 grade point averages or better, 12 were ranked among the top 15 percent in their senior classes, five were ranked in 10 of their classes and one was at the top of his class. It's one of the most athletic classes in recent memory as well, with three honorees continuing their football careers at the college level.

Six of these young men were singled out by judges as finalists for the Scholar-Athlete of the Year Award and Jack Kiser of Pioneer High School was announced as the winner on June 9, making him a candidate for the Indiana Scholar-Athlete of the Year Award, an award he also won on July 11. The annual "competition" is based 40 percent on academics, 40 percent on athletics and 20 percent on citizenship, leadership and character.

This year's scholar-athlete nominees along with Kiser were: Charles Bernth (Chesterton), John Bock (Whiting), Tommy Crowl (Highland), Nick DeBoy (Lafayette Central Catholic), Grant Gonzalez (Harrison), Alex Gronkiewicz (Kankakee Valley), Kyle Hazell (West Lafayette), Garrett Hetzner (Eastern), Trevor Maul (Munster), Logan Myers (Covington), Andrew Nelson (Lafayette Jefferson), Landry Ozmun (Oak Hill), Halen Rittel (Wheeler), Issac Salinas (Delphi), Jacob Shurboff (North Miami) and Chase Triplett (Michigan City). The other five finalists were Crowl, DeBoy, Hazell, Myers and Triplett.

Kiser, who is playing football at Notre Dame, was an overwhelming winner

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JACK KISER NAMED INDIANA'S NFF SCHOLAR-ATHLETE OF YEAR

Pioneer High School's Jack Kiser, the valedictorian and superstar athlete, has been named the National Football Foundation's State of Indiana Scholar-Athlete of the Year for 2018-19.

He becomes the seventh recipient of this annual award that is sponsored in part by AdvoCare and the four Indiana chapters of the NFF.

Presentation of a trophy took place July 11 as part of the Indiana Football Coaches Association's North-South All-Star Game Banquet, at Primo's South in Indianapolis where Kiser's father, Aaron, received the award on Jack's behalf. Young Kiser was already enrolled at the University of Notre Dame, where he was taking summer classes and participating in summer workouts with the Irish football team.

Representing the NFF's Joe Tiller Chapter of Northwest Indiana and Region 4 of the IFCA, Kiser was selected by a panel of judges representing the four active NFF chapters in the state. The "competition" was based 40 percent on academics, 40 percent on athletics and 20 percent on citizenship, leadership and character. Jack was the third player in seven years from this chapter to be honored as the State of Indiana Scholar-Athlete of the Year.

Kiser graduated at the top of his senior class at Pioneer with an 11.125 grade point average on a scale where 12.0 is all A-pluses. His GPA translates to a 4.0 on a 4-point scale. Jack scored 30 points on the ACT. He is majoring in business analytics at Notre Dame.

Kiser earned the prestigious Indiana Mr. Football Award as a senior, becoming the first Class A player to win the award in its 26-year history. A two-time state champion, Kiser led one of the most dominant small-school programs in state history as a senior. Pioneer went 15-0 and outscored its opponents 936-39 (that averages out to a scoring margin of 62.4 to 2.6 per game), including a 60-0 win over North Vermillion in the state championship game..

For his high school career, Kiser passed for 3,771 yards and 59 touchdowns and rushed for 7,364 yards and 139 TDs. He also intercepted 20 passes on defense. He finished second in state history in career points scored (920) and fourth all-time in rushing yards (7,364).

Kiser was a standout at Pioneer off the gridiron as well. Besides finishing first in his senior class, he was also a 2019 Lilly Endowment Community Scholar, National Honor Society member and class vice president. He regularly volunteered at Royal Center's United Way, library, youth football program, and his church.

"Even with his impressive athletic and academic achievements, it is Jack's character that makes him truly remarkable," Pioneer assistant coach Steven Berkshire said. "He is kind, humble, and considerate of others."

The other three finalists for the NFF's top state award were:

* CJ Fisher of Mishawaka H.S., representing the Moose Krause Chapter and



Jack Kiser (left) receives the chapter's Scholar-Athlete of the Year Award from Mike Carmin of Lafayette J&C before making clean sweep of S-A Awards.

Region 2 (now at Mississippi State University but is undecided about a major),

* Jonathon Eineman of Mooresville H.S., representing the Central Indiana Chapter and Region 7 (now at University of Indianapolis studying pre-med-biology) and

* Tucker Schank of Southridge H.S., representing the Southern Indiana Chapter of NFF and Region 9 of the IFCA (now at Indiana University studying business).

"On behalf of the NFF chapters in Indiana, I want to congratulate all the scholar-athletes who were nominated and all the coaches and principals who nominated them this year as we advanced the NFF's recognition and scholarship program to all football-playing high schools in Indiana," said Jim Vrugink, the executive director for the Joe Tiller Chapter of Northwest Indiana, who coordinated the judging process for this award.

"We also appreciate the generosity of our primary sponsors, AdvoCare distributors Andy and Mandy Hosier of Westfield, and the cooperation of Bob Gaddis, executive director of the IFCA, and his assistant Jason Simmons for providing the connections to the coaches and the venue for our presentation again this year for the state award," he added.

The National Football Foundation has 120 chapters in 47 states providing recognition and scholarship opportunities for high school football players from 5,200 schools, awarding more than \$1.3 million a year in scholarships and honorariums.

HERE ARE THE HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETES HONORED JUNE 9

- Chloe Auxier from Tri-County High School was a J&C Student-Athlete of the Year nominee and is attending Triton College.
- Nino Barbosa from Whiting High School was honored as a North-South All Star nominee and is attending William Penn University.
- Brooks Barnhizer from Lafayette Jefferson High School was selected as the J&C Big School Player of the Year for boys basketball. He is now a junior at Lafayette Jeff.
- Carson Barrett from Central Catholic High School was selected as the J&C Small School Player of the Year for boys basketball. He is now a senior at Central Catholic.
- Charles Bernth from Chesterton High School was a NFF Scholar-Athlete nominee and is attending Rose-Hulman.
- John Bock from Whiting High School was a NFF Scholar-Athlete nominee and is attending Purdue University.
- Grant Buschman from North White High School was a J&C Student-Athlete of the Year nominee and is attending Grace College.
- Blake Carroll from Delphi High School was a J&C Student-Athlete of the Year nominee and a Region 4 All-Star, who is attending Ball State University.
- Kc Clapper from Frontier High School was the J&C Female Student-Athlete of the Year and two-time J&C Small School Player of the Year for softball, who is attending Purdue University.
- Zion Cosgray from Twin Lakes High School was a J&C Student-Athlete of the Year nominee and a Region 4 All-Star, who is attending Olivet Nazarene University.
- Tommy Crowel from Highland High School was a NFF Scholar-Athlete nominee and is attending the University of Indianapolis.
- Nick DeBoy from Lafayette Central Catholic High School was a NFF Scholar-Athlete nominee and is attending Purdue University.
- Crysta Dille from McCutcheon High School was a J&C Student-Athlete of the Year nominee and is attending Purdue University.
- Emma Fisher from Benton Central High School was selected as the J&C Big School Player of the Year for girls basketball and is attending IU-South Bend.
- Grant Gonzalez from Harrison High School was a NFF Scholar-Athlete nominee who is attending Clemson University.
- Alex Gronkiewicz from Kankakee Valley High School was a NFF Scholar-Athlete nominee and is attending Manchester College.
- Maggie Gutwein from Twin Lakes High School was a J&C Student-Athlete of the Year nominee, who is attending the University of Iowa.
- Garrett Hetzner from Eastern High School was a NFF Scholar-Athlete nominee, who is attending Purdue University.
- Brooke Humphrey from McCutcheon High School was selected as the J&C Big School Player of the Year for volleyball and is attending University of Michigan.
- Mary Jackman from North Montgomery High School was a J&C Student-Athlete of the Year nominee and is attending Purdue University.
- Dawson Jacoby from Rossville High School was the J&C Male Student-Athlete of the Year and is attending Purdue University.
- Luke Johnson from Harrison High School was a J&C Student-Athlete of the Year nominee and is attending Purdue University.
- Seth Johnson from North Montgomery High School was a J&C Student-Athlete of the Year nominee and is attending Purdue University.
- Madison Karrfalt from Covington High School was a J&C Student-Athlete of the Year nominee and is attending Purdue University.
- Will Kellerman from Crawfordsville High School was a J&C Student-Athlete of the Year nominee and is attending Indiana University.

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AWARD WINNERS INCLUDE MULTIPLE BOILERMAKERS

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based on being a model citizen, valedictorian of his senior class and the first Class A player ever chosen for the State of Indiana's prestigious Mr. Football Award. He led his team to back-to-back state titles and accounted for 198 touchdowns (59 passing and 139 rushing) on offense and had 20 interceptions on defense.

Also, this year for the second time, the Honors Dinner served as a platform for recognition of the Lafayette Journal & Courier's Student-Athletes of the Year. Kc Clapper of Frontier and Dawson Jacoby of Rossville were introduced as the Female and Male Student-Athletes of the Year, respectively, by the J&C sports staff from a list of nominees from athletic directors of the schools in the newspaper's coverage area.

Besides the two winners, nominees for the J&C Student-Athlete of the Year honors included: Drew Sheridan and Karissa Pluimer (Attica); Luke Cooley and Gretchen Kuckkan (Lafayette Central Catholic); Kaylea Whitcomb (Clinton Central); Caiden Maish and Tatum Neal (Clinton Prairie); Logan Myers and Madison Karrfalt (Covington); Will Kellerman (Crawfordsville); Blake Carroll (Delphi); Isaac Wiegand and Bethanne Lawson (Faith Christian); Luke Johnson and Alison Hannon (Harrison); Cameron Wheeler and Crysta Dilley (McCutcheon); Seth Johnson and Mary Jackman (North Montgomery); Ben Vanderwall and Danielle Watkins (North Newton); Grant Buschman and Sara Rose (North White); Brayden Wright and Bianca Radtke (Rensselaer); Sarah Allred (Rossville); Kale Lawson and Chloe Auxier (Tri-County); Zion Cosgray and Maggie Gutwein (Twin Lakes); and Kyle Hazell and Mary Schultz (West Lafayette). Female finalists, in addition to Clapper, were Neal and Rose. Male finalists, along with Jacoby, were Hazell and Kellerman.

Clapper, who is headed to Purdue to study biomedical engineering and to play softball for the Boilermakers, is a four-time all-state selection as one of the top catchers in Indiana along with being the top-ranked student in her senior class with a GPA of 4.2. Jacoby, also heading to Purdue in the fall, was a three-sport standout at Rossville, serving as a team captain in basketball, baseball and tennis, while earning a 4.07 GPA.

In addition, the Journal & Courier annually selects Players of the Year in several sports among both the small schools and the large schools. Those athletes were also invited to this year's Honors Dinner and were introduced during the program.

J&C Players of the Year include: Brooks Barnhizer (Lafayette Jeff - Boys Basketball); Carson Barrett (Central Catholic - Boys Basketball); Emma Fisher (Benton Central - Girls Basketball); Alison Hannon (Harrison - Girls Soccer); Sage Hood (West Lafayette - Football); Brooke Humphrey (McCutcheon - Girls Soccer); Kale Lawson (Tri-County - Football); George Karlaftis (West Lafayette - Football); Issac Salinas (Delphi - Football); Lexi Thompson (Central Catholic - Girls Basketball) and Cameron Wheeler (McCutcheon - Boys Soccer).

Also, the Honors Dinner crowd paid tribute to the high school football players and managers chosen from Regions 1 and 4 to compete on the North Squad in the annual North-South All-Star Game this summer in Indianapolis.

SPECIAL AWARDS

Others receiving awards on June 9 were Lafayette Jeff students Cody Payne and Drew DeBoer; Purdue



Dustin Keller with daughter Cruz receives plaque form IFHOF member Bart Burrell (left) while Brian Moore is interviewed on stage.

students Aaron Lai and Sean English; community members Troy Brown and Todd Ransom and Purdue athletes David Blough and Rondale Moore – all superstars in their own right and for several different reasons.

Payne and DeBoer received the Patrick Mackey Courage Award. DeBoer, an offensive lineman on the Lafayette Jeff football team, forged a bond with Payne, a classmate who battles muscular dystrophy. DeBoer befriended Payne in the cafeteria at school after seeing him sitting alone and arranged for Payne to have a sideline pass for Lafayette Jeff's Homecoming victory over Kokomo. The two became friends.

Lai is the Purdue student who walked 100 miles from West Lafayette to Bloomington for the Purdue-Indiana men's basketball game this past February to raise money for Tyler Trent's Cancer Research Endowment and was selected for the Citizenship Award.

English was honored at the event after being named the inaugural winner of Tyler Trent Courage and Resilience Award at Purdue. English was helping a stranger at an accident scene along a highway in Michigan more than two years ago when he was struck by a passing car that forced him to receive dozens of surgeries and a prosthetic right leg.

Brown, perhaps better known as the former Sheriff of Tippecanoe County and now a county commissioner, has established a superb record as a contributor to youth sports as a coach, official and administrator with the Harrison Youth Football League and runs community service programs for high school students. He is most deserving of the Flowers Awards for his contributions to amateur sports.

Ransom, who grew up in the Frankfort area, is a highly-accomplished football official (high school, college and professional) who received the Todd Clark Outstanding Game Official Award from the Western Indiana Officials Association for his long-time contributions to officiating.

Clisby, the radio voice of Purdue basketball since 1977, received the Legends Award for battling stage four cancer and brain cancer to call the 2018-19 season of Boilermaker basketball on the Purdue Sports Network. His legendary "Bullseye" call of three-pointer will long be remembered by hoops fans throughout the state of Indiana. He intends to continue on the air this year.

Blough was appropriately given this year's Drew



Brees Mental Toughness Award for battling an ankle injury and competition at quarterback with one of the best seasons by a Big Ten quarterback in leading Purdue to its second consecutive bowl appearance. He finished his Purdue career as one of the school's all-time leading passers.

Moore deservedly earned the Impact Award for becoming the NCAA's leading pass receiver in 2018 and was just the third player in the last 40 years to earn consensus First-Team All-American honors as a true freshman ... joining Herschel Walker of Georgia and Adrian Peterson of Oklahoma in that stratosphere.

Purdue's head coaches Jeff Brohm and Matt Painter were part of the June 9 program as they assisted with some of the awards.

FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME

The highlight of this event, in conjunction with the Indiana Football Coaches Association, was the Hall of Fame inductions of Dustin Keller and Brian Moore.

Keller excelled as a wide receiver at Lafayette Jeff High School, where he set single-season state records as a senior for receptions (113), receiving yards (1,804) and receiving touchdowns (22). His performance earned him first-team all-state honors and a place as one of the top 50 receivers in the nation by Street & Smith.

He went on to leave a legacy as one of the best tight ends in Purdue history.

As a junior in 2006, Keller caught 56 passes for 771 receiving yards, the second most by a tight end in school history. Keller was a second-team All-Big Ten selection and John Mackey Award semifinalist for the nation's top tight end in 2007 with 68 receptions for 991 yards and seven touchdowns. He was Purdue's first tight end to be chosen as team MVP since Dave Young in 1997. He graduated ranking 15th in school history with 135 receptions, 16th with 1,732 receiving yards and tied for eighth with 15 receiving touchdowns.

A rare combination of athleticism, size, speed and great hands at the tight end position, Keller was a can't-miss NFL prospect. He was chosen in the first round of the 2008 NFL Draft by the New York Jets, becoming Purdue's first offensive first-round pick since quarterback Jim Everett in 1986.

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KELLER & MOORE INDUCTED INTO HALL OF FAME

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Keller was extremely productive during his five-year NFL career with 241 catches for 2,876 yards and 17 touchdowns. The epitome of consistency, Keller never missed a game in his first four NFL seasons and caught at least 45 passes for 500 yards each season. His career was cut short in 2013 with a gruesome knee injury where Keller tore his ACL, MCL, and PCL.

Keller has gone on to have a successful business career in restaurant management since his playing days ended. He is part of a group that owns 73 McAllister's Deli restaurants in North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama and Florida along with Dunkin' Donut stores in Austin. He resides in Austin, Texas, with his wife, Erin, and two children, Cruz and Cassidy.

As for Brian Moore, success has followed him wherever his head coaching career has led him. Twenty seasons. Four schools. Zero losing records.

Few coaches in Indiana high school football have left a legacy at multiple programs the way Moore has. His winning percentage of .809 (195-46) ranks him first among active coaches who have coached at multiple schools, and fourth in the state among active coaches who have coached for at least 10 seasons.

Moore's coaching career began in 1987 at North Putnam High School as an assistant under his high school coach at Fountain Central, Rick Malone, while he was studying biology at Purdue University. He spent two seasons at North Putnam before a one-season stint at Harrison, where he helped the Raiders win conference, sectional and regional titles as a linebacker coach under AJ Rickard.

Moore's next 18 seasons were spent at Seeger, where he spent three seasons as a defensive coordinator before a long and successful 15-year tenure as head coach. The Patriots went 151-33 (.821 winning percentage) under Moore's tutelage and dominated the Wabash River Conference with ten conference championships in his 16 seasons.

Moore's success translated to the postseason, as Seeger won five sectional championships, two regional titles, two semi state championships, and a state title in 2004. Seeger finished in the top ten of the final 1A poll in 11 of his 16 seasons.

Moore went home in 2009 when he took an assistant coaching position at his alma mater, Fountain Central, where he was a tight end and defensive back on Fountain Central's 1983 Class A state championship team. He helped the Mustangs to undefeated regular seasons in 2009 and 2011 and state runner-up finishes in 2009 and 2010 before taking over as head coach from 2012-14. His teams had a record of 86-15 (.851) in his eight seasons at Fountain Central, including 28-7 as head coach.

Moore also spent a season at Lafayette Jeff in 2015, where led a program that had won just eight games in its previous four seasons to an 8-3 mark that has since propelled the Broncos to a success era under Pat Shanley. He came back to Fountain Central in 2016, where he served as Athletic Director and Junior High Dean of Students for three years.

Moore returned to the coaching ranks in 2018 to become the inaugural coach of Park Heritage, a new high school formed from the merger of Rockville and

Turkey Run. He took the squad to a 8-3 record in the program's first year.

Moore holds Bachelor's Degrees in Physical Education and Biology from Purdue University and a Master's Degree in Education From Olivet University. He and his wife, Stacy, have three children: Scott, Eli and Abigail.

NFF FACTS

Since receiving its charter in the fall of 2004, as a non-profit organization, this chapter had awarded more than \$230,000 in scholarships and honorariums to students plus another \$68,000 to other charities in the region prior to this year's distributions.

In addition to seeking donations and sponsorships to support the scholarship program, the chapter also receives money (\$500 for every 50 dues-paying members in the local chapter) from the national office in Irving, Tex. In its first 15 years, this chapter has recognized 305 scholar-athletes and awarded them an average of more than \$750 each for qualified recipients.

The NFF's tax-deductible membership dues are \$40 per year or \$99 for three years, payable to the National Football Foundation. The NFF has 120 chapters and more than 12,000 members nationally, and awards more than \$1.3 million in scholarships each year.

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HERE ARE THE HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETES HONORED JUNE 9

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- Jack Kiser from Pioneer High School was named NFF Scholar-Athlete of the Year for both the Tiller Chapter and State of Indiana. He was also picked as the first Indiana Mr. Football from a Class 1A team and is attending the University of Notre Dame.
- Gretchen Kuckkan from Lafayette Central Catholic High School was a J&C Student-Athlete of the Year nominee and is attending Indiana State University.
- Bethanne Lawson from Lafayette Faith Christian High School was a J&C Student-Athlete of the Year nominee who is attending Purdue University.
- Kale Lawson from Tri-County High School was selected as the J&C Small School Offensive Player of the Year for football and a Region 4 All-Star. He is attending Trine University.
- Caiden Maish from Clinton Prairie High School was a J&C Student-Athlete of the Year nominee and is attending Purdue University.
- Logan Myers from Covington High School was a NFF Scholar-Athlete nominee and a J&C Student-Athlete of the Year nominee. He is attending Purdue University.
- Tatum Neal from Clinton Prairie High School was a J&C Student-Athlete of the Year nominee and is attending Purdue University.
- Andrew Nelson from Lafayette Jefferson High School was a NFF Scholar-Athlete nominee, who is attending Purdue University.
- Landry Ozmun from Oak Hill High School was a NFF Scholar-Athlete nominee and is attending IU-Kokomo.
- Karissa Pluimer from Attica High School was a J&C Student-Athlete of the Year nominee and is attending Purdue University.
- Bianca Radtke from Rensselaer High School was a J&C Student-Athlete of the Year nominee and is attending Ivy Tech.
- Halen Rittel from Wheeler High School was a NFF Scholar-Athlete nominee and is attending Indiana University.
- Sara Rose from North White High School was a J&C Student-Athlete of the Year nominee and is attending Butler University.
- Issac Salinas from Delphi High School was a NFF Scholar-Athlete nominee, the J&C Small School Defensive Player of the Year for football, and a Region 4 All-Star. He is attending Wabash College.
- Mary Schultz from West Lafayette High School is a J&C Student-Athlete of the Year nominee along with being a member of the State Champion 4 X 800 relay team. She is attending Butler University.
- Drew Sheridan from Attica High School was a J&C Student-Athlete of the Year nominee and is attending Purdue University.
- Jacob Shurboff from North Miami High School was a NFF Scholar-Athlete nominee and is attending Ball State University.
- Lexi Thompson from Lafayette Central Catholic High School was selected as the J&C Small School Player of the Year for girls basketball and is attending the University of Southern Indiana.
- Ben Vanderwall from North Newton High School was a J&C Student-Athlete of the Year nominee and a Region 4 All-Star, who is attending Purdue University.
- Danielle Watkins from North Newton High School was a J&C Student-Athlete of the Year nominee and is attending IUPUI.
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- Isaac Wiegand from Lafayette Faith Christian High School was a J&C Student-Athlete of the Year nominee, who is attending Purdue University.
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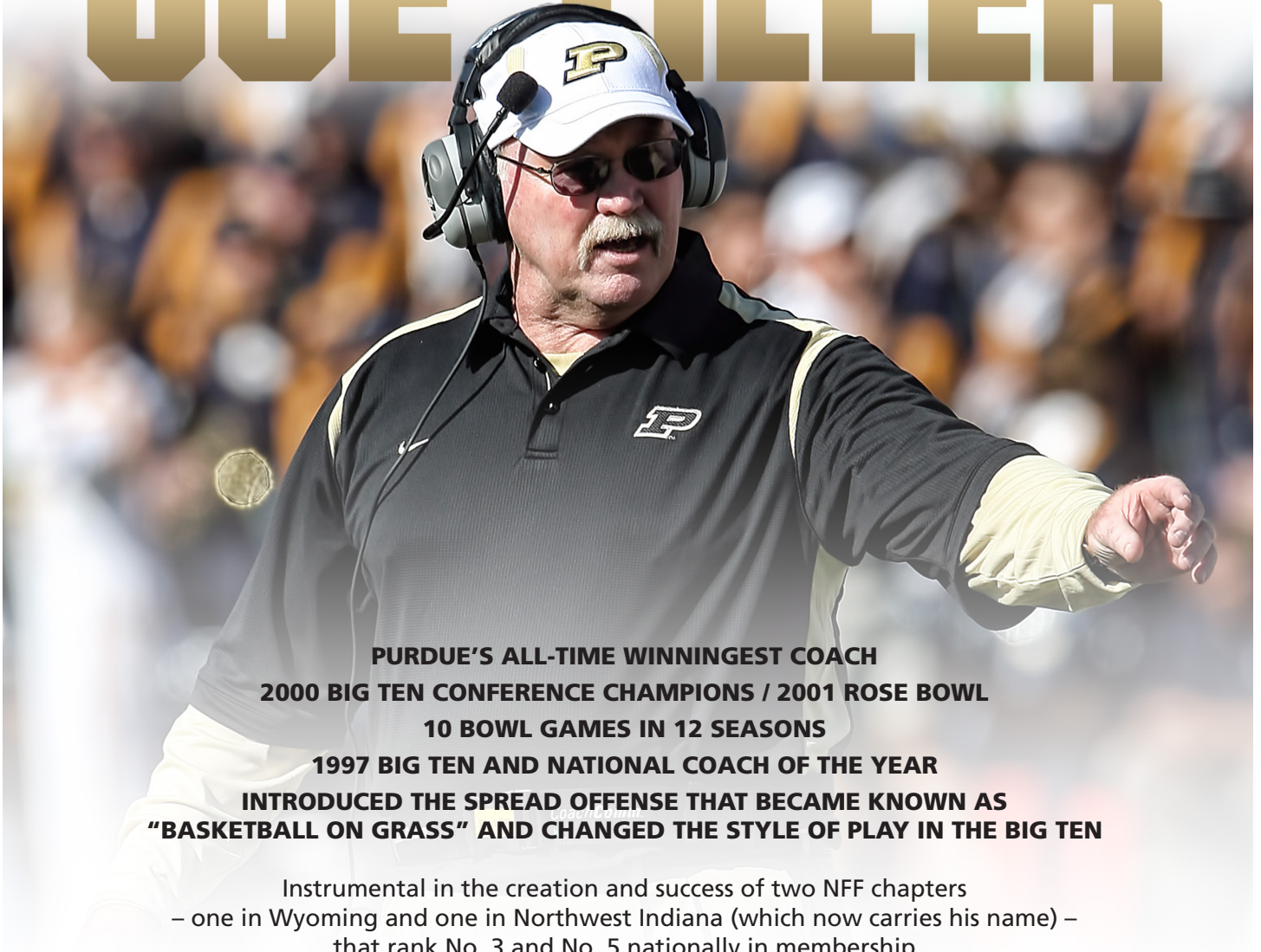
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