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Football candidates announced for the 2014 Senior CLASS Award

OVERLAND PARK, Kan. (September 18, 2014) – Thirty NCAA[®] Football Bowl Subdivision student-athletes who excel both on and off the field were selected today as candidates for the 2014 Senior CLASS Award[®] in collegiate football. To be eligible for the award, a student-athlete must be classified as an NCAA Division I FBS senior and have notable achievements in four areas of excellence – community, classroom, character and competition. The complete list of candidates follows this release.

An acronym for *Celebrating Loyalty and Achievement for Staying in School*[®], the Senior CLASS Award focuses on the total student-athlete and encourages students to use their platform in athletics to make a positive impact as leaders in their communities.

Of the 30 candidates, 19 have grade point averages of 3.0 or higher. Two are returning All-Americans and 20 were all-conference selections in 2013.

The 30 candidates will be narrowed to 10 finalists midway through the regular season, and those 10 names will be placed on the official ballot. Ballots will be distributed through a nationwide voting system to media, coaches and fans, who will select one candidate who best exemplifies excellence in the four Cs of community, classroom, character and competition. The Senior CLASS Award winner will be announced during the football bowl season in early January.

For more information on all the candidates, visit seniorCLASSaward.com.

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Football Candidates

Ameer Abdullah, Nebraska	Charles Harris, Memphis
Michael Bennett, Ohio State	Taylor Kelly, Arizona State
Shane Carden, East Carolina	Eric Kendricks, UCLA
Sam Carter, TCU	Nate Leonard, Texas-San Antonio
Cameron Clemmons, Western Kentucky	Tyler Lockett, Kansas State
La'el Collins, LSU	Sean Mannion, Oregon State
Chris Conley, Georgia	Bradley Marquez, Texas Tech
Reese Dismukes, Auburn	Karl Mickelsen, Fresno State
Jamil Douglas, Arizona State	Mitch Morse, Missouri
Dominic Espinosa, Texas	Mark Murphy, Indiana
Cody Fajardo, Nevada	Andy Phillips, Central Michigan
Trey Flowers, Arkansas	Terrance Plummer, UCF
Garrett Frye, Georgia Southern	Jordan Richards, Stanford
Devin Gardner, Michigan	Deterrian Shackelford, Mississippi
Leighton Gasque, Middle Tennessee	JaCorey Shepherd, Kansas

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ABOUT THE AWARD

An acronym for *Celebrating Loyalty and Achievement for Staying in School*, the Senior CLASS Award honors the attributes of senior student-athletes in four areas: community, classroom, character and competition. The award program is designed exclusively for college seniors who are utilizing their complete athletic eligibility, remaining committed to their university and pursuing the many rewards a senior season can bring. Premier Sports Management manages the award.

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