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**OVERLAND PARK, Kan. (Nov. 13, 2020)** – Thirty NCAA® Football Bowl Subdivision student-athletes who excel both on and off the field were selected today as candidates for the 2020-21 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*<sup>®</sup>, 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.

To determine the overall Senior CLASS Award winner, the 30 candidates are narrowed to ten finalists at the end of the regular season, and those names will be placed on the official ballot. Ballots will be distributed through a nationwide voting system available to media, coaches and fans, who will select one candidate who best exemplifies excellence in the four Cs: community, classroom, character and competition. Along with the winner, the ten finalists will be awarded Senior CLASS Award first- or second-team honors.

The Senior CLASS Award winner will be announced during the football bowl season in December. For more information on the candidates, visit <u>seniorCLASSaward.com</u>.

## 2020-21 Football Candidates

Chase Allen, Iowa State

Carlos Basham Jr., Wake Forest

Tavante Beckett, Marshall

Ian Book, Notre Dame

Shane Buechele, SMU

Harry Crider, Indiana

Max Duffy, Kentucky

Keith Duncan, Iowa

Greg Eisworth, Iowa State

Miller Forristall, Alabama

Robert Hainsey, Notre Dame

Bryce Harris, Toledo

Tyriq Harris, Charlotte

Tarron Jackson, Coastal Carolina

Kingsley Jonathan, Syracuse

Kekaula Kaniho, Boise State

Cameron Kinley, Naval Academy

Andre Mintze, Vanderbilt

Jimmy Morrissey, Pittsburgh

Riley Patterson, Memphis

Kwity Paye, Michigan

Hamilcar Rashed Jr., Oregon State

Kody Russey, Louisiana Tech

Trey Smith, Tennessee

Darius Stills, West Virginia

Chazz Surratt. North Carolina

Kyle Trask, Florida

Shai Werts, Georgia Southern

Amadeo West, Military Academy

Brady White, Memphis

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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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