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# Football Candidates Announced for the 2018 Senior CLASS Award

OVERLAND PARK, Kan. (Sept. 26, 2018) – Thirty NCAA<sup>®</sup> Football Bowl Subdivision student-athletes who excel both on and off the field were selected today as candidates for the 2018 Senior CLASS Award<sup>®</sup> 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.

Of the 30 candidates, 10 are returning All-Americans, 27 were all-conference selections in 2017, and seven hold a grade-point average above 3.5. Outside of academics and athletics, all candidates have been consistently involved in community service on their campus or in their communities.

To determine the final Senior CLASS Award winner, the 30 candidates will be narrowed to 10 finalists midway through the regular season, and those 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. Along with the winner, the 10 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 early January. For more information on the candidates, visit [seniorCLASSaward.com](http://seniorCLASSaward.com).

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## **Football Candidates**

Azeez Al-Shaair, Florida Atlantic  
Nick Allegretti, Illinois  
Zach Allen, Boston College  
Emmit Carpenter, Minnesota  
Bryce Crawford, San José State  
Joe Dineen Jr., Kansas  
D'Cota Dixon, Wisconsin  
Eric Dungey, Syracuse  
Alec Eberle, Florida State  
Wesley Fields, Georgia Southern  
Jerald Foster, Nebraska  
Ty Gangi, Nevada  
Will Grier, West Virginia  
Chase Hancock, Marshall  
Hale Hentges, Alabama

Kyle Kempt, Iowa State  
Patrick Laird, UC Berkeley  
Drew Lock, Missouri  
Bryce Love, Stanford  
Trace McSorley, Penn State  
Gavin Patterson, South Alabama  
Malik Reed, Nevada  
Dalton Risner, Kansas State  
David Sills V, West Virginia  
Cameron Smith, USC  
Corliss Waitman, South Alabama  
Christian Wilkins, Clemson  
Khari Willis, Michigan State  
Jordan Wyatt, SMU  
Oshane Ximines, Old Dominion

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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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