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## Football Candidates Announced for the 2021 Senior CLASS Award

**OVERLAND PARK, Kan. (October 6, 2021)** – Thirty NCAA® football bowl subdivision student-athletes who excel both on and off the field were selected today as candidates for the 2021 Senior CLASS Award®.

To be eligible for the award, a student-athlete must be classified as an NCAA Division I FBS senior or graduate student 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.

The 30 candidates will be narrowed to 10 finalists later in the 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 football bowl season in December.

For more information on each of the candidates, visit [seniorCLASSaward.com](http://seniorCLASSaward.com).

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## **2021 Senior CLASS Award FBS Football Candidates**

**Reed Blankenship**, Middle Tennessee

**Thomas Booker**, Stanford

**Nick Brahms**, Auburn

**Anthony Brown Jr.**, Oregon

**Sean Clifford**, Penn State

**Jack Coan**, Notre Dame

**Jordan Davis**, Georgia

**Spencer Eason-Riddle**, South Carolina

**Matt Ference**, Northern Illinois

**Nick Figueroa**, USC

**Ty Fryfogle**, Indiana

**Bryce Harris**, Toledo

**Blake Hayes**, Illinois

**Nick Heninger**, Utah State

**Thomas Hennigan**, Appalachian State

**Hayden Howerton**, SMU

**Andrzej Hughes-Murray**, Oregon State

**Aidan Hutchinson**, Michigan

**Zion Johnson**, Boston College

**Silas Kelly**, Coastal Carolina

**Keegan Markgraf**, Utah

**Chris Olave**, Ohio State

**Conner Olson**, Minnesota

**Kenny Pickett**, Pittsburgh

**Brock Purdy**, Iowa State

**Isaiah Sanders**, Stanford

**Ben Stille**, Nebraska

**Andrew Vastardis**, Michigan

**Riley Whippey**, Boise State

**Charles Williams**, UNLV

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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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