



THREE EVENTS SET FOR SPRING

MAY 3 -- RYAN KERRIGAN 12TH BOILER GOLF OUTING

MAY 5 -- IFCA HALL OF FAME BANQUET

JUNE 10 -- NFF HONORS DINNER "CELEBRATING OUR LEGENDS"

Honoring athletes and identifying champions are the main focal points of the National Football Foundation's Joe Tiller Chapter of Northwest Indiana this spring.

Olympic Gold Medalist David Boudia, Miss Indiana Merriebeth Cox, NFL Executive of the Year Ryan Grigson, Purdue's new football coach Darrell Hazell and Pro-Bowl football star Ryan Kerrigan will be among several individuals honored, identified or presented by the chapter this spring.

Activities begin Friday, May 3, as the chapter joins forces with Purdue's Trademarks Licensing Office to host an event, the Ryan Kerrigan/12th Boiler Golf Outing at Purdue's Birck Boilermaker Golf Complex in West Lafayette.

Following that are the chapter's primary functions, highlighting our scholar-athletes during the Indiana Football Coaches Association's Hall of Fame Banquet on Sunday, May 5, at the Avalon Manor in Merrillville and the NFF Honors Dinner "Celebrating Our Legends IX" on Monday, June 10, at the Purdue Memorial Union Ballrooms in West Lafayette.

GOLF OUTING

The fourth annual golf outing features Kerrigan, the former Boilermaker All-American and first-round draft pick who played in this year's Pro Bowl representing the Washington Redskins. It will also be used to highlight Pur-

due's Den of Defensive Ends as several of the former Boilermaker stars at that position will be invited to attend.

Many of the participants in the golf outing will be vendors, retailers and licensees of Purdue, but there will be plenty of spaces available for NFF chapter members and the general public to take part. Cost is \$165 per player, covering box lunch, golf cart, 18 holes of golf on the Ackerman Hills course and an informal reception and dinner at Bruno's Restaurant in West Lafayette. Most of the proceeds from the event go toward scholarships.

Contact Jim Vruggink (765-427-3303) for more information, or return the order form on page 2 to the address provided.

BANQUET

For the third straight year, the scholar-athletes of Northwest Indiana who are nominated by their schools for our NFF's scholarships will be introduced first during an event in the Merrillville area.

Those 24 scholar-athletes are all high school seniors who are headed to college next fall. Academically, it is an outstanding group. Eleven of the 24 have 4.0 grade point averages or better, 10 are ranked among the top five in their senior classes, and five are on course to be either valedictorian or salutatorian at his school.

Six of those young men will be singled out by judges and announced May 5 as finalists for the Scholar-Athlete of the Year Award. The winner will be announced at the NFF Honors Dinner in West Lafayette on June 10 and will be a candidate for the first-ever Indiana Scholar-Athlete of the Year Award. The "competition" is based 40 percent on academics, 40 percent on athletics and 20 percent on citizenship, leadership and character. Their names and schools are listed on page 2.

In addition, the banquet in Merrillville will pay tribute to the 28 players and one manager chosen as Region 1 all-stars, all of whom will be candidates to compete for positions on the North Squad in the annual North-South All-Star Game this summer in Indianapolis. See page 2 for their names as well.

Also at the Merrillville banquet, the Indiana Football Coaches Association will induct three coaching standouts, Mark Deal, Mike Deal and Craig Buford (all originally from Hobart



David Boudia - Olympic Gold & Bronze Medalist

High School) and former players Randy Beisler (Gary Wirt H.S.), John Boyajian (Hammond H.S.) and Gerald Irons (Gary Roosevelt H.S.) into the Indiana Football Hall of Fame. Meanwhile, long-time official John Goss will receive a Certificate of Merit and Jamie Marsh, wife of Munster H.S. football coach Leroy Marsh, will be honored with the Arnette Tiller "Special Service to Football" Award.

Five scholar-athletes from the NFF's Northeast Indiana Chapter will also be honored at both the May 5 and June 10 events. See page 2 for their names and page 3 for ticket information

HONORS DINNER

Highlighting the awards process for this chapter is our marquee event, the Honors Dinner "Celebrating Our Legends IX" on June 10 at the Purdue Memorial Union.

This year's dinner will feature at least four individuals who have accomplished greatness within the last year.

David Boudia accomplished the ultimate

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VOTE FOR COLLEGE FB HALL OF FAME

By now, all dues-paying members of this chapter should have received their ballots for the College Football Hall of Fame selection process. Please note the deadline is March 29.

If you need help locating your membership number, contact Jim Vruggink, chapter director, at 765-427-3303 by phone or at jvruggink@purdue.edu via email.



Ryan Grigson, Colts GM - NFL Executive of the Year



PURDUE QUARTERBACK ROB HENRY (right) signs an autograph for Mikale Willis, who was a guest of Dream Season regular Jimmy Haffner, left, who is dealing with Cerebral Palsy. Henry was among 35 Boilermaker players, 50 members of the Purdue Pep Band, Gold Dusters and twirling teams, an ROTC color guard and a staff of 10 volunteers who assisted with the second annual Dream Bowl activities in the Mollenkopf Center on Jan. 11. The event is the collegiate version of Dream Season, a concept created by Tiller Chapter members Chris and Clay Oppy to provide a football experience for people of "special" needs, more than 50 of whom attended this year. Chapter member Mike Cleff, sports anchor for WLFI-TV, served as emcee for the "bowl" which featured six football activity stations and lots of surrounding football ambiance. For more information, check out www.DreamSeason.net.

HIGH SCHOOL PLAYERS HONORED THIS SPRING

The Joe Tiller Chapter of Northwest Indiana and the Indiana Football Coaches Association of Regions 1 and 4 are dedicated to honoring the high school senior football players listed below for their excellence this past season. They will be recognized at two events – the IFCA Hall of Fame Banquet in Merrillville on May 5 and the NFF Honors Dinner in West Lafayette on June 10.

The NFF Scholar-Athletes (nominated by their head coaches and principals and selected by a panel of judges) for Northwest Indiana are: Matt Anderson (Andean), Braxton Berkshire (Logansport), Austin Brown (Griffith), Kyle Catherman (Wheeler), Rashaan Coleman (Portage), Michael Duane (Fountain Central), Kevin Fekete (Chesterton), Brody Forbes (West Lafayette), Sean Jones (Crown Point) Hunter Hickman (Rensselaer), Spenser Kersey (Lowell), Andrew Kittridge (Valparaiso), Mitchell Kotterman (Harrison), Jacob Layton (Tri-County), Nick Mack (McCutcheon), Sam McKay (Lafayette Jefferson), Jimmy Mills (Lafayette Central Catholic), Justin Pennington (River Forest), Brandon Rooze (Benton Central), Zachary Shidler (Winamac), Ryan Spesard (Carroll), Eric Stull (Covington), Ryan Walker (Clinton Prairie) and Ethan Witting (Munster).

The NFF Scholar-Athletes from the Northeast Indiana Chapter who will be honored as part of our events this year are: Brandon Curry (Northwestern), Brian Gerber (Bluffton), Justin Miller (Eastside), Zac Schultz (Maconaquah) and Adam Whisler (Fort Wayne Snider).

The IFCA Region 1 All-Stars (nominated by their football coaches and selected by a committee of coaches) are: Jalen Alston (East Chicago), Tyler Birky and Joel Bolen (Kankakee Valley), Austin Brown (Griffith), Rashaan Coleman (Portage), Aaron Del Grosso (Hobart), Larunte Fairley (East Chicago), Dennis Fielder (Andean), Ryley Harlow (Chesterton), Dean Hill (Boone Grove), Mike Hines (Lake Central), Torre Hopson (Gary West Side), Justin Jendreas (Whiting), Sean Jones (Crown Point), Spenser Kersey (Lowell), Andrew Kittridge (Valparaiso), Zack Kogut (Andean), Quenton Lacy-Blackwell (Merrillville), Curtis Lee (Gary West Side), Mark Lukacek (Kankakee Valley), Michael Oljace (Lake Central), Ronald Scott (Hammond Morton), Nick Serrato (Andean), Stephen Simms (Valparaiso), A.J. Snyder (Chesterton), Luke Taylor (Lake Central), Joe Troop (Chesterton) and Gerald Valenzuela (Hobart) along with manager Bradley Brayfield (Merrillville).

The IFCA Region 4 All-Stars (nominated by their football coaches and selected by a committee of coaches) are: Chance Ault (Caston), Braxton Berkshire (Logansport), Ramsen Bet-Nimrod (Rochester), Bo Bullard (Logansport), Ross Corcoran (Lafayette Central Catholic), Brent Cothran (South Newton), Michael Duane (Fountain Central), McHale Gardiner (Twin Lakes), Garrett Gray (Benton Central), Michael Hamilton (West Central), Colin Hileman (North White), Will Jones (Lafayette Central Catholic), Luke Knutson (Lewis Cass), Josh Lytle (Pioneer), Chantz Marlatt (West Central), Sam McKay (Lafayette Jefferson), Brent Midkiff (North Newton), Joe Miller (Pioneer), Timothy Mills (Lafayette Central Catholic), Matt Muncy (McCutcheon), Ralph Myars (Frankfort), Jon O'Dell (Rochester), Brandon Rooze (Benton Central), Matt Schmidt (Harrison), Drew Shepard (Lewis Cass), Zach Shidler (Winamac), Quinton Skibinski (West Lafayette) and Ryan Spesard (Carroll) along with manager Tori Welsh (South Newton).



Ryan Kerrigan/12th Boiler Golf Outing

Presented by Purdue Trademark and Licensing

Boilermaker Golf Complex • West Lafayette, IN • May 3, 2013

1 Registration Form

When: Friday, May 3, 2013

10:00am Shotgun Start

Where: Ackerman Hills (located on Purdue's Birck Boilermaker Golf Complex)

The 12th Boiler Scholarship Program launched in 2008. Each scholarship recipient is a member of the Purdue Football team and has been selected by the head coach not only for his talent on the field, but his leadership, work ethic, and scholastic achievement. Proceeds from the golf outing, as well as donations from the sale of 12th Boiler Apparel, support the program. Purdue fans go to great lengths to support their Boilermakers, and this is just another way to get involved!

Deadline: Friday, April 19, 2013

Entry Fee: \$165/player

(Includes box lunch, golf cart, one 18-hole green fee, and dinner)

Dinner Information

Bruno's

Reception 4:00pm

Dinner 5:00pm

2 Personal Information

Last Name		First Name	
Address			
City	State	Zip Code	
Company or Team Name			
Work Phone	Home Phone		
Fax	Email Address		

3 Golf Information

Do you need rental clubs? Yes ___ No ___

Handicap or 18-hole score: _____

List all players' names and shirt sizes in your foursome.

1. _____ Shirt Size: _____
2. _____ Shirt Size: _____
3. _____ Shirt Size: _____
4. _____ Shirt Size: _____

4 Contact Information

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5 Payment Information

MAKE CHECKS OR MONEY ORDERS PAYABLE
TO: Purdue University Memo: Golf Outing
MAIL TO:
Andrea Yeoman
Purdue Memorial Union
101 North Grant Street, Rm 110
West Lafayette, IN 47906

NFF ORDER FORM

“Honors Dinner” on DVD - 2010/2011/2012*

DVD copies of the program of the 2010, 2011 and 2012 Honors Dinner events, feature the presentations, comments and “celebrity” appearances of some of Purdue’s most famous athletes and personalities who were part of June events the last three years. You’ll especially enjoy the interviews of honorees Len Dawson, Bob Griese, Drew Brees, Mark Herrmann, Joe McConnell and Daniel Wodicka on the 2010 DVD and Neil Armstrong, Eugene Cernan, Jerry Ross, Leroy Keyes, Ryan Kerrigan, Joe Tiller and Brees on the 2011 DVD, plus Otis Armstrong, Frank O’Shea, Tom Ransom and Tiller on the 2012 DVD.

“Joe Tiller Roast & Toast” - DVD

DVD copy of all the comments, jokes and sentiments expressed during the January 2009 event attended by former and current players, coaches, and supporters in honor of Joe Tiller. Roasters and toasters include Joe Paterno, Barry Alvarez, Gene Keady, Danny Hope, Bill Doba, Rosevelt Colvin, Drew Brees, Matt Light, Brock Spack, Jim Chaney and others.

“Ross-Ade Stadium Panorama” - Autographed Photo

A panoramic night view of Ross-Ade Stadium captured from the top of the east stands during kickoff of the 2009 Purdue-Notre Dame game facing the press box and a beautiful sunset, make this 13” X 40” picture a keepsake.

“Mackey Arena Panorama” - Autographed Photo

A panoramic view of Keady Court captured from the west camera deck of Mackey Arena during the 2010 Purdue-Indiana game creates a 13” X 40” piece of Boiler-maker history. Already autographed by Purdue Head Basketball Coach Matt Painter, this picture is a “must-have” for fans commemorating Purdue’s 22nd Big Ten basketball championship.

“NFF Lapel Pin” - New Logo

This item, featuring the NFF’s new logo, will look sharp on your coat lapel, jacket or shirt and will support our scholarship fund.

“NFF Autograph Football”

This close-out item is now selling for half price (\$25 instead of \$50)...it measures 9-inches long and has a white panel suitable for autographs.

To support the chapter by purchasing any of these items, please complete this form and return it to the address below. For tax purposes, the NFF local chapter’s ID# is 20-2151811 and the National Football Foundation’s ID# is 221-50-8812.

All proceeds go to scholarships.

“Honors Dinner 2010” DVD* _____ X \$25 ea. = \$ _____

“Honors Dinner 2011” DVD* _____ X \$25 ea. = \$ _____

“Honors Dinner 2012” DVD* _____ X \$25 ea. = \$ _____

“Tiller Roast & Toast” DVD: _____ X \$20 ea. = \$ _____

“Ross-Ade Panorama” photo: _____ X \$50 ea. = \$ _____

“Mackey Arena Panorama” photo: _____ X \$50 ea. = \$ _____

NFF Lapel Pin (with new logo): _____ X \$15 ea. = \$ _____

NFF Autograph Football (half price) _____ X \$25 ea. = \$ _____

One-year NFF membership _____ X \$40 ea. = \$ _____

Three-year NFF membership _____ X \$99 ea. = \$ _____

Donation to Scholarship Fund _____ = \$ _____

Prices include shipping and handling **TOTAL = \$ _____**

IFCA Hall of Fame Banquet

Sunday, May 5, at Avalon Manor in Merrillville with Reception at 5 p.m. CDT, Dinner and Program at 6 p.m.

Single Tickets: _____ x \$35 ea. = \$ _____

Table of 10: _____ x \$350 ea. = \$ _____

TOTAL: = \$ _____

NOTE: Seating assignments and name badges distributed at Avalon Manor beginning at 5 p.m. CDT May 5, tickets will NOT be mailed.

NFF Honors Dinner “Celebrating Our Legends IX”

Monday, June 10, at Purdue Memorial Union in West Lafayette with Silent Auction and Reception at 5 p.m. EDT, Dinner at 6:30 p.m., and Awards Program at 7:30 p.m., and VIP Dessert Reception at 9:15 p.m.

Non-NFF members: _____ x \$55 ea. = \$ _____

NFF members*/non-member student: _____ x \$45 ea. = \$ _____

NFF member students*#: _____ x \$35 ea. = \$ _____

Tables of eight*#: _____ x \$400 ea. = \$ _____
(or \$320 each for members or \$280 each for students)

VIP Dessert Reception: _____ x \$100 ea. = \$ _____

Raffle Tickets (after May 1)+: _____ x \$ 5 ea. = \$ _____

One-year NFF membership: _____ x \$40 ea. = \$ _____

Three-year NFF membership: _____ x \$99 ea. = \$ _____

TOTAL = \$ _____

*NFF members get price break & priority seating, if ordered by May 20;
#Student rate applies thru college age
Tickets will NOT be mailed.

+Featuring valuable autographed items and pending approval by State Gaming Commission. No sales until after license is secured.

Indicate here if you are interested in participating in the Ryan Kerrigan 12th Boiler Fund golf outing on May 3 _____.

Indicate here if you are interested in helping to sponsor a scholarship.
Yes, I’m interested _____.

GRAND TOTAL FROM BOTH LISTS

(Pay with one Check) \$ _____

Name: _____ Company Name: _____ Email Address: _____

Address: _____ City/State/Zip: _____ Phone: _____

Contact Jim Vrugink by email (jvrugink@purdue.edu) or phone (765-427-3303) with questions. (Please make check or money order payable to **National Football Foundation** and send to: NFF Chapter Director, 320 Dehart St., West Lafayette, IN 47906-2730.)



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UPCOMING EVENTS

Mar. 29, 2013 – Voting Deadline for College Football Hall of Fame
 Apr. 13, 2013 – Purdue Spring Game
 May 3, 2013 – Ryan Kerrigan/12th Boiler Golf Outing, West Lafayette
 May 5, 2013 – IFCA Hall of Fame Banquet, Avalon Manor, Merrillville
 Jun. 10, 2013 – NFF Honors Dinner, Purdue Memorial Union, West Lafayette
 Aug. 31, 2013 – Purdue Football Season Opener at U. of Cincinnati

NEW COACH, MISS INDIANA AMONG JUNE HONOREES & SPEAKERS

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dream, winning an Olympic Gold Medal in platform diving last summer in London with a spectacular finish on the final day of the Olympics after earning a Bronze Medal in synchronized diving during the first week of the event. The Noblesville, Ind., product, who earned six NCAA championships and eight Big Ten championships while diving for Purdue, will be awarded the chapter's Gold Medallion.

Merriebeth Cox, Purdue's Golden Girl for the past five years, capped off a great year as Miss Indiana by advancing to the top 12 in the Miss America Pageant in Las Vegas earlier this year. The Roselle, Ill., product came to Purdue as a world class baton twirler and won numerous national championships. She will perform at the Honors Dinner and will receive the "Purdue is Proud of You" Award.

Ryan Grigson, a former Purdue football player who last year became the Indianapolis Colts General Manager and transformed the Colts into a playoff team through many tough decisions and brilliant acquisitions to earn the honor of NFL Executive of the Year, will receive the chapter's Drew Brees Mental Toughness Award. Grigson was an all-star at Highland High School and a three-year starter on the offensive line and 1994 team captain at Purdue, prior to being drafted by the Cincinnati Bengals in the sixth round of the 1995 NFL Draft.

Darrell Hazell became Purdue's head football coach in December after leading the Kent State Golden Flashes to an 11-2 record and the school's first national ranking and bowl trip in 40 years, earning the honor as Mid-American Conference Coach of the Year. The Cincinnati, NJ, product is a graduate of Muskingum College in Ohio and spent 24 years in 11 different assistant coaching positions at eight colleges or universities, including seven years at Ohio State. Hazell has been invited to speak at the



Darrell Hazell



Merriebeth Cox



Noble Kizer



Noble E. Kizer

Honors Dinner and to help present one of the awards.

One such award is the chapter's Distinguished American Award, which will be given to Noble Kizer, long-time Lafayette resident, chapter member and son of Noble E. Kizer, one of Purdue's greatest coaches and early athletic directors prior to his death at age 40, nearly 73 years ago. The award is to recognize both Kizers for their outstanding accomplishments and loyalty to our nation.

Also, the chapter will honor Mark Ebelhar, who stepped down last fall after 27 years of volunteer work with West Lafayette Little Gridiron, including the last 15 as head of the program. He helped to coach and guide many young players who eventually went on to play high school and college football. Ebelhar will receive the Bernie Flowers Award for Outstand-

ing Contribution to Amateur Football Award.

This year's Courage Award, which is sponsored by the Lafayette Journal & Courier, will go to six-year-old Cooper Fulmer of Winamac, for his inspirational battle with leukemia that rallied the local high school football team as it prepared and progressed through playoffs.

In addition, the dinner in West Lafayette will pay tribute to the 28 players and one manager chosen as Region 4 all-stars, all of whom will be candidates to compete for positions on the North Squad in the annual North-South All-Star Game this summer in Indianapolis. See page 2 for their names and schools.

Several previous award winners are being invited back to take part in the Honors Dinner and VIP Dessert Reception immediately after.

Table prices are the same as last year for a table of eight (\$400 for general public, \$320 for NFF chapter members and honorees' families, and \$280 for students). Single tickets are \$55 for public, \$45 for members and \$35 for students. VIP Dessert Reception tickets are \$100 each.

As a non-profit organization, this chapter has awarded nearly \$147,000 in grants, scholarships and honorariums plus another \$43,000 to other charities since receiving its charter in the fall of 2004.

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 eight years, this chapter has recognized 144 scholar athletes and awarded them between \$250 and \$5,000 each.

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